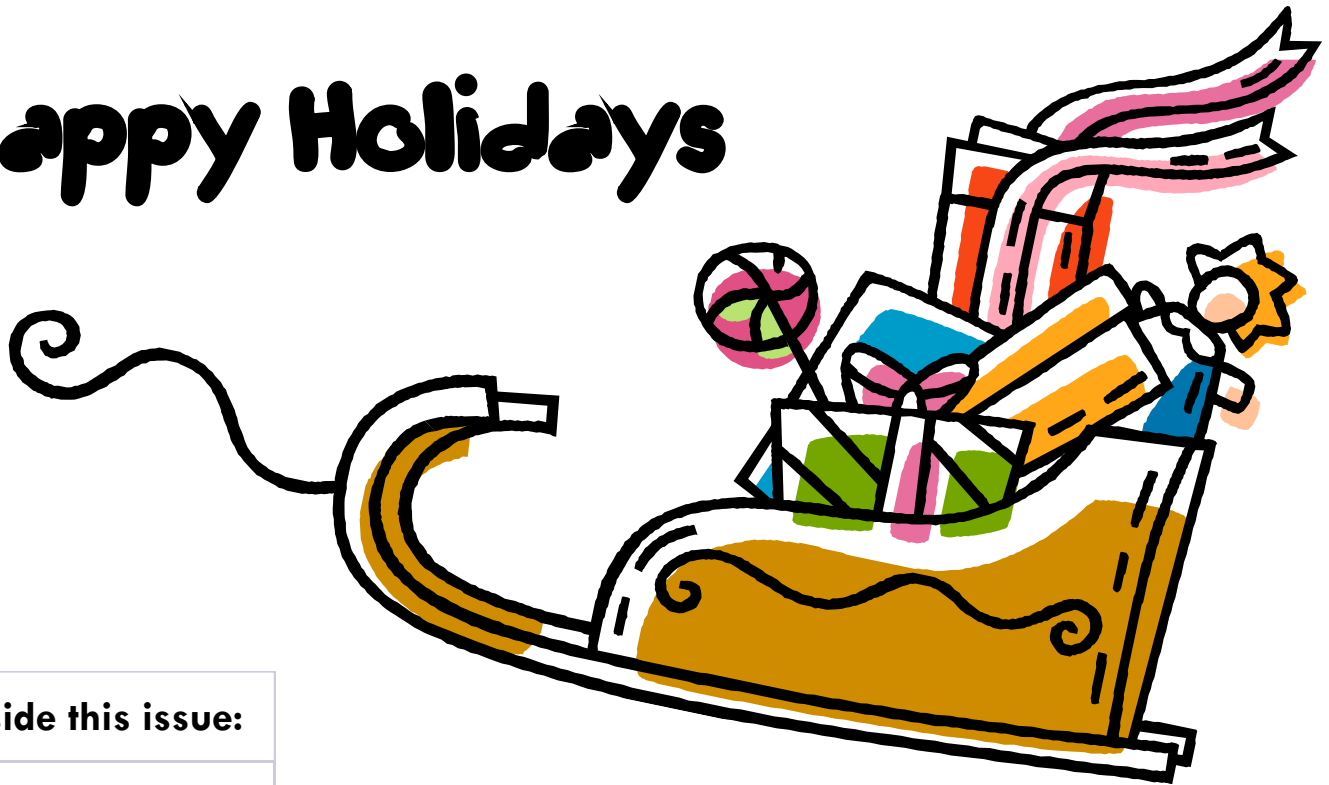


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Happy Holidays



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See's Candies Sale Needs Our Help!!!

Our club needs your help!. Candy sales are lagging behind last years totals. You can help by reminding your friends, neighbors, and family to stop buy and pick up a box of fresh See's Candies for the holidays.

Going to a party, take a box of See's Candies with your, having a party, set out a box and watch them disappear. Come in a buy a box for yourself and one to share.

Let's make this sale a big success.



This candy sale is one of our major fund raisers for the club and we need an all out effort for it to be successful this year.



"Serving the children of the World"

President's Message

By Grant Cyrus

Hello Fellow Kiwanians,

I am looking forward to the upcoming year and working with such great people to serve our community. There is great need in our community and we have an opportunity to make a significant difference.

There are a few people I would like to take a moment to recognize specifically for their efforts. We have many people who do extraordinary things for our club and our community and I hope to be able to write about that over the coming months.

This month, I would like to specifically recognize **Troy Gusick** for his work in painting the interior of the Kiwanis House. This goes a long way in making the space more welcoming. **Dave Roberts** is doing some great things with the house and is leading the charge to establish long term plans for the building.

Naomi Rowe is also deserving of our gratitude for the many things she does behind the scenes. She is a great example of what a Kiwanian should be.

Thank you Board of Directors who recently finished up their term: **Tom Worcester, Jeff McDonald, Michael Robillard, and Vern Renner.**

As always, **Dave Huni** deserves a big thank you for all of his efforts not only in putting out this great newsletter, but for all of his hard work keeping the website updated.

Together In Service,
Grant Cyrus

Special Upcoming Events

The Cascade Horizon Band invites you to its Holiday Concert directed by Sue Steiger, Sunday, December 13, 2009, 2:00 p.m. at Mountain View High School 2755 NE 27th St., Bend Free to all. Donations accepted.

A January concert is planned for Sisters on January 31 at 2:00 pm at Sisters High School

Milestones - Birthdays, Anniversaries and Such

Birthdays for December

- 12th - Doug Stevens
- 31st - Michele Hammer



Birthdays for January

- 6th - Scott McKittrick
- 14th - Michael Robillard
- 29th - Pat Woollard

Anniversaries for December

- Dave and Julia Huni
15 years on the 9th
- Troy and Shauna Gusick
34 years on the 27th
- Tay and Sharon Robertson
35 years on the 28th
- Vern and Kati Renner
31 years on the 30th

Anniversaries for January

- Bill and Mickