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Kiwanis Club of Sisters March 2015

Natural Beauty

Need a reminder that we live in an enchanted forest? This month's banner photo was captured by our very own webmaster, **Max Huni**. And this very photo placed in the TOP TEN for awards when it was entered at the recent Science Fair Sci/Art Contest. (Read more about the Science Fair on page 7). Oh, and if you were wondering about Max's high tech camera equipment... His cellphone of course! Nice work, Max!

And speaking of natural beauty, the view at the front of the meeting room improved dramatically recently. No offense to President Dave, but when President-Elect **Suzanne Carvlin** took over the podium to cover for Dave's absence, the room was transformed. Nice meeting, "almost-President **Suzanne**". We look forward to many more when it is your turn to do it all the time.



The Birthday party goes on...
with a special interclub

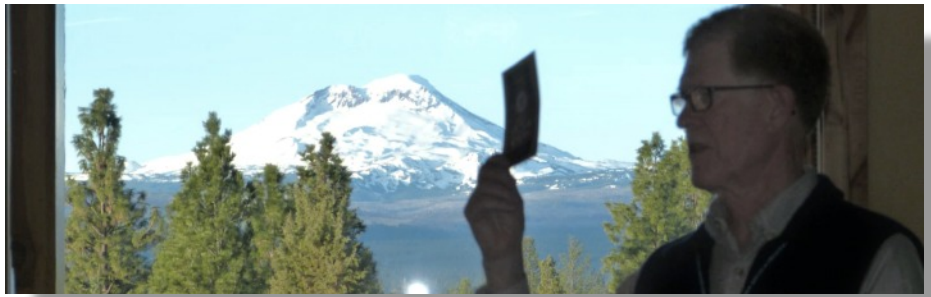


Pat Woollard, and her merry band of Sisters interclubbers (9 members strong) braved the chilly morning to mark the opening of the Redmond Kiwanis Club's Sam Johnson Park. The event included a visit from **Dr. John Button** President of



of Kiwanis International who praised the accomplishment of the Club and the community. The park is now one of the most accessible in the northwest.

From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

Did any of you happen to see the commentary in the March 16, Bend Bulletin, Opinion section, titled “Straddling both sides of the tracks”? If not, you might check it out. It contains some thought provoking information and opinions about the “economic inequality and the opportunity gap” facing our younger generation of children. There are many views expressed in this piece but one quote seems to summarize the author’s opinion which is that there is increasing inequality between “children born to educated parents – who are more likely to read to them as babies, to drive them to dance class, to nudge them into college themselves – and children whose parents live at the edge of economic survival.”

Sisters is home to a number of low income families and kids. We know this from our food bank activity and conversations with community leaders. The article makes me wonder if we are doing all we can to aid the children who really need the help. These are enormous cultural issues and I really don’t have much of a clue on how we could help solve them. But, I have a feeling we will be discussing this more as the year progresses.

Each month I think that most of Board’s business items will be cleared up for several months, but then more issues seem to come up before the next Board meeting. I hope this is a indication of our continual desire to improve the workings and services of this club.

Your Board was busy last month, taking action on several items. The Perfect Attendance award procedures were confirmed, protocol’s on how the Club will distribute information were approved, the gift for our Thursday morning speakers was changed to a \$10 gift certificate from the Chamber of Commerce, and Dan Jordan was approved as a new member.

The Board is still discussing the timing of our winter/spring social, the policies we want for youth protection, and just how club records will be stored and secured. And we still have a number of committee goals to work on before our spring and summer activities get started. I am confident we will address most of these as our spring energy fuels up and the snow birds return.

President Dave

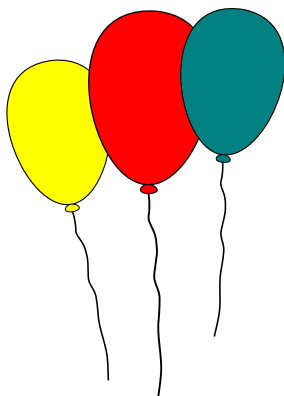
Members



MILESTONES for MARCH

Birthdays

9th – Dave Cox
11th – Roxanne Lenahan
13th – John Troike
17th – Allen Hull
20th – Mike Vermillion
26th – Gretchen Dakin
28th – Bob Walter
29th – Cal Allen



Wedding Anniversaries

3rd – Susy & Lance Ramsey, 36 years
18th – Roger & Susie Johnson, 26 years
24th – Earl & Zoann Armbruster, 33 years
25th – David & Julia Huni, 20 years
31st – Tom Fish & Bonnie Asay, 10 years

Club Anniversaries

13th - David Hiller - 18 years
15th - Angela Linker - 2 years
27th - Doug Wills – 1 year
28th - Cal Allen - 19 years
31st - Vern Renner - 13 years

Welcome New Members

Dan Jordan



Originally from Pittsburgh PA, Dan retired in 2003 after 39 years with the telephone company and Cellular One. He and his wife Marcy moved from Portland to Camp Sherman where they lived for 8 years. 3 years ago they moved from Camp Sherman to their Sisters home on Mountain View

Rd. Marcy and Dan have been married for 24 years and have two daughters and a grandson living in Portland.

