



Kiwanis Club of Sisters January 2015

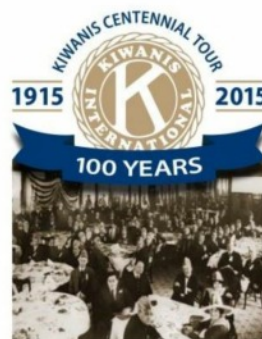
Happy NEW YEAR, and  
Happy Birthday, Kiwanis!



What a difference a century makes. In 1915, Kiwanis began as a single Detroit club. Over the last 100 years, it's grown into a premier international service organization. Today Kiwanis and Kiwanis-affiliated groups, such as Key Club, CKI and Aktion Club, donate more than 18 million hours of service each year and raise more than \$100 million in charitable funds annually. Plus tackle projects of every size and difficulty, from building neighborhood playgrounds to eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus worldwide.



We're invited to Redmond for a  
Celebration - Friday Feb 13th



SAVE THE DATE  
**The Centennial  
Celebration is coming!**

The 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International is a worldwide celebration—and it's coming to us! Join Kiwanis President John Button in our district as we kick off the next 100 years.

**FEBRUARY 13TH, 2015  
REDMOND, OREGON**

[www.kiwanispnw.org/kiwanis100.html](http://www.kiwanispnw.org/kiwanis100.html)

Kiwanis International President John Button is coming to Redmond on Feb. 13 for the ground breaking ceremonies for the renovation of Sam Johnson Park.

Coffee Clatter 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Sam Johnson Park Ground Breaking 11 a.m.

## Jeanne Nolander elected to Board of Directors



In a special election  
Jan 8 **Jeanne**

**Nolander** was elected  
unanimously (and  
unopposed) to serve  
the remainder of the  
2015 term of **Bill**

**Rainey** overseeing the  
YCPO Young Children

Priority One. Congratulations, Jeanne and  
thank you for your service and dedication  
to our youth programs.

# From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

Let me start off by thanking **Tom Kopec** and **Gary Kutz** for their great organization and work surrounding this year's See's Candies Sale fundraiser. A great job given this year's weather and trailer mechanical problems!! And, of course, none of it would have happened without the many hours of volunteer time the club members put into this effort!! Give yourselves a PAT ON THE BACK. This year's effort raised a net \$6,244, about the same as last year, but \$756 more than our budget this year of \$5400.

And, if you missed the meeting on Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, the Club members at the meeting elected **Jeanne Nolander** to fill a Board vacancy through September 2015. She will fill the Young Children Priority One position. Thank you for serving, **Jeanne**.

Last month's Board meeting covered a number of minor updates to our policies and procedures plus some housekeeping items. The major change to the policies and procedures was to bring them into compliance with the international bylaws that require 14 days prior notification for the actual vote on an election. The Board will also be considering the conditions and criteria for awarding the "attendance award", and also reviewing how the club maintains and stores its financial and secretarial records.

This month various Board members either have or will begin working on the goals we established for the year. There are a number of exiting things to work on and we hope they will help improve club operations and effectiveness. For example, we have already started working on the community analysis; questions have been firmed up and we have a good list of potential local leaders to interview. I am curious if we will come up with new ideas or programs from the interviews. There may be all kinds of thoughts out there. For example, I read an editorial by Janet Stevens this morning (Jan 9 Bulletin) about hunger and food "insecurity" in central Oregon. You should read the article yourself as it covers a wide range of issues. But, in general she discusses other ways the issue of hunger needs to be addressed besides just giving out the food. For example, new concepts such as food "pharmacies", cooking schools and "working to make food insecurity screening a routine part of the childhood physical checkup" are areas that may be needed and could help improve food security. Will any of these issues come up during our survey? Who knows, but it is going to be fun to find out. But the real fun will begin when the Club begins to figure out whether it has a role in identified community needs.

