

# Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters

October 2015

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the banner photo shows we are well into fall with shorter days. The sun is barely up on the mountains outside the clubhouse as we start our meetings.

It official! We have started the new Kiwanis year 2015-2016. With great fanfare and celebration we installed a new set of officers and directors. And we thanked those who had served the club so well in the past year. Check out the awards and recognition on page 6-8. Our new President **Suzanne Carvlin** said it very well: "This will be a year to renew our focus on our core values. *To support our community with an emphasis on children and youth.*"



Outgoing President **Dave Cox** passes the gavel, the Presidency, and a hug to incoming president **Suzanne**. Congratulations and thank you both for your service

## Inspirational Thoughts Every Week

One of our great Kiwanis traditions at the start of every meeting is our invocation. Sometimes a prayer, sometimes a poem or a quotation. Under the able guidance of **Barb Bott**, a rotating group of seven presenters bring us something intriguing to ponder each week. Here's a recent contribution from **Naomi Rowe**.

### How To Be Happy

Are you almost disgusted with life little man?  
I'll tell you a wonderful trick,  
That will bring you contentment, if anything can,  
Do something for somebody, Quick!

Are you awfully tired with play little girl?  
Wearied, discouraged, and sick-  
I'll tell you the loveliest game in the world,  
Do something for somebody, Quick!

Though it rains like the rain of the flood, little man,  
And the clouds are forbidding and thick,  
You can make the sun shine in your soul little man,  
Do something for somebody, Quick!

Though the stars are like brass overhead, little girl,  
And the walks like a well heated brick,  
And earthly affairs in a terrible whirl,  
Do something for somebody, Quick!

Author unknown

# From the President



Dear Sisters Kiwanians,

Happy October!

I am excited to kick off a new Kiwanis year with all of you, our 37th for this wonderful club. You may wonder what I have cooking for this club of ours.

My main goal for this year is to build upon our club's mission:

"To support our community with an emphasis on children and youth."

It has been expressed to me by many of our members, both long-standing and new, that they joined this club to support our club mission through partnering with our local youth and working on projects that directly benefit the children of our Sisters Community. Many in our club want to be hands-on and see how their hard work can directly benefit a child.

This makes perfect sense to me. Our club's mission was the main reason that my husband and I joined this fine club as well. (That and a convincing dialogue with our sponsors, **Col. Bob and Pat Woollard.**)

We all understand how important it is to cultivate strength and leadership in our youth. With the alarming and accelerating rate of mass shootings in our country, particularly school shootings, where the perpetrators are practically children themselves and those who they are shooting are so innocent, it is even more important that we interact with our youth and show them that they are not alone. We need to show our kids that we care for them. We need to show our kids that we see their potential. We need to remind them that it is most important for all of our young people to respect human life and see that the role they have in this world is an important one. This should be our primary goal and focus: Our community's kids.

Kiwanis International is home to the largest youth-service programs in the world. Kiwanis' many local clubs empower elementary school students and teens to make an impact through service and leadership.

At Sisters High School, we have an outstanding new Key Club President: **Jackson Morgan.** I look forward to partnering with Jackson in involving the teens of Sisters to create an engaging atmosphere where they can contribute and feel supported and appreciated for their work.

If you have an idea on how we can serve our community's children, or if you would like to partner with our Sisters Key Club, or work on developing clubs in our elementary and middle schools, please let me know! Together, we can create a place where all children are acknowledged and supported.

It is my focus this year to light a fire under our club's mission on a daily basis. To see that everything that we do has a common goal: To continue to make Sisters a wonderful and safe place to grow up.

Thank you for re-dedicating yourself this year to the Sisters Kiwanis Club. I look forward to partnering with you and seeing what our club can achieve together.

Together, we WILL make a difference.

*President Suzanne*

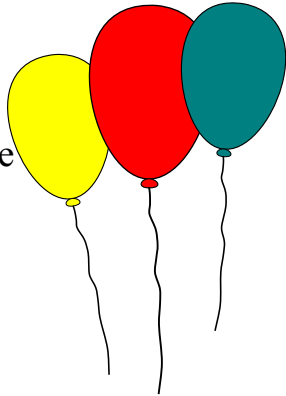
# Members



## MILESTONES for OCTOBER

### Birthdays

5th Suzy Ramsey  
6th Jerry Taylor  
7th Lance Trowbridge  
11th Bill Rainey  
16th Gary Cundiff  
22th Linda Walker  
27th Jim Horsley  
30th Dan Stearns  
31st Dave Marlow



### Wedding Anniversaries

12th John & Judy Troike 41 years  
14th Mike & Wendie Vermillion 37 years  
18th Jeff Omodt & Winnie St.John 35 years  
21st Scott & Liz McKittrick 36 years  
27th Dan & Marcy Jordan 25 years

### Club Anniversaries

1st Bruce Rognlien 1 year  
1st Allen Hull 1 year  
1st Bob Grooney 36 years  
1st Bill Anttila 1 year  
7th Warren Seaward 36 years  
25th Shauna Rocha 4 years

## Remembering Bob Woollard



As most of you have heard our dear friend and long time Kiwanian **Bob Woollard** passed away earlier this month. While we all have our special memories of times with “**Colonel Bob**”, the first comment from everyone

seems to be how he was always the first to volunteer and always with a smile, no matter what the task. With his wife **Pat** they became the Club’s interclub powerhouse. For years they have led the club to Round Robin Awards by organizing and attending at least 24 meetings (at least twice with the other six clubs in our division).