Dan was active in a lot of community projects while he was in Camp Sherman. He says “I’m looking forward to many fun and rewarding activities being a member of the Sisters Kiwanis.” Dan was sponsored by David Miller (who just joined us last month, wow, nice start David).

Stan Peterson

Stan was born in Salem Oregon and grew up in Independence Oregon. He married his wife Cheryl in 1973. He attended Puget Sound College of the Bible and graduated in 1980. Then he spent 3 years in Kenya, E. Africa working among the Massai. When he returned, he began working in ministry in Monmouth Oregon. He was Pastor there for 26 years. Cheryl retired from teaching elementary school in 2014. She now substitute teaches in Bend, Redmond and Sisters.



Stan and Cheryl have 4 children: 2 in California and 2 in Oregon with a total of 8 grandchildren.

Stan says “I joined the Kiwanis club because people said they were the most active and interesting club in the area. I wanted to get very involved in community activities, After some health issues in 2014 my hope is that this year will be a banner year for community service. We will see.”

Meetings



Program Speakers Schedule

March

- 5 - President's Meeting
- 12 - Liam Hughes - "Community Assets Committee" Part 1
- 19 - Liam Hughes - "Community Assets Committee" Part 2
- 26 - Paige Bentley-Flannery "Online Library Resources"

April

- 2 - President's Meeting
- 9 - "Youth Protection Services"
- 16 - Jack McDonnell - "Habitat Build in Kyrgyzstan and Nepal"
- 23 - Rachel Pearce - Acupuncture
- 30 - TBD (If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact **May Fan**, and thank her for all that she has scheduled for us.)

Alison Perry, who is the founder of the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch joined us, to tell us about a project that she is leading to purchase land near Sisters and create a ranch where veterans with PTSD and other special needs can come and spent time on a working ranch.



Alison shares some of her plans with a couple of our Club's vets **Bob Walter** and **Bob Woollard**

Ann Richardson and **Ted Johnson** brought us an inspiring program about the "Pursue Your Passion" entrepreneur class that they have developed for the High School. They have created a one term elective course

which focuses young entrepreneurs on the realities of starting and running a



business enterprise. They draw on a wide pool of entrepreneurial talent from the community who come to the classroom to share their particular expertise and experience. Presented once a year the program continues to grow in enrollment and enthusiasm.

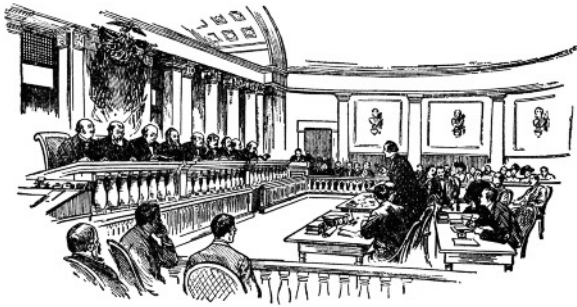
Kathryn Godsiff, President of the Rotary Club of Sisters, brought us a program describing the current "Rotary Projects". She shared their challenges, similar to ours, in finding relevant service projects, fund raising and recruiting and retaining members. A discussion of shared projects will certainly lead to a joint venture project in our future.



Projects



Key Club members and their Kiwanian Coach head for the State Championship in the Mock Trial Competition



Two teams from Sisters High School competed in the regional

Mock Trial competition on Saturday, February 28th at the Deschutes County Justice Building in Bend. The designated "black" team ended up winning the competition, defeating a team from Summit High School in the final round.

The members of the winning team are; co-captains **Emily Christen** and **Shea Krevi**, **Sianna Flowers**, **Emily Hartford**, **Patrick Krevi**, **Kyle Martin**, **Jackson Morgan**, **Sam Patton**, **Jake Sahlberg**, **Caylyn Sheldon** and **Hannah Stuwe**.

