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SISTERS KIWANIS CLUB, SISTERS, OREGON

## JUST FOR FUN...

### **Breathe!**

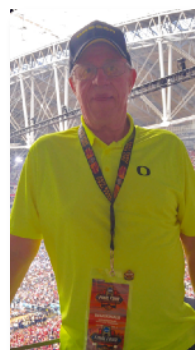
*My mom was visiting last week and she was wearing her new Apple watch. Every now and then it told her to "breathe." At first I thought this was silly, but then it started to make sense. Unless somebody reminds us, we don't often take a minute for ourselves. I've decided I need to schedule this time, just as I schedule my work chores, my volunteer time, and my other life "must dos." Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the things we have to do we forget to do things we want to do. Take time out of your busy schedule to reflect and appreciate what you have that is good and what makes you feel good. I've started a new morning ritual...I drink a cup of coffee, play a game on my iPhone, and pet Jack (my dog). Sometimes this lasts 10 minutes; sometimes 30. Regardless, it's my way of starting the day...peacefully. I've also learned that taking more time for myself actually makes me feel like I have more time to give. This doesn't make sense...it's like the busier we are the more we accomplish...but it's true, at least for me.*

*~from the Editor*

**Jim Smith**...is all settled in Tigard. He says "Thank you for the card. He felt honored to receive it & Chuck Kusminski sends along his hello."

I think **Jim Smith** said this at his last meeting with us... "The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision." (I know that's two things from Jim in a row, but that's just how it worked out this month. ;-)

I read this in the AAA "via" magazine..."Small-town celebrations - In 1932, merchants in Silverton, Ore., organized the **Kiwanis Pet Parade** to honor Bobbie, a Silverton collie that walked just over 2,000 miles home after being lost in Indiana."



FINAL FOUR (Phoenix)  
2017 Division I Men's Basketball  
Championship  
**Earl Armbruster** was in the house!

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**Kiwanis**  
SISTERS, OREGON

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

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*Letter from our President, Doug Wills*



## 7th LETTER

*Hi Fellow Kiwanians -*

*"The good news is nobody played an April Fools joke on us...right?"*

*We had interesting and thought provoking speakers. It was interesting to hear what the Deschutes Land Trust really does. They are doing a great job of preserving lands for future generations. Thank you for what you do. And of course, Katy and the folks from Sisters Folk Festival are always interesting. What a great event they put on and the support they provide for the music programs for the schools is great. They have helped put Sisters on the map and bring a lot of visitors. We heard a great update on a program that is done for the automotive training at the high school. Learning trades is really important. Thank you Ken for doing this.*

*May is the election of the new officers and board. I know we will have a great bunch of folks step up to keep our club moving forward.*

*Continue to have a great "spring" and thank you for all your help."*

*~ President Doug Wills*

### Next Board Meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017

**Time:** 4:30 pm

**225 N. Oak St. in Sisters**

**(at the Kiwanis "K" House)**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

# PROJECTS

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## VOLUNTEER - DONATE - FUNDRAISE



**"Come one, Come all; it's time to Hoot & Holler & have a Good Old Time participating in the Annual Sisters Rodeo Parade.**

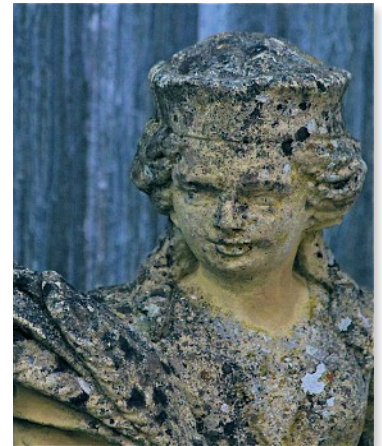
Bring your Families, Friends, Neighbors, & Friendly Dogs. Dress up in your best Western Garb, a Funny Costume, or come as you are. Decorated Bikes, Scooters or Wagons will be so very much appreciated. We need your smiling faces to help us promote our very own 38th Buckaroo Breakfast to be held June 11 at the Rodeo Grounds Entrance from 7-11am. On Parade Morning (June 10) we will meet

at the K-House at ~8:30am, then mosey on over to take our place in the parade line up. We will have some posters for folks to carry along with candy & flyers to pass out. Come early & get your choice of our Famous Egg or Bacon costumes along with a few new Very Stylish costumes to choose from. Our float will have **Liam Hughes** flipping hotcakes at a BBQ & a picnic table with seating for 6. We will also have bales of hay to sit on. So if you don't feel like walking & your kids or grandkids won't pull you in their little red wagons you can ride on the float. What we need is YOU to make this a Spectacular Parade!" - talk to **Lydia Kulus, Berni Nugget, or Patricia Woollard**

### Antiques & Bling Needed!

"Looking for small antique and vintage furniture (e.g., tables, chairs, prefer wooden items, vintage kitchen ware, old tools, decorative items, pictures framed or unframed.)"