*President Dave*



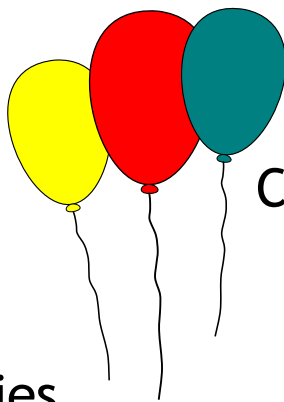
# Members



## MILESTONES for JANUARY

### Birthdays

6th – Scott McKittrick  
14th – Mike Robillard  
19th – Bill Anttila  
27th – Suzanne Carvlin  
29th – Pat Woollard



### Wedding Anniversaries

4th – Yoshi & Cecilia Furuya, 37 years  
16th – Dan & Carol Stearns, 3 years  
27th – Al & Fran Boyette, 58 years  
28th – Bruce & Marleen Rognlein, 54 years  
31st – Angela & Matt Linker, 6 years

### Club Anniversaries

4th - Tom Fish - 25 years  
5th - Mike Vermillion - 3 years  
6th - Bob Walter – 22 years  
6th - Roger Johnson - 3 years  
7th - Jerry Taylor - 18 years  
12th - Shirley Lalli - 26 years  
25th - Tay Robertson – 11 years

## IT'S ABOUT TIME

Many of our Kiwanians have long and distinguished service with Kiwanis. Often it started somewhere else before they joined our Sisters Club. **Earl Schroeder**, for example, had over 40 years service at the Capitol Kiwanis Club in Salem before he joined the Sisters Club in 2006. **Vern Renner** served for many years in the Kiwanis Club in San Carlos CA before joining us in Sisters. While **Vern** was President of the San Carlos Club he was recognized with the distinguished award called the Hixson.



Somehow, through a glitch in the award process **Vern** never received the Medallion that goes with the award. Our man **Earl**, who now helps the make the right things happen for our District 78 (he's called a Councilor), when he heard



about it, set out to make it right. And at the December 11th meeting **Vern** was presented the Hixson Medallion the he had earned in San Carlos Club. It was accompanied by a well deserved STANDING OVATION from our club members. Nice work gentlemen

# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### January

- 8 - President's Meeting
- 15 - Chief Roger Johnson - Sisters Fire Dept. update
- 22 - Katie Keranen - Hope Africa
- 29 - Liam Hughes SPRD Update

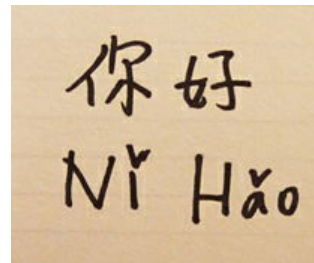
### February

- 5 - President's Meeting
- 12 - May Fan - Viet Nam/Cambodia
- 19 - Bill Willitts - "Pursue Your Passion"
- 26 - TBD

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



start out with a lesson: Learn to say "Ni Hao".



It is pronounced like "nee how". It can be used in situations where you may say "hi" or "hello" in American English. The Chinese language

Sisters Schools

Superintendent **Jim**

**Golden** was back for another visit in December.

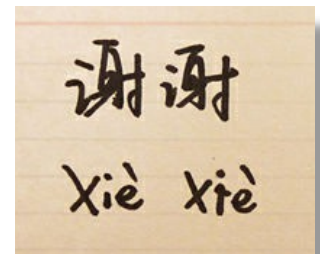
This time to tell us about the Chinese language

program at the High School and Middle School. **Jim** was joined by **David Perkins**, who is the Chinese Program Coordinator and teacher, and by **Eva Xu** an exchange teacher from China who is teaching here at the High School on a two year visit. **Eva** is one of three teachers who are teaching here and living here with local families. As often happens when you gather a room full of teachers we had to



program has a growing number of participants and is gaining a great deal of recognition and acclaim for it's innovation and success. Some of the students will be making a trip to China later this year to practice their skills first hand.

And, finally, now that we are such accomplished students, and to prove we were paying attention, we will say to **Jim, David** and **Eva**. "Xie Xie" which means "Thank you". It is pronounced like "Zhi-Zhi". It can be used whenever you want to say thank you to someone.



