

S I S K I W A N
Kiwanis Club of Sisters, Oregon
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This is a newsletter **looking for an editor** who will produce timely news to the members of the club.

NEW TYPE OF CLUB: Following a request from Cindy Crowther Lt. Gov. the board of directors voted to sponsor the Cascadia Club which is a new type of club that does not hold meetings as we do, but instead meet in a "Chat room" via internet connections. The club will have officers that will develop projects including fund raisers and service projects. One example would be a fund-raiser to have money to award scholarships to high school graduates. This new club will have a large territory including the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. The \$500 cost to be a sponsor did not come from our club's funds, because it was offset by Cindy who donated the contribution we made to her to help her with the cost of being the Lt. Governor. Cindy said, "She wanted our club to be a sponsor because she admires our commitment to serve the community where we live.

Cindy was voted an "Honorary Member" of our club which will help us meet the requirements of an "inter-club meeting whenever she is also present at a function such as a convention or a visit to another club when we have only three members present.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our club assisted the American Red Cross during their blood drive October 20th. Naomi assisted by Barbara, Sheryl, Lance and Vern helped register the donors and the technicians who drew the blood. Naomi announced the next collection

will be Jan. 5, 2009 at the new fire hall. We should all consider donating blood and a volunteer this time or during some other collection day. "It's a good thing to do".

SEE'S CANDY SALES: Jack and J.C. announced that our second largest fund-raiser is the sale of See's Candy. The trailer donated by Dorn RV Sales will be placed at Ray's Fine Foods Market again this year. We will need most members participation in order to fill all the time slots that the trailer will be open for sales. We will be selling candy during 31 days which means that there are 62 shifts to cover. Sales begin November 22nd and end on December 24th. The member who sells the most candy during their shift will receive from Ray's Market a \$50 gift certificate to be redeemed at the market. "Thank you Jeff!" The sign up board will be at each of our meetings

PRESIDENTS AWARD: Past President Tay presented the President's Award to Doug Stevens for his work on the Siskiwan and Web Site. "Doug, the job is still open!" Doug continues as the Web Master for our club during Barbara's term of office.

SMART: Jean Nolander, Chairperson for the "Start Making a Reader Today" program reminded the members that the program which is a one on one connection with a child in grades Kindergarten to third grades meet with a volunteer who reads to the child or has the child read to them. The meetings are at the Sisters Elementary School. Members are reminded that they must check in first at the office before meeting their assigned child. This limited time spend with a caring adult can be "priceless to the child" and their development as a person. See Jean if you are interested in being a volunteer.

NEW MEMBERS: We are fortunate to have added to our membership twelve new members within the past few months. The new members are listed in this summer's issue of the Kiwanis Bulletin. They are: Joy Caswell, Eli Drost, Troy Gusick, Sheryl McLaughlin, Earl Schroeder, Lance Trowbridge, and Andrew Wright. Two more members were added last month. My apology to those whose names were not listed.

VACANT BOARD POSITION FILLED: Earl Schroeder was elected to complete the term as a member of the Board of Directors replacing Grant who is automatically on the board as the President Elect for next Kiwanis year. "Thank you Earl!"

DUCK REPORT: Each week we have a report from Earl Armbruster concerning how the Ducks performed the weekend before and his predictions on how they will do the next weekend. At our Halloween meeting Earl stood up to give his report and to the amusement of everyone present he had on a full head mask of a duck. I think he should wear it every week during his report. "It would make the presentation much easier for the Beavers in attendance".

SISTERS HIGH SCHOOL: Did you know that 84% of Sisters High School students participate some kind of activity such as sports, clubs, etc. We learned this from our speaker Bill the La Cross coach.

KEY CLUB: Emily Rawls is the President of the Key Club at the high school. She attends most of our meetings. She informed the members that they have good attendances at the meetings and they are in the process of formatting fund-raiser and service projects.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP: If you have driving along highway 20 since October 11th you will have noticed

how clean the shoulders are thanks to Linda Walker and her 16 volunteer members and Key Club kids.

HORSESHOES: Did you know that Grant and Warrant won the horseshoe contest at the Social Installation event?

FOOD BANK: The most significant service project our club has is the distribution of free food those in the community who are in "need". Garth Tosello, Chairman reported that

FOOD SHARE: Barbara Johnson and David Hiller reported that the Christmas Food Share program will be held at the Sisters High School on December 21 and 22nd. They will need a lot of help from the members to make this another successful year so meaningful to those in need.

FREE FOOD: Ray's Fine Foods Market just began a free food giveaway. You can win free food by shopping at the market. Whenever the total of your purchase reaches \$25 you will be entered into the contest at the cash register and if you are a winner a gift certificate will be awarded then. Also you can enter a contest via email each day by logging onto RAYSGIVEAWAY.COM. Winners will receive free groceries for a year a \$2,600 value.

CITY ENTRANCE SIGN: Jeff McDonald reported that the entrance sign to Sisters was pressure washed, paint touched up and sealed. This is an annual project our club performs for the community.

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS: Michael Robillard announced the following schedule of programs for our meeting:

Nov. 13th O.T.Shaw "The Value of Physical Fitness

Nov. 20th Bill Anthony of USFS

Nov. 27th Thanksgiving

Dec. 4th Presidents meeting

Dec. 11th Ward, status of SOAR

Dec. 25th Christmas

Jan. 1st New Years Day

Jan. 8-29th Open If you have a suggestion let Cal,

Tom or Al know who you would like to Present a program.

THEY WALK AMONG US AND THEY VOTED.

One day while a group was walking along a beach one of the party yelled, "Look at that dead bird!" One of the group looked up into the sky and said, "Where?"

A lady I know has a life saving tool in her car to cut the seat belt or break a window if she gets trapped in the vehicle. She keeps it in the trunk.

Did you hear about the guy who couldn't find his luggage at the airport baggage area? He went to the lost luggage area office and told the woman there that his bags never showed up. She smiled and told him not to worry because she was a trained professional and that he was in good hands. "Now", she ask him, "Has your plan arrived yet?" She voted too.

If you would like to be spared from this trivia see me and I'll assign you as the new editor

By the way. The new Rays Fine Foods has its grand opening on November 12th.