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Kiwanis Club of Sisters November 2014

Fall is here! And we're up before the sun!

Shorter fall days and now the end of Daylight Savings time. It is getting really dark as we get to our meetings on Thursday mornings.



But we are rewarded with a spectacular light show as the sun rises (in the banner photo above from the October 30 meeting).

Getting up that early doesn't agree with everyone, in fact there were a few folks who looked really awful. **Bob Walter** who presents **Earl Armbruster's** weekly "Duck Report" looked like he could have used a few more minutes of beauty sleep. More shocking images of the Halloween meeting on page 6.



Poison Awareness Program moves to the Fire Hall at Halloween



Attendance at the Mr. YUK Poison Awareness program, which had been held at the library, had been declining over the past few years. But this year both the date and the location changed. It moved to the Fire Hall on Halloween night and it reached more than a hundred children. Thanks to **Roger Johnson, Bill Rainey and Jeanne Nolander** for the great, successful event.

New President-Elect

Congratulations to **Suzanne Carvlin** on her election to the position of President-Elect 2014-2015. She ran a tough and honorable campaign (unopposed by any other candidates).



We congratulate you, we wish you a great year as president in 2015, and most of all we **THANK YOU** for your service!

From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

I want to offer my congratulations to **Suzanne Carvlin** as our newly elected “president-elect” which occurred at this last Thursday’s meeting. Thanks for stepping up **Suzanne**! Now that we have **Suzanne** in this position, all the committee and subcommittee chairs are filled.

Last week we held our first Board meeting with all the recently elected board members. I was pleased to see that 100 % of the Board members were in attendance. Conflicts and sickness invariably cause some to miss meeting, but it is always nice when we all are there. As is usual, the Board is actively focusing on things that will make our Sisters club more effective and enjoyable. I reviewed the highlights at the last Thursday morning meeting, so I won’t go through all the Board actions; but there are a few that merit mentioning. First, we approved an operating budget for the administrative portion of the club. We are close to finalizing our fund raising and gifting budgets, but we want to discuss our priorities a little more before finalizing things. Discussion centered on how much gifting to allocate to local versus out of town activities.

The Board also approved 8 new goals and tasks to accomplish over the next year. These are items that are outside of our normal scheduled activities. I am hopeful that we will achieve these goals, but we will need all your help to make it happen. We will keep you posted as we go through the year. If you want a copy of them, please let me know.

One of our adopted goals was to come up with 3 new fundraisers. Well, **Roger Johnson** announced that the committee has identified 3 new prospects – a 5/10K fun run, a lottery (subject yet to be identified) and a “bejeweled” addition to the auction. It is always nice to have a few of ones goals completed before the rest get started!!

And **Tom Worcester** has already started procedures to help the club better retain members and has completed a draft of a retention program and ways to involve new members in projects and programs.

The involvement and support of the members in this club is amazing to watch. The Board is optimistic that we will reach our fund raising goals this year and be able to continue gifting over \$20,000 to area kids and causes. Your participation in the Halloween party was awesome. We recognized that not all had the time to dress up; but that is OK. It seemed like the creative costumes were enjoyed by all. Again, the objective was to add a change of pace and celebration. If there are other things you would like to try, let one of the Board members know.

President Dave

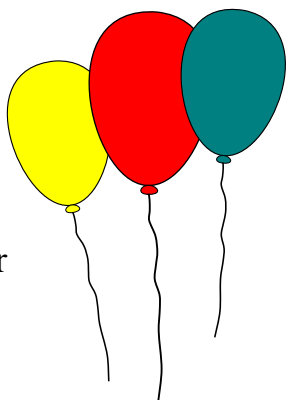
Members



MILESTONES for NOVEMBER

Birthdays

8th – Linda Bafford
13th – Jeanne Nolander
18th - Julia Dougan



Wedding Anniversaries

4th – Marcea & Lou DeGregorio, 10 years
6th – Suzanne & Chris Carvlin, 15 years
10th – Barb & Kerry Bott, 36 years
26th – Jan & Jerry Taylor, 45 years

Club Anniversaries

5th - Barb Bott - 6 years
5th – Kerry Bott - 6 years
20th - Julia Dougan – 1 year
26th - Jean O’Hara - 19 years

MEMBERS TAKE NEW ROLES

Julia Dougan will lead the SMART reading program



**Our vision is an Oregon
where every child can
read and is empowered
to succeed.**

Kiwanis volunteers partner with the **SMART** reading program to **Start Making A Reader Today**. **Julia Dougan** will coordinate with SMART headquarters in Bend and Sisters schools to arrange for one-on-one reading tutoring and free books to help students improve their reading skills. If you would like to become a SMART reader contact **Julia**.

Shauna Rocha takes over the Adopt a Highway leadership

Twice a year, 16 or more Kiwanis volunteers do a clean up of a section of Highway 20 from Sisters to the Rodeo grounds. This long standing service project was capably led by **Linda Bafford** who announced her retirement this year after 11 years of cleaning up after others (can you blame her?) It is in good hands now with **Shauna Rocha**. Let’s all remember to pitch in (or pickup) when she asks for volunteers next spring. Thanks again to **Linda** for all those years of effort too.



