

# Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters August 2014

## August is here!

We are finally done with our flurry of summer fundraising, and we wrap up with our support of the annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. The one day outdoor event, on the second Saturday in July, brings thousands of visitors to our little village. The logistics of putting up over 1400 quilts on just about every outdoor surface takes an army of volunteers. And no one knows more about volunteering than Kiwanians. Planning starts a year ahead of time and the day runs like clockwork. Almost every Kiwanian finds a task (or several) to help with. Lots of work, lots of fun.

It also represents the conclusion of the Quilt Raffle in which Kiwanis partners with the Quilt folks to sell raffle tickets. In return we receive part of the proceeds to invest in the community through one of the Kiwanis Projects. (more on page 6)



## Club Leadership is changing President Chuck starts a new chapter, Dave Cox steps up



**Dave Cox** presents a plaque to **Chuck Kuzminski** recognizing his service as President this year. Chuck and his wife Anne have relocated to Tigard and Dave will fill out the last two months of Chuck's term before starting his own year. Thank you both, Gentlemen!



Dave rings the bell to end an era and start a new one.

# From the President



Fellow Kiwanians

What a surprise! I now find myself your President a little early and just learned that I will be writing an inspirational, exciting, and motivating letter to you each month. Now, that will be interesting.

For all of us, I want to thank Chuck for his service as President over the last 10 months. It is amazing how quickly some decisions (like deciding to move) can actually happen. While Chuck is excited to be moving on to his new home in Tigard, I know that he will miss all his friends in the Kiwanis group. We are going to miss his quick wit and dedication to the Kiwanis mission. THANK YOU CHUCK!

Actually, I have just started to think about what I would like our Kiwanis group to accomplish over the next 14 months. I have found the Sisters club to be an outstanding, well organized and involved organization. So I do not see myself trying to make major changes - as they say, if it ain't broke don't try to fix it. But I will do my best to keep you all informed about what our club is doing and do my part to help maintain the enthusiasm and outstanding community service that we provide.

Next week President elect Lance Trowbridge and I will attend the Kiwanis District meeting in Portland. Neither of us has attended one before, so it will be a new experience. I expect a lot of red coats, meetings, information and hopefully, celebration. We will share some of the highlights at the September President's meeting.

At the July meeting, the Board decided to cancel the Summer Social. This was done because it became too difficult to schedule. The money budgeted for the social (\$400) will be used to help the Ronald McDonald dinner project coming up later this fall.

Earl Schroeder has said that the Lt.Gov. position for Division 78 is still open. If any of you are interested in taking that leadership position, let him know.

I look forward to serving as your President and working with a group so loaded with talented, committed and caring people. You all will make this a rewarding experience.

*President Dave*



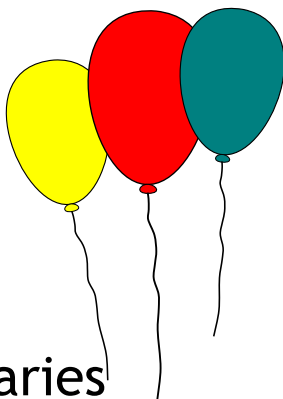
# Members



## ***MILESTONES for AUGUST***

### **Birthdays**

1st – Matt Kirchoff  
3rd – Gary Kutz  
5th – Sheryl McLaughlin  
6th – Warren Seaward  
18<sup>th</sup> - Earl Schroeder  
25<sup>th</sup> - Karen Keady



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

5th – Karen & John Keady, 36 years  
8th – Joanne & Bill Anttila, 34 years  
24th – Bob & Barb Walter, 57 years  
27th - Tom & Kate Kopec, 20 years  
29th - Jeff & Patty McDonald, 27 years

### **Club Anniversaries**

1st – Earl Armbruster - 33 years  
5th – Diane Davisicourt – 4 years  
9th – Lance Trowbridge – 1 year  
9th - Matt Kirchoff – 1 year  
11<sup>th</sup> - Dave Cox - 3 years  
11th - Yoshi Furuya – 3 years  
26th – Scott McKittrick – 5 years  
26th - Linda Walker – 15 years  
27<sup>th</sup> - Jack McGilvary - 16 years  
28th - May Fan – 23 years



## **The club welcomes new member Bruce Rognlein.**

Sponsored by Gary Frazee, Bruce has been a Sisters resident (part time) since 1961. With his wife Marleen they are now here FULL time after retiring from his business in the LA area. Bruce has a long history of community service, so lets make him feel welcome and put him to work.

Membership specialist Suzy Ramsey does the honors of welcoming Bruce, giving him his hat, a pin and, of course showing him the secret handshake. Shhhh !.