Photos: Jeff Omodt



# Projects



See's Candies Sale wraps up with great results, better income than we budgeted by over \$800!

**Jack McGilvary** is still counting the money and paying some bills, but it looks like the See's Candies Sale fundraiser brought in a little over \$6,200 this year well above the budgeted \$5,400. And a little above last year in spite of higher prices for the candy. Thanks again to **Tom Kopec** (AKA the Candyman) and **Gary Kutz** for their leadership on this project. And of course everyone who helped SELL all that candy. Well done to all.



## FOOD BANK RESULTS

December 2014

Families Served-104

Adults-222 Children-131

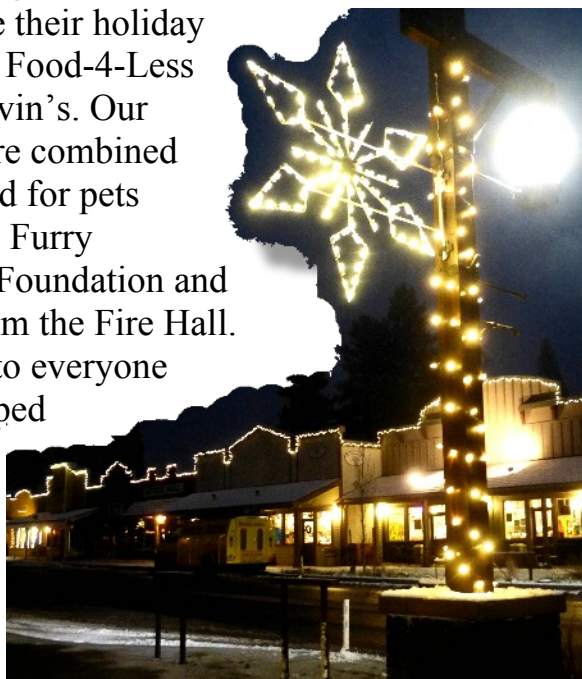
Food boxes valuing \$12,964

11 Kiwanis volunteers  
serving 83.5 hours.

12 Community volunteers  
serving 56.5 hours.

## Holiday Food Share Provides a Brighter Holiday for Sisters Families

The annual Holiday Food Share distributed food gift certificates valued at over \$16,000 again this season. A total of 216 families received gift certificates to purchase their holiday meals at Food-4-Less and Melvin's. Our gifts were combined with food for pets from the Furry Friends Foundation and Toys from the Fire Hall. Thanks to everyone who helped make it happen again this year.





# Key Club Food Drive



Canned food for the Food Bank rolls in by the truckload, thanks to Key Club efforts.



Key Club President, **Brenna** backs a truckload up to the Food Bank.



Key Clubbers, **Kenna, Max, Jenny and Christian** sort the cans and get them on the shelves. (**Max** is an exchange student from Germany this year)



**Naomi Rowe** weighs in one of the jumbo bins. This one tipped the scale at just over 135 lbs. Yikes!



At the end of the day, total for the Drive more than 1800 lbs. Nice work, Key Club.

Photos Jeff Omodt



# Odds & Ends



## Start the New Year off with a Bang.

Finemaster Extraodinaire **Gary Cundiff** leads the cheering as **Dan Stearns** draws the lucky joker to capture the raffle jackpot of \$130.



## Snowbirds Have Flown

First reports are coming in from our colleagues who have driven their entire houses south to a warmer winter.



## LAST DUCK REPORT OF THE SEASON

**Earl Armbruster** with **Bob (the voice) Walter** shared their last report of this year's Duck Season. Earl *very briefly* mentioned the score of the Championship game vs. Ohio, then quickly went on to tell us "it's only 226 days until the next Duck Report and 228 days until the next game at Autzen".



Photos - Jeff Omodt

**Earl Schroeder** sent a report of temperatures in Arizona on his arrival in the 80's. He said he has had no further issues with freezing pipes... and the RV is working well too!



Thanks,  
**Earl.**

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Further news as the postcards come in.



# 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](http://www.SistersKiwanis.org)**

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