- or ask **Jack or Leart McGilvary or Pamela Woodson**



Kiwanis Club of Sisters Presents:

**Run to the Top  
HOODOO  
CHALLENGE**

**Saturday - July 29, 2017 - 9 a.m.**

**Half Marathon Race with 1,035 ft. Climb**

The second annual half marathon for runners and walkers that starts at the Corbett Parking area off Hwy 20 and ends at the top of Hoodoo. The course follows scenic trails and ends with a 1,035 foot climb to the top of Hoodoo. There will be an after-race party at the Hoodoo Lodge parking area.

**Registration:** Sign up online at [ultrasignup.com](http://ultrasignup.com) or <http://tinyurl.com/HoodooChallenge2017>  
Entrance fee \$45 - After June 30th - \$60  
Final deadline for registration is July 22nd  
200 runner limit. Runners will be shuttled to the race start.

**Prizes:** First place men's and women's finishers will each receive a Season Pass to Hoodoo.  
Second place will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Fleet Feet.  
All participants will receive a 2-for-1 voucher for Hoodoo lift tickets.

**For more information contact: Matt Kirchoff 541-647-7586**

Proceeds benefit Sisters Kiwanis community projects & local scholarships.  
In partnership with Hoodoo and the U.S. Forest Service,  
McKenzie River Ranger District and Sisters Ranger District

**Run or Walk!!**

**for the Hoodoo challenge**

**Registration: Sign up online at  
[ultrasignup.com](http://ultrasignup.com) or**

**<http://tinyurl.com/HoodooChallenge2017>**

**Entrance fee \$45**

**- or ask Suzy Ramsey**



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## GOINGS ON

### Don't forget to get your Homebrew tickets!

Creekside Park in Sisters on June 3, 2017 from 1-6pm for a Saturday of "memorable beer, outstanding smoked meats, and great music!"

- or ask **Liam Hughes** or **Kathleen Blesius**



### JUST FOR FUN

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#### The 12 Laws of Karma

- 1) **Cause & Effect** - You will reap what you sow.
- 2) **Creation** - We create what we focus upon.
- 3) **Humility** - Accept what is, let go of what was, and work toward what will be.
- 4) **Growth** - We must change ourselves, not others in order to grow.
- 5) **Responsibility** - Our lives are the results of our actions.
- 6) **Connection** - Everything is connected and serves an equal purpose.
- 7) **Focus** - One cannot focus on good and bad at the same time.
- 8) **Giving** - The way we treat others proves our intentions.
- 9) **Here and Now** - All we ever have is this moment.
- 10) **Change** - Life gives us the same lessons until we learn them.
- 11) **Patience and Reward** - Good things come from hard work, faith, and determination.
- 12) **Significance and Inspiration** - We always get out of life what we put into it.

*~ Thank you for sharing  
Jan Failing!*

#### Food Bank March 2017

Families	92
Adults	184
Children 6-18	51
Children 0-5	14
Value	\$13,487.50
# of Volunteer Hours/# of Hours	
Kiwanis	9/125
Community	9/134

### AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

Liam Huges - President  
Doug Wills - Past President  
Patricia Woollard - President Elect  
Roxanne Lenahan - Secretary  
Jack McGilvary - Treasurer

New Board:  
Tom Hespe  
Suzy Ramsey  
Matt Kirchoff  
Kathleen Blesius

Continuing Board:  
Dan Stearns  
Dave Cox  
Roger Johnson  
Conner Bates

## GOINGS ON

### Kiwanis Awards Career Grant

## Kiwanis awards career grant

Diedre Jones of Sisters was recently awarded a Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund (COF) grant to pay for training as a medical radiology technician.

Sisters Kiwanis awards grants to Sisters-area adults who are seeking a career change. The COF assists adults (25 or older) who are financially unable to return to school or retrain for a career change.

Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$55,000 in assistance to help Sisters-area residents reach their educational dreams.

Jones will enroll at Linn-Benton Community College to learn her new profession. Linn-Benton offers a distance education program in diagnostic imaging that will enable Diedre to remain in Sisters while she completes the 22-month program. She will take classes online through FaceTime and do the clinical work at local medical imaging labs.

Diedre says that her goal is to work in the medical field that will provide her a life-long stable profession with a higher income than she currently makes. She also emphasized that without the financial support from Kiwanis it would be quite



PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Kiwanian Tom Worcester presents a grant to Diedre Jones.

difficult to get started in the program.

The COF provides assistance to start, augment or complete a career that may include vocational, technical, artistic or general fields of study. Funds are available to qualified residents within the Sisters area regardless of age, gender, disability, marital status, race or current occupation. Kiwanis does not set limitations on potential use of the award.

COF applications are available on the Kiwanis website: ([sisterskiwanis.org/about-us/career-opportunity-fund](http://sisterskiwanis.org/about-us/career-opportunity-fund)), at the Sisters Habitat

for Humanity office, from Family Access Network or by calling 541-410-2870.

To donate to the COF, make checks payable to Sisters Kiwanis COF and mail to Sisters Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1296, Sisters, OR, 97759.

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# MEMBERS (WHO WE ARE...)

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*From the start I have asked members to share their stories with me. Yoshi sent me the following. I can't imagine how much time it took him to put this together. Thank you so much for sharing Yoshi! I truly appreciate your efforts and I am honored that you are willing to share your life history with all of us!!  
Very Sincerely, Kathleen*

## **"Yoshinori (Yoshi) Furuya** (from the beginning of my existence)

### **1. Birth date: December 27, 1946**

I was born 1 year and 4 months after the very end of the second world war. Baby boomers begin at Japan a year after my birth. Because I remember explosion of number of classes at elementary schools just after my grade.

### **2. Place of Birth: Itami-city, Hyogo-prefecture, Japan**

Itami is located northwest of Osaka. There was a US air-force base at Itami. And it was the sole air field at that time around Osaka, Kyoto, and Kobe. So, I grew up seeing US occupation on daily bases.

### **3. Religion**

My family's religion is traditionally Buddhism so, I grew up chanting Buddhism prayer with family at home. Eventually, a curiosity started growing up about Christianity in my mind at the age of my high school period and I start reading books. Concluded contacting Catholic church and then Baptism. Before Baptism, the church asked me to discuss about it with the family. For my mother, it's like a thunderclap but, she was more comprehensive about faith as a very personal matter.

### **4. Education**

My last schooling was at Sophia University, Tokyo. I was a bit older than average of other students since I had to deviate schooling, start working because of economic situation. After college, I went to Nova Scotia, Canada, at a Jesuit university, there was a short course about social development through cooperative. It was 1976. And she was there, too. Who?? Oh, Cecilia, my wife taking same course. So, we met there.

### **5. Marriage**

We got married in Itami, Japan, January 4, 1978. Cecilia went there since I had asked her to do so. I couldn't imagine Cecilia, a south American, living in Japan where her newly married husband absent from home till 9 to 10 PM, every day. So, I told her after marriage we would move to Ecuador so she would be living very near to her family. So, she went to Japan and we got married there so my family could see her, know and like her.



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## Yoshinori (Yoshi) Furuya (cont.)

### 6. Living in Ecuador

After about a month of our marriage, we moved to Ecuador. We started our living at Cuenca, where Cecilia's parents and all of her 5 siblings living there. About first 3 years, our living was very hard, especially for me since I had to learn Spanish at first. I had struggled to obtain enough money to sustain family living, it's my obligation. Our first daughter had born December 1978, 3 years later, our second daughter. And 2 years later, our son. We got totally 3 kids in our marriage. After about 3 years of my struggling, Japanese consulate called me saying a Japanese trading company is looking for a Japanese to work for them. For working for them, we had to move to Guayaquil, Ecuadorian's seaport town. As we had already struggled 3 years, we accepted it and moved to Guayaquil. At first just me, because our second daughter was about to arrive to our lives. About 3 months after the second daughter's birth, my family moved to Guayaquil to live with me. We lived there about 7 years. After that we decided to work as an independent agent bases. As the company started exigent to me to work as in Japan, I didn't want keep working for them living in Ecuador. If I was to work as other Japanese do living in Japan, I wouldn't move to Ecuador at first hand. So, we moved to Cuenca again, in 1989, and started working as an independent agent. As I looked for to amplify my line of products, a Japanese rubber industry, car tires, accepting my offer to work for them. Two years later, a Taiwanese tire company, too. Our business as independent agent starting to solidify. Around 1993, we started receiving high school exchange students from Montana to our home. There was a private volunteer based, yearly exchange program between Cuenca and Bozeman. It's the beginning of relationship between my family and Montana. Once, a high school teacher at Three Forks, west of Bozeman, joined students from Bozeman and stayed at our home. A week later, her husband Dr. Harry Frits joined group and stayed at our home with his wife. He was a chairman of dept. of history at University of Montana, Missoula at that time. It was 1996 and that year our oldest daughter was graduation from high school. Dr. Frits invited my daughter to study at the University of Montana. As a young girl, she obviously wanted to go there. I said to her, go there and if you liked, you can keep studying there, if not you can come back. She had not decided yet what major to take for study at that time and I said her she can take economics as she is so good at mathematics and with economics she can learn about human nature. And a year later she can decide what major she take. She followed my suggestion and liked it very much. So, she kept economics as her major. After graduating at Missoula, she went to John Hopkins to study international economics for master degree. Nothing of those had been in my planning for our children's education. Our family finance started bleedings.

