

Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters

March 2016

Food Beautiful Food

Maybe you never thought of food as art. But our friend **Kathy Deggendorfer** clearly knows that it is. In this month's banner photo **Kathy** has pictured a rainbow of healthy colors. And the best part, she has donated this original watercolor art work to our Food Bank. It was unveiled along with a volunteer recognition plaque at a ceremony to acknowledge the great volunteers from community who work side-by-side with our Kiwanians keep the Food Bank running week in and week out. The award recipients received a certificate and a beautiful mug based on the colorful art work. More details on page 5.



Photo Jeff Omodt

Food Drive Starts at the Elementary School



Canned food drives to stock the Food Bank have been completed at the High School and Middle School with great results. Now it's time for the Elementary School kids to have their chance at it. It will run from March 9th through the 18th.

As a special start to the drive, we had a visit from children's book author **Lois Brandt** to talk with the students about hunger and about her book *Maddi's Fridge*.



Photos Suzanne Carvlin

From the President

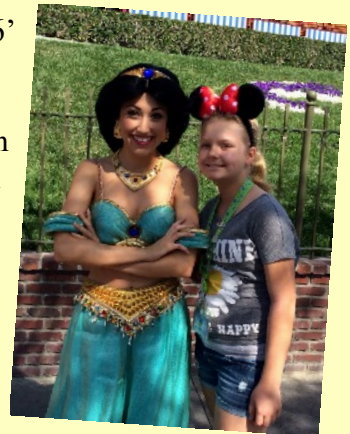


Hello Sisters Kiwanis Club!

I certainly enjoyed a wonderful vacation with my family! Sisters' temperature high during that time was Southern California's low at 65 degrees and the high where I was rang in at 92! It was in the 80s both weeks. I enjoyed wearing my flip-flops at 9 pm at night, but I enjoy our mild weather much more!



My new niece, **Claire Margaret** (left) was born on Chinese New Year. She is half Chinese herself, hence her big, beautiful dark eyes. The other half of her is my brother, who is a 6' 7" European Mutt of Irish, Swedish and German decent. Much like myself, for obvious reasons. She's a precious one! My Dad also rang in his 77th birthday and I was able to spend an entire day with my 10-year-old niece, **Josie** (right), at Disneyland.



Thank you so much to **Dave Cox** who led our club during my time off and thanks to all of you for keeping all of our balls in the air!

While I was gone, the Sisters Chamber held their annual awards banquet. I have an important mention and huge congratulations for our **Bob Grooney** who was recognized as the Sisters Chamber of Commerce's very first Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. You have done so much for our community and our club, **Bob**, and we all appreciate your wisdom, support and friendship! Many, many thanks to you!

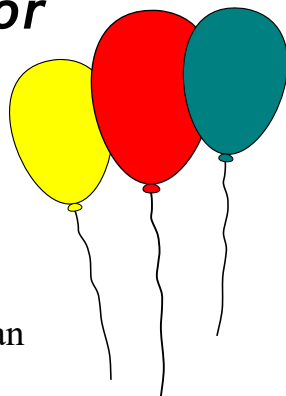
Our Sisters Elementary School Food Drive is ready to kick off on March 9th! Author **Lois Brandt**, who wrote Maddi's Fridge to bring not just hunger awareness, but sensitivity, to our communities' kids, will be speaking to our club on March 10th. **Lois** will be reading to the kids on March 9th kicking off our food drive, which will go from March 10th – March 18th Celebrate Sisters - Kiwanis One Day, will be up next on April 9th for our club. We are also full steam ahead on our upcoming fundraisers: Antiques & Bling on Memorial Day Weekend, the Buckaroo Breakfast June 12th and Quilt Show Raffle Ticket Sale. As **Dan Stearns** and **Roger Johnson** have shared with us, we are in need of unique item donations, particularly furniture items. If you see an estate sale winding down, please suggest a possible donation to our club! March will also be a big planning month for our club with many committees underway and several Kiwanis speaker sessions reserved for action planning time with all of you for our various fundraisers and our long-range planning! Get ready to bring your thinking caps and helping hands and let's make this a fantastic spring!