Four of the team members are also major contributors in our Key Club. **Shea** was KC President for two years, **Jackson** is the KC Treasurer this year. **Patrick** and **Emily C.** are both active KC members this year. (Awesome folks, those Key Clubbers)

The Mock Trial teams are coached by **Darryl Doke** and Kiwanian **Jerry Hanford**. **Jerry** has been an attorney for more the forty years and has coached Mock Trial for eight years at two different high schools. It is an elective class for the students and is taught during a regular class period five days a week plus after school and weekend practices.



FOOD BANK RESULTS

February 2015

Families Served-90

Adults-186 Children-66

Food boxes valuing \$13,596

14 Kiwanis volunteers
serving 125.5 hours.

12 Community volunteers
serving 101 hours.

The competition takes place in an actual courtroom, with the students facing off against teams from other schools. The competitors do not know until just before the contest whether they will be performing the role of the plaintiff or defense. There are three rounds of the competition and it is guaranteed that the team will perform both sides of the case. The rounds are scored by three volunteers.

The hypothetical case the students were dealing with this year is a timely one, in-

volving the use of excessive force by the police. In this case an incident occurred in which a robbery suspect was tased by a police officer. It turns out the suspect was misidentified by the police and is now suing the police department and the officer who tased him. The students must prepare to both defend the accused police officer and also plead the case for the victim of the tasing.

Sisters winning team will go to Portland on March 13th and 14th to compete against other winning teams from around the state.



Projects Coming up



Kiwaniis One Day

One of the most frequently asked questions when we do our annual club survey and assessment every year is “why don’t we do more hands-on service projects, in addition to our fund raisers?” Well, last year, **Suzy Ramsey** set out to help us change that. She and a crew of 10 Kiwanians put in a day of weeding, cleaning and gardening at the



Ronald McDonald house in Bend. This year she’s back with an even better idea. Tie the project in with the Kiwanis One Day. If you didn’t know, Kiwanis worldwide designates a day in April every year that is “Kiwaniis One Day” On that day EVERY Kiwanian worldwide gets out and does a day of community service. So **Suzy** will be coordinating our service day at “A Home To Share” a local project where **Tom Kopec** serves on their board. The date will be April 11th. Contact **Suzy** for more details.

Highway Cleanup

Twice a year for many years now we have dispatched 16 or more Kiwanians to clean a 4 mile stretch of highway from Sisters to the Rodeo Grounds. This year the project has a new leader, **Shauna Rocha**. She has set the date for April 19th so she will need our extra effort to get the job done. Contact **Shauna** for more details



Rodeo Parade



Our head Chef and parade leader **Vern Renner** is stepping down to let someone new be the Pancake Chef and organize the rodeo parade float this year. Help promote our Buckaroo

Breakfast and have fun on the way. Talk to **Vern** or President **Dave** to get in on this great opportunity.

Science Fair Amazing !



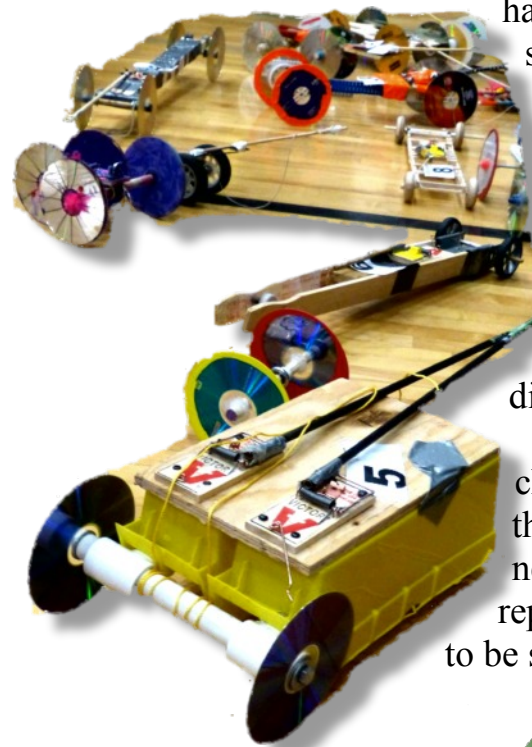
For the Fourth year in a row, Students and Community Members Shared some of the awe and wonder of Science and Math



Cofounder of the Science Club and Kiwanis Chairperson for the event, **Cal Allen** made this year's Fair the biggest and best one ever. This year more than 650 students, teachers, volunteers and community members turned out for the fair. Starting with **Marsha Allen** at the door, checking everyone in and directing Kiwanians and others to their assignments, everything was planned in advance and ran like clock work. Well, maybe not the part where the bacon cooking "experiment" set off the fire alarm and we all evacuated the building.