**Bob’s** life was about service done well. He and **Pat** moved to Sisters in 2009 after **Bob** had retired from a long career in the Army

with his last assignment at the Pentagon. Always an advocate for Veterans’ issues, **Bob’s** vet friends got to return

honor to their comrade by posting 10 flags on



his lawn on the day he passed. His memorial service in Sisters was October 16<sup>th</sup> followed with burial at the Veterans Cemetery in Portland. It was an honor to serve with you **Colonel Bob**, you will be missed. Thank you for your service to our country,



our community and our club. We salute you and **Pat** for all the lives you have touched.



# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### October

- 1 - President's Meeting
- 8 - Community Survey - Dave Cox
- 15 - Stu Garrett - Newberry Crater  
Natural History and Politics
- 22 - Isloda Hedmark - Black Butte Trail
- 29 - Halloween Party

### November

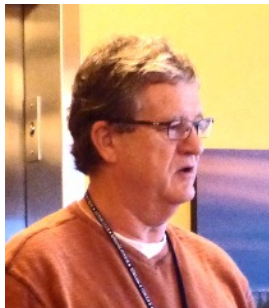
- 5 - President's Meeting
  - 12 - Jodi Winnwalker - Music Therapy
  - 19 - Shanon Rackowski - Darkness to Light
  - 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday NO MEETING
- (If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact Jim Horsley, and be sure to thank him for all that he has scheduled for us.)

## 14 Years in the Making

For those of you not fortunate enough to have attended the October 8th meeting you missed a landmark event for the weekly raffle drawing. When the weekly ticket was drawn, it was **Suzy**



**Ramsey**, who said "this is the first time in my 14 years in the club that my ticket was drawn." Woohoo A \$5.00 prize, lucky **Suzy**. When the deck of cards which had not yielded the joker in 34 weeks was offered for the Jackpot drawing, **Suzy** calmly drew a card, the Joker. Woohoo again! Really lucky **Suzy**, \$340.00 more. Congratulations. It's about time !



## New Leader for Program Speakers

After more than a year of arranging and presenting an extraordinary array of guest speakers and programs for our meetings, **May Fan** is

retiring from that task. But don't despair, one of our newest members has stepped up to the challenge. **Jim Horsley** will now be the program chairperson. It's a big job and can't be done by just one person. We all need to help **Jim** with ideas and leads for programs and speakers for the new year. Thank you again to **May** and thanks to **Jim** for taking the challenge.

## New Years is Dues Time

One of the facts we occasionally lose sight of as we go about our great local service activities, is that we are also part of the global Kiwanis



Club called Kiwanis International. **Jack McGilvary**, our club treasurer, recently took the time to share with the club how the dues we pay each year are distributed. He explained how it funds the world wide umbrella that Kiwanis International is to all Kiwanis Clubs around the world. Thanks, **Jack**!

# Projects



## Kiwanis House Gets Some Much Needed Maintenance



Gary Kutz (above right), our club's resident building engineer, identified a number of minor repair and painting projects that needed to be done at the Kiwanis House. So he planned the work and gathered a team of talented Kiwanian handypersons and set up several work sessions to get the job done. Volunteers included **Yoshi Furuya, Dave Marlow, Dan Stearns, Dave Roberts, John Troike** and others. Thank you all for getting the K-House back in shape and ready for winter!



## FOOD BANK RESULTS

SEPTEMBER 2015

Families Served-85

Adults- 174 Children- 62

Food boxes valuing \$14,302

19 Kiwanis volunteers

serving 117.5 hours.

10 Community volunteers

serving 55 hours.

## The Club Continues its Support of the Red Cross Blood Drives

**Naomi Rowe**

led her team of dedicated volunteer to help the Red Cross conduct another



successful Blood Bank Donation Drive at the Fire Hall. This drive was especially critical since supplies were seriously depleted with the demands caused by the shootings in Roseburg. **Naomi's** team this time included **Katie Powers, Jeff Omodt, Marcea Degregorio** and **Shirley Lalli**. **Shirley's** homemade treats were the hit of the donors.



**Marcea** managed a double-double both assisting other donors and donating double-red-cells herself too.

35 units of blood were collected in the six hour session. Thanks to the volunteers and to all the generous donors in the Sisters community.