President Suzanne

Members



MILESTONES for MARCH



Birthdays

9th Dave Cox
11th Roxanne Lenahan
13th John Troike
17th Allen Hull
20th Mike Vermillion
28th Bob Walter
29th Cal Allen

Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Suzy & Lance Ramsey 37 years
18th Roger & Susie Johnson 27 years
24th Earl & Zoann Armbruster 34 years
25th Dave & Julia Huni 21 years
31st Tom Fish & Bonnie Asay 11 years

Club Anniversaries

5th Dan Jordan 1 year
13th David Hiller 19 years
27th Doug Wills 2 years
28th Cal Allen 20 years
31st Vern Renner 14 years

Welcome New Member Rigo Ramirez

Rigo was born and raised in Portland. He moved to Sisters last summer to purchase the old Leavitt's western wear store. He said "I had been to Sisters many times prior and thought it would be a good change from Portland". **Rigo's** parents live here in Sisters and, in fact, his mom, **Dixie Baker** was the inspiration for the rebranding of the store now called **Dixie's**. When asked why he chose Kiwanis he said "Because it is most-established service organization in the community. I was taught from a young age by my parents the importance of community involvement and community service. I wanted to get involved in the Sisters community and Kiwanis struck me as a great opportunity to help others" He said "I've been involved with



Membership Chair **Suzy Ramsey** welcomes **Rigo** while his sponsor **Earl Schroeder** (in red) approves

Habitat for Humanity, SMART, and SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) in the past. I've also volunteered at a children's hospital while I was studying abroad in Buenos Aires during college. I enjoy working with kids, but I'm also open to other opportunities." In his free time, he likes to stay active. "I've played sports all my life, and the Trail Blazers is my favorite sports team." Welcome **Rigo** !

Meetings



Program Speakers Schedule

March

- 3 - President's Meeting
- 10 - Lois Brandt Author - Maddi's Fridge
- 17 - Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show -
Jeanette Pilak with Raffle Quilt
- 24 - TBD
- 31 - Dave Cox - Long range planning

April

- 7 - President's Meeting
- 14 - TBD
- 21 - SHS Science Club - Cal Allen
- 28 - TBD

(If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact Jim Horsley, and be sure to thank him for all that he has scheduled for us.)

Marijuana Growing Creates Land Use Issues



Speakers from "Preserve Rural Deschutes", a land use group brought us up to date on some of the difficult issues facing the county Commissioners as legal marijuana growing expands in the county. More info at www.preserveruraldeschutes.org

Open Door presents a \$600 Donation to the Club

The **Rickards** family has been a long time friend and supporter of our Club. One of their community support activities that they do through their **Open Door Restaurant** is called **"Dine for a Cause"**. Each month they select a local nonprofit and then share a part of their profit from all of the diners who dine with them on Tuesdays of that month. Recently Kiwanis was the selected recipient and the share of the proceeds totaled over \$600. Obviously, it was a very large check, it took two of them to bring



it to us. Shown in the photo are **Julia Rickards** and her daughter **Emily** who presented the check to Past President **Dave Cox** who was "standing in" for President **Suzanne**. Please stop by the **Open Door** and thank them for their continuing support of our Kiwanis community programs.

Projects



Food Bank Recognizes Community Volunteers



Clockwise from top left Shirley Lalli, Kerry Bott, Barb Bott, Naomi Rowe, and Linda Walker

Linda Walker and The Kiwanis Food bank leaders and club members gathered to celebrate the significant contribution of our community members who volunteer nearly a hundred hours every month to help keep the food bank running smoothly. Volunteers received a certificate and a coffee mug with the new art work from **Kathy Deggendorfer**. A plaque with all the 2015 honorees is posted at the Food Bank and is shown at the right. Thanks to all who serve!



FOOD BANK RESULTS

FEBRUARY 2016 (4 week mo.)

Families Served-84

Adults- 157 Children- 69

Food boxes valued at \$14,634
weighing 9,756 pounds

9 Kiwanis volunteers
serving 118.5 hours.

14 Community volunteers
serving 99.5 hours.

Food Bank Recognition

*The Kiwanis Club of Sisters
and the Sisters Food Bank recognizes*

2015 COMMUNITY SPONSOR

*NeighborImpact & Carley Sanders
Roundhouse Foundation & Kathy Deggendorfer
Sisters Community Garden & Marvin Benson*

2015 BUSINESS SPONSOR

*Ray's Food Place & Jeff McDonald
Melvin's Fir Street Market
Anonymous Donor thru Melvin's Market*

2015 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

*Marsha Allen
Katie Powers
Liz Weeks
Vince Wilson
Karen Roberts
Dana Cunningham
Frank Lalli
Don Rowe
Dale Payne
Marlene Rognlien*

February 16, 2016

Kerry C. Bott - Kiwanis Board

Charitable Ink



A great new fundraising opportunity is just getting started thanks to a brilliant idea from our past president and tech wizard **Dave Huni**.

Dave explains it like this:

As announced at a recent meeting, I will be leading a new fundraiser for the club and for now I'm calling it **Charitable Ink** (your alternative ideas welcome). The inspiration



was our own **Pat Woollard** who was tired of seeing new ink she had from her non-functioning

printer go to waste when she bought a new one. So an idea was born. Why not collect, catalog, and resell the ink through the web in our community and turn the money over to the club for its charity programs.