Bruce will be a greeter at the next few meetings, be sure to welcome him and help him start learning all 76 of our names. Yikes!

# Members



## Farewell President Chuck



This month the club said farewell to our President Chuck Kuzminski. Chuck and his wife Anne have sold their home in Sisters and will be relocating to the Portland area in mid-

August. (President elect Dave Cox will fill out the remainder of Chuck's term, thank you Dave!)

Chuck joined the club in 2002 and has been an active volunteer in a variety of projects (including editing the Siskiwan). In 2012 he was elected to the position of President-Elect under Dave Huni and ascended to the Presidency in September 2013. With his quick wit Chuck always has a great story to tell. There has been a recurring theme recently that seemed to involve

cars crashing. Sometimes it was his own, but frequently it was about others crashing in his front yard, or into his house (he was like a magnet). He was, of course, always quick to assure us that it was never his fault.



We all wish Chuck and Anne great health and happiness as they begin their new chapter in Tigard. Thank you for your years of dedication and service, we will miss you both.

In the Kiwanis world of movers and shakers we will remember Chuck as a **mover !**

## The club remembers Dave Clemens



It was with great sadness that we learned of the news of the passing of Dave Clemens, a charter member of the club.

Dave was here from the beginning, 35 years ago when the Redmond club sponsored the new startup Kiwanis Club of Sisters.

He helped guide the club throughout all of its growing stages and served as a leader on many important projects. He helped get the Kiwanis play structure installed in the "Cliff Clemens Park" which is named in memory of his dad.



With his wife Laurine they have been great contributors throughout our community. Thank you for your service, Dave, you will be missed.



# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### August

- 7 - President's Meeting
- 14-Brad Tisdale - Sisters Folk Festival w/ Lily Greenstone, SHS Amercana Student
- 21-Jim Horsley - Blue Angels and more
- 28-Kathy & Frank Degendorfer Eye care in Fiji

### September

- 3 - President's Meeting
  - 11 - TBD
  - 18 - Judy Trego - Exec Director of Sisters Chamber of Commerce
  - 25- Diane Childs - OR identity theft
- (Be sure to thank **May Fan** for bringing us this great line up of Programs)

**Jim Cornelius** visited the club to give us some insight into a day in the life of the editor of our local Nugget News. In this remarkable local resource and quality publication for our tiny community, Jim explained how the Nugget tries to provide a forum in the community to air differing views on local



issues. He noted that most were expressed with great passion, but sometimes without resorting to the use of facts or tact. Jim keeps the balance, and he does it very well. Another of his passions is his history blog. Check it out at [www.frontierpartisans.com](http://www.frontierpartisans.com)



Sisters Math and Science teacher **Jon Renner** brought us an exciting update on the Sisters High School Aviation program. They have grown to 34 students and have their own rehabbed Cessna 172 for a Flying

Club, so the students can have real flying experience as part of their training.

**Janet Foliano-Kemp** presented a program called "Sleep" explaining the importance of good sleep habits and the serious impact sleep problems can have on your health. Immediately taking Janet's message to heart a few of the back-row gang-needed a wakeup call at the end of her presentation. ZZZZZ.....



# Projects



## Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales

Every month our Distinguished Club Secretary **Jan Failing** writes a report to Kiwanis International to update them on what the Club has been doing for the previous month. It contains a number of statistics about members and finances of the club. Here's a portion of Jan's eloquent report for August. Thank you for your efforts, Jan.

### *Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Raffle Ticket Sales*

*Again, the second Saturday in July had our Sisters Country adorned with beautiful quilts all over our community, celebrating the largest outdoor quilt show in the world. Each year a beautiful quilt is raffled off to a lucky ticket holder. Our Kiwanis Club partners with the event coordinators selling the quilt raffle tickets at various venues over the course of 2 months. This is the 4th year our club has participated in selling the tickets, earning a % of the total sold. Our members also participate hanging and taking down the quilts that create a marvelous outdoor tapestry throughout Sisters.*

*Kiwanis Volunteers 17*

*Volunteer hours 154*

## FOOD BANK RESULTS

July 2014

Families Served-104

Adults-221 Children-83

Food boxes valuing \$16,329

15 Kiwanis volunteers

serving 150.5 hours.

9 Community volunteers

serving 78.5 hours.



Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Executive Director **Jeanette Pilak** presents **Shauna Rocha** with a check representing the Kiwanis share of the revenue in appreciation of our ticket selling efforts. Jeanette praised Shauna's leadership and the Kiwanians for their support. She also noted that this year's Raffle Quilt had not drawn as many raffle purchases as prior years. Seems even a beautiful, Jean Wells quilt in WHITE is hard to find a home for amongst the kids and dogs.