# Awards & Recognition



## President's Awards (quoted from president Dave's speech at Installation & Awards)



### Rookie of the Year:

This award is given to a person who is thought to have been the most engaged new member. We have had nine new members this year who have all been great rookie candidates.

Last year this award went to **Roger Johnson**. This year's award goes to a go-getter that grabbed onto the SOS (Save Old Spectacles) program and helped gather hundreds of eyeglasses which will be re-purposed and reissued in the Philippines. The award goes to **BILL ANTTILA**.

### Spouse of the Year:

This award goes to a spouse of a Kiwanian that spends a great deal of time supporting the efforts of the Kiwanis Organization. Last year the award went to **Kris Calvin**. She is a pillar in the food bank, quietly, but decisively working to maintain the quality service that the food bank provides the Sisters community. For the second time, this award goes to **Cal's Allen's** spouse, **MARSHA ALLEN**.



### Project of the Year:

This award goes to the member that has worked long and hard to bring a major project to completion. Last year's award went to **Karen Keady**. For many, this year's choice was obvious. She not only organized the fantastic BB Challenge Race, she also was a leader helping the club develop our service day events and the social and installation ceremonies. This award goes to the highly deserving **SUZY RAMSEY**.

### President's Award:

This award goes to an individual that the President feels stood out by their participation in the club and who brought significant thought, process and structure to our activities. Past award members include **Kerry Bott**, **Jack McGilvary**, and **Gary Kutz**. This year's recipient has been seen working with the Taste of Sisters fund raising committee, Antique Sale, fixing up the K house, Board meetings, or making sure that the club has a steady flow of news releases and PR notices for the community newspapers. Please welcome **DAN STEARNS** to this group of honored recipients.



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## Presidents Awards

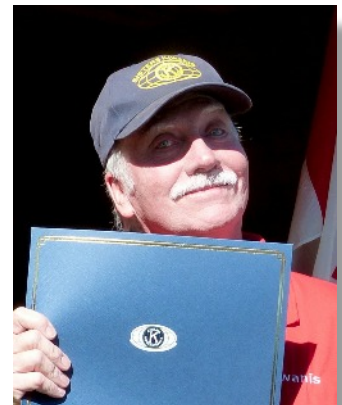


### Spark Plug Award:

The Spark Plug Award goes to a member that shown outstanding leadership and energy through their participation in club activities. This award has gone to **Suzanne Carvlin** and **Shirley Lalli** in past years. This person is another who seems to participate in all our club activities whether it be the highway clean up, Buckaroo breakfast, Antique Sale, RV Campout, Home to Share and the Sees Candies Sale This year's Spark Plug is **TOM KOPEC**.

### Spirit Award:

The Spirit Award goes to a fellow Kiwanian that demonstrates the Kiwanian spirit through consistent advocacy for Kiwanis around town and in the club. They also usually and proudly wear Kiwanis gear, talk up the club and communicating our club activities. In the past this award has gone to **Suzanne Carvlin**, **Michele Hammer** and **Jeff Omodt**. This years Spirit award goes, for a second year in a row, to **JEFF OMODT**, who simply produces one of the best, spirit filled, monthly newsletters in the District! *(ed. thanks, Dave)*



### Kiwanian of the Year:

The Kiwanian of the Year Award goes to a person in our organization that shows a long-term commitment to Kiwanis and provides leadership at all levels of the club. To this person, membership means much more than simply attending meetings. This person must be an outstanding member who drives activities and participates in many programs. Past recipients include club leaders like **Naomi Rowe**, **Dave Hiller**, and **Pat Woollard**. This year's recipient is a positive and enthusiastic force in the club whose compassion and volunteer spirit are known by all. And who else

would receive an Outstanding Secretary award from the District for 5 years in a row? This year the Kiwanian of the Year award goes to **JAN FAILING**.



# Awards & Recognition



## Special Awards from the Board of Directors

This year we have two other very special awards. These award winners were unanimously selected by a vote of the Board of Directors.



### Walter Zeller Award.

First, we have a 25 year member who consistently volunteers and pushes herself to be a superb Kiwanian. She has received numerous club awards in the past. From championing the Eliminate contributions to her exceptional pie bakes and coffee sales. The Board is proud to sponsor a Walter Zeller award through a gift of \$1,250 to the Eliminate program in honor of **Shirley Lalli**.

### Centennial Award.

We have another award called the Centennial Award created to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kiwanis. In this case, the Board unanimously voted to contribute \$1,500 to the Eliminate program in his honor. This recipient is a person who is a 24 year member, has been President, a life member, received both the Kiwanian of the Year and Spirit Awards, chaired many committees and brings wisdom and good judgement to his many terms of service on the Board of Directors. The Centennial Award is proudly presented to **Tom Worcester**.







**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 77 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:  
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