So, as you find yourself buying a new printer or retiring an old one, please bring your unopened cartridges (and packages) to the meeting and we'll list them for sale.



My plan is to set up a web page thru our site and/or thru a Facebook Page to advertise available ink. The donor of the ink will receive a tax deduction receipt from the Club (they place value), but not the buyer will not as they received ink in exchange for their money. The buyer can be happy in knowing their purchase money will be directed to a Sisters Kiwanis charity/program.

In the future, as partnerships are established, I would hope we connect with other places of business to host our drop off point for both donations and purchases. Also, as there is a market for collecting expired/empty cartridges, I think it would be logical to add this to the mix as well.



I will have a box in the front of our meeting room...please check your supply closets and cupboards!

More info coming soon!!!

Thanks,

Dave Huni

2016 Science Fair



Science Fair is a Huge Success

Led once again by Kiwanian **Cal Allen** and retired neurosurgeon **Bob Collins** (photo right), and staffed by over 80 volunteers from Kiwanis and the community, the Sisters High School was transformed into a festival of science and technology to challenge the brain of all who visited. This year the event hosted projects from not just the high school, but also the middle school and elementary school. More than 600 participants attended the 4 hour event. From science experiments to student built race cars (powered by mousetraps) it was a day of learning and amazement. Take a look:

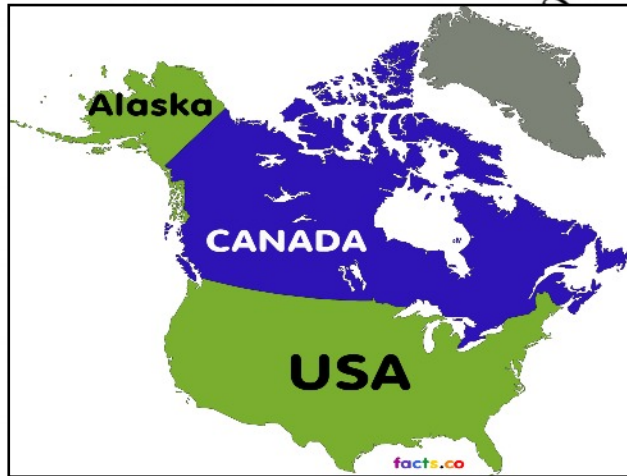


Postcards From...



*Editors note:
You probably remember
that last month we ran a
postcard attributed to
"Warren Seward" in
Florida. This month we
must apologize and
correct the unforgivable
editorial error of
misspelling someone's
name. Sorry **Warren**.
Via his daughter **Linda
Bafford** he's given
us/me a simple way to
keep it straight. Thanks
for reading so carefully.*

PostCard



Greetings from Florida

Hi Linda,
Please tell that Siskiwan
editor that I love the
newsletter, but he has to get
his geographic names and facts
straight.

Seward is in Alaska,

And

Seaward is in Florida—
Dad

PostCard



Bob

"Thank you Bob for
all you do in this
community. It is an
incredible honor to
know you. This man
is someone very
special."

Everyone in Sisters

Last month
Bob Grooney
was awarded the
first ever...
Sisters Chamber
of Commerce
Lifetime
Achievement
Award

Well deserved.

We SALUTE
YOU, Bob !



Sisters Kiwanis
We Celebrate Service!
 We invite you to join us for
 coffee! Thursdays at 7:00 AM
 Meetings start at 7:30 AM
 Aspen Lakes, Brand 33

**Our Sisters Kiwanis
 Purpose and Mission:**

The 76 members of the Sisters club take pride in a very real impact on our local community. Our club runs the food bank and has a massive food share event during the Christmas holidays. It supports fellow Sisters residents when emergency needs arise. It offers scholarships to many graduating seniors, and awards grants to dozens of organizations that have significant impact on the well-being of children and families. The club also gives "opportunity grants" to many deserving adults in the community to help them better their position in life. Other service projects include: cleaning Sisters' highways, reading to children, improving our city's parks, sponsoring our scout troops, staffing Red Cross blood drives, collecting eye glasses and cell phones, arranging community presentations, maintaining an entrance sign to our city, teaching kids poison awareness and helping screen children for health problems. Discover more at:
www.SistersKiwanis.org

**Calendar of Upcoming
 Events**

SAVE THESE DATES

March 2016

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Meeting Aspen Lakes
 Lodge

April 2016

7, 14, 21, 28 - Meeting Aspen Lakes
 Lodge

9 Kiwanis ONE DAY

Service Day for Kiwanis worldwide.
 We will be working at the Middle
 School Greenhouse.

May 2016

5, 12, 19, 26 - Meeting Aspen Lakes
 Lodge

28 Antiques and Bling Sale at the
 Sisters Fire Hall

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 our website:

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