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## April Birthdays

3 - Bob Grooney

5 - Susan Windell

8 - Doug Wills

11 - Ronald Mohler

15 - Jan Failing

16 - Cindy Rainey

## May Birthdays

7 - May Fan

11 - Jeff McDonald

15 - David Huni

22 - Jim Smith

27 - Chris Carolin

## "K" Club April Anniversaries

1 - Bill Spezza

1 - Tom Worcester

5 - Susan Windell

11 - Suzy Ramsey

20 - Michael Robillard

21 - Kathleen Blesius

23 - Berni Hugget

## "K" Club May Anniversaries

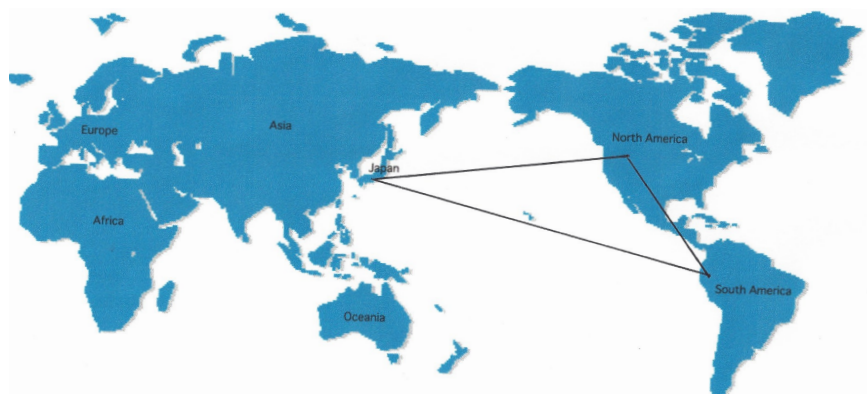
7 - John Troike

25 - Naomi Rowe

31 - Jeff McDonald

## Yoshinori (Yoshi) Furuya (cont.)

Three years later our second daughter just imagined, she also was going there for college. How we could say no to her, if oldest went there. It's simply not fair for her. Two year later, our son, he was to Bozeman. After graduating at Missoula, our oldest daughter got married to a guy from Nebraska. Our second daughter, after graduating, she worked as for internship at Alabama, then at Lake Tahoe area and then got married to a guy from Iowa. Our son, the last one, the company he worked as for internship, wanted him to keep working for them and applied working visa for him. He also got married later but to an Ecuadorian girl. He actually went there for two years to get a girl who wants to marry him. All three of our kids were going to stay here in U.S., so our kids proposed us to move to U.S. We were not so old, but not for so long. And for our grandchildren, it supposed to be some of them, Especially Cecilia would like to be here to be near to them. First of our grandkid came to this world in 2006. Now we got totally six grandkids. So, we agreed to them and applied for resident visa. We just simply imagined it would take about 10 years for visa process. But we were wrong, it came in three years. So, I was forced to retire to move here in December 2008. In September 2008, there was also Lehman Brothers financial scandal. It was too much for us, too. It's for us now ninth year living here. In 2011, Bob Walters sponsored me and got inducted to Kiwanis. It's my sixth year now."





# JOIN US!

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## Speaker's Calendar

Apr 6 - President's Meeting

Apr 13 - Jana Hemphill,  
Deschutes Land Trust

Apr 20 - Katy Yoder and Kerani  
Mitchell from Sisters Folk  
Festival

Apr 27 - Ken Mays with Sisters  
High School automotive  
technology class

## April

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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May 4 - President's Meeting

May 11 - Lester and Agnes  
Hendrie, Coralign

May 18 - Jen Binks with Habitat  
for Humanity

May 25 - Jim Hammond, Solar  
Eclipse

## May

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

## Our Sisters Kiwanis Purpose and Mission:

The 72 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.com](http://www.sisterskiwanis.com)

*Sisters Kiwanis*

*We Celebrate Service!*

*We invite you to join us - every Thursday morning.*

*Coffee @ 7:00am / Meeting @ 7:30am*

*Aspen Lakes, Brand33*



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## OFFICERS & COMMITTEES 2016-17

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