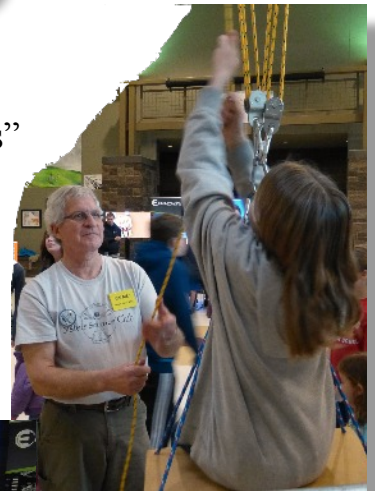


One of the main attractions was a competition to design and build a small car which was powered by a mouse trap. The challenge after that was to



have it travel a specified distance across the gym then stop inside a target circle. Then the distance would be changed and the cars would need to be reprogrammed to be successful.

David Hiller helps a student "learn the ropes" and the advantages of leverage with a practical experiment.



Our friends at Energyneering brought us a fighter jet flight simulator. Whoa!

Travel Reports



Mexico

From Jack McGilvary and Leart Jett

After missing 2014 in Mexico, we are back in Puerto Penasco or Rocky Point for all you Norte Americanos. We love being here. The RV park is almost full this year, much different than the other years we have been here. Some of the people we have met in the past years are a so back again so it is old home week all the time.



So much to do.....We arrived just in time for Tequila Bingo. Hard to explain but fun to play. After a bingo game is finished, another number is called and if you have it on your sheet you get a shot of Tequila. Makes for a very happy afternoon. We were also just in time for the annual Valentine's Day potluck. With about 20 couples contributing a dish, it was a gourmet evening. OK, not gourmet but good food no matter what. LRC (left, right, center), now what in the heck is that? It is a dice game played with real money and we had 25 players the other day. I came so close to being the winner but alas it was not to be. Maybe next time.

Most fun here are the 4x4 runs on the beach. There are miles of beach which we can drive on in either direction. The beaches are covered with shells, sea critter bones, and glass bottles. Needless to say, we all come home with the cars loaded down with stuff.

This is our fifth year at Rocky Point. The town has grown. We have a Wal-Mart, a Sam's Club, Ace Hardware, and grocery stores which take our Visa card. Many of the residents speak some English so it is easy for us to get around and communicate our needs to the people in the stores. We are making the rounds of all our favorite restaurants and discovering all the new ones.

Our stay here this year will be until early March. In years past we have come home early but this year we are going to stick out our entire time here, well that is what we plan to do anyway.

Jack & Leart

Arizona

From Earl and Carol Schroeder

Yesterday morning we departed the Phoenix Raceway parking lot where the annual Good Sam Rally was held. RV'ers attended from all over the US and Canada. About 2600 RV's were parked across the immense parking lot, plus maybe 400 non-RV vehicles (cars/pickups) had their special lot who may have attended for just one day or all four, called 'Drop-In Guests'. Do the math and about 6000 folks roamed the tracks' infield looking at new motorhomes plus maybe 100+ other vendors of RV 'stuff'. Rain was forecast for two days, but it stayed dry. But on Monday morning a huge weather front passed through the center of Arizona bringing needed spring rains which brought up the humidity and started the desert to 'green up'. That was yesterday. We drove thru Phoenix and south beyond Casa Grande where we camped for the evening. This morning we couldn't see 50 feet here in this AZ State campground. The fog was very dense, something very unusual here where the humidity may fall to under 10%, and that's dry. And the temp was 40 when the sun rose giving the fog an intense white glow to the new day. It's noontime, and it's all sunshine. Should hit 70 by mid-day. A very clear day with white puff-balls of clouds, a slight breeze, and no hint of a very wet yesterday. Hikers are roaming the hillsides looking at the new green desert plants. FYI: It's not yet hot enough to bring the snakes up from their underground winter habitat. It's got to be 80+ for at least a week before they wake up and look for a desert provided meal. I'd guess we've been visiting SE Arizona for nearly 19 years in Jan-Feb-March and have learned the names of the many different type of Cacti. Such as: 12 types of Cholla, 10 types of Prickly Pear, the mighty and



tall Saguaro, the Organ Pipe, 8 types of Hedgehog cacti, 15 Barrel cacti, and don't forget the Pincushion and Fishhook cacti. Many of these we can see outside our window, and more when we take our afternoon hike. Tomorrow we head west to visit friends in Yuma, and by March 15 we should be in Pahrump-Death Valley for another 5 day RV rally, then home bound, just in time to meet with our CPA and settle up with The IRS. Only 2 more BIG tanks of gas to get to Sisters, hoping the price stays below the \$2.50 mark. All is well. Bye for now,

Earl & Carol



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.

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