Meetings



Program Speakers Schedule

November

- 6 - President's Meeting
- 13 - Rodger Gabrielson - CIA
- 20 - Katie Keranen - Hope Africa
- 27- Thanksgiving Day - NO MEETING

December

- 4 - President's Meeting
- 11 - Jim Golden – Chinese teaching in the Sisters schools
- 18 - John McLaughlin – Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- 25 - Christmas Day - NO MEETING

(If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact **May Fan**, and thank her for all that she has scheduled for us.)



Since co-founding the Sisters Science Club four years ago, **Cal Allen's** passion has helped create some amazing events in support of Science learning opportunities at our schools. You can almost feel the fire in his heart (or on his head?) for Science education. Thank you, **Cal**, for sharing the remarkable journey with us.

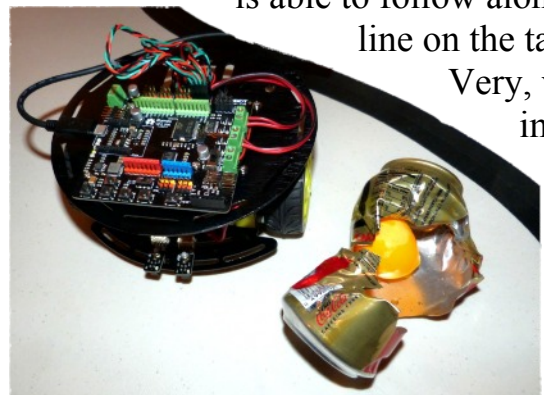


Sisters School Superintendent **Jim Golden** presented an overview of the Sisters School District Bond Proposal. He discussed the needs for maintenance upgrades and how the bond funds would be used. He also shared some of the very impressive metrics describing how our schools measure up compared with others.

Rob Corrigan, science instructor at Sisters High School, brought us a program on **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). **Rob** shared several of the science programs that he facilitates to spur interest and opportunities in Science and Math. His demo including a vacuum powered canon that fires a ping pong ball into a soda can (think LOUD), and a student programmed robot that

is able to follow along a black line on the tabletop.

Very, very impressive indeed! Thank you **Rob**!



Projects



See's Candies Sale is here

Just in time for the holidays, we have a chance to sweeten everyone's gift basket and make some cash for the club.

As most of you remember, we buy a truckload of delicious See's Candies every November, then we set up an RV in the Ray's parking lot (Thanks to **Jeff McDonald** for the space and power). Then for most of November and December we all volunteer for one or more 4-hour shifts manning the sale.

Tom Kopec (AKA the **Candyman**) has generously stepped forward again to herd all of us candy cats. Sign-ups for sales shifts will be at each of our meetings. We already have about half of the slots filled, but if your name isn't on the list, please check your calendar and figure out when you can join in the fun.



FOOD BANK RESULTS

October 2014

Families Served-129

Adults-260 Children-116

Food boxes valuing \$18,795

11 Kiwanis volunteers

serving 121 hours.

13 Community volunteers

serving 113.5 hours.

(This month had 5 Thursdays, so numbers are higher)

Key Club does a Trick or Treat for UNICEF and ELIMINATE.



At a recent meeting, Key Club President **Brenna** helped organize their first fundraiser of the new year to have the Key Clubbers do a Trick or Treat door-to-door benefiting UNICEF and the ELIMINATE PROJECT.

Results were awesome! In less than 2 hours they raised **\$343!**

Nice job, Key Club!.



ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus

 **Kiwanis** |  **unicef**

Halloween Special



President **Dave Cox**, fearful that we might all be taking ourselves too seriously, suggested that the October 30th meeting should include Halloween costumes...

be careful what you wish for **President Dave**...



Photos - Jeff Omodt

Odds & Ends



Let the GAMES Begin

Raffle 2.0

One of the great things that happens when you bring new members into the Club, is that you always get fresh new ideas. Here we see new



member **Allen Hull** (in the white hat) trying to demonstrate to **Jan Failing** and others how to turn the relatively placid weekly raffle into some sort of exciting street game that can be played on the floor. Thanks, **Allen**, but where did you learn to do that? Maybe we shouldn't ask, or is this the subject of a future program?

Chess Mom 1.2.1

We've all heard about "soccer mom's" but they've got nothing on our new friend **Mary Kay**. She's a "Chess MOM". With her efforts, and her kids totally involved, the Chess Club at the High School and Middle school is thriving. This year it's up to over 50 kids wanting to



play. She came to the Kiwanians looking for help. If you want to be a Chess Coach or Mentor, or helper, contact Mary Kay at mkferwalt@yahoo.com You don't even need to play chess to help.

*NO HORSING AROUND,
... IT'S YOUR MOVE*



Duck and Cover 11.0

Earl Armbruster's "Duck Report" has become a bit of an institution at our meetings.

Or, if you're a Beaver fan you might suggest that it should be confined to an institution. But what happens when **Earl's**



visual props go out of date. In this case, the Ducks beat the Huskies for an 11th season rendering **Earl's** "decade shirt" out of date. But our man **Earl** didn't miss a point-after on this one. Check out the "new" shirt .





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

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**

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<http://sisterskiwanis.org/join-us/>**

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