# Quilts Everywhere



## Kiwanians find a variety of way to support the annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show



Hanging more than 1400 quilts all over town on the morning of Quilt Day Kiwanians were everywhere



**Suzy Ramsey** and a helper try to get one of the huge quilts straight and secure. It's not as easy as it looks

Photos - Jeff Omodt



**Dave Cox and Judy Troike** show off an heirloom quilt as part of a quilt program.



**Suzy Ramsey and Warren Seaward** rustle up a quilt at Leavitts



**Warren Seaward** arrives with his own specialized equipment for "low hanging quilts"



**Jeff Omodt** tries to brag about his first ever quilt to **Linda Bafford**, she is apparently not very impressed.



**Ardie Winters** shows off a favorite family quilt at one of our meeting with a quilt expert.



**Jeff Omodt** signs a "Men Behind the Quilts" calendar for **Pat Woollard**. (She said "she liked

the dog in the picture")  
Photo by Pat Woollard

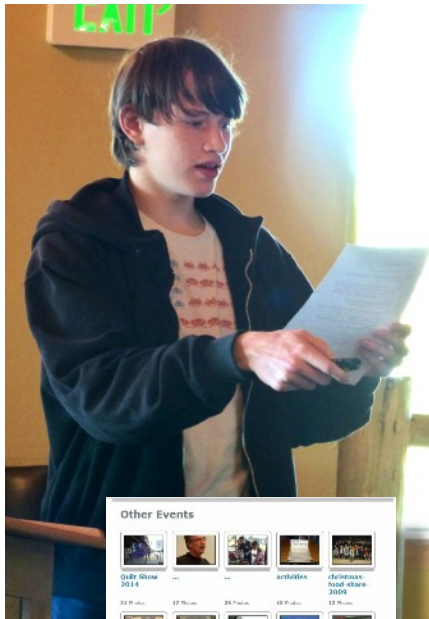
# Our New Website



## The Club Website Has Been Updated and it is Awesome... Check it out

As many of you heard at the recent President's meeting, the Club has hired Max Huni (past President Dave's son) to be the webmaster. Utilizing the latest webtools like WordPress and HTML editors, Max has updated and enhanced our presence on the web. The new site is at the same address as before: [\*\*\*www.SistersKiwanis.org\*\*\*](http://www.SistersKiwanis.org)

Below, Max explains to the club some of the features and enhancements of the new web pages which include meeting information, officers and committees, current Siskiwan newsletter link, and photos from recent meetings. It also has archives to prior photos and Siskiwans. There is a membership section with information about joining us, so after you visit, tell your friends who might also want to learn more about us.



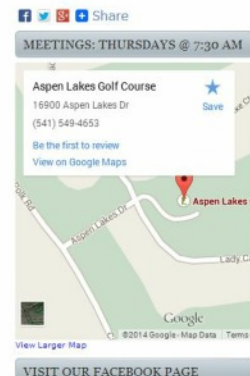
### Welcome



### Sisters Kiwanis Purpose and Mission:

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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, manning 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.



Photos - Jeff Omodt



# Odds & Ends



## Winners and more winners



This is becoming a regular monthly feature. A third raffle drawing winner in two months.

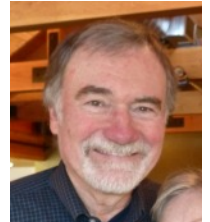
This time it is **Jim Smith** drawing the raffle joker for a cool \$100.

Definitely a run on the bank, lock the doors, **Jack**.

Congratulations, **Jim** !

## Invocations of many kinds

**Barb Bott** runs a mighty team of “invocators” and we have certainly had some diverse and impressive messages. **Jim Paul** triggered some introspection with these words to live by:



- “It may be your sole purpose in life to serve as a warning to others.”
- “A little inaccuracy can save a ton of explanation.”
- “There is no substitute for genuine lack of preparation.”
- “Indecision is the key to flexibility.”

Thank you, **Jim**

And the news wouldn't be complete without the Wisdom and Comment from our friend BOB.

**Mr. Grooney's** groaner for the month.

Bob arrived at a meeting recently looking a little battered.

He said he didn't want to talk about it (yeah, right!) but he did need to correct a couple of facts that had emerged.

First he did not *jump* from the window of the widow he was visiting.... And she was *not* a widow.

I don't get it, Bob, but thanks anyway.





# Join Us

Thursdays at Aspen Lakes Lodge -7:00 Coffee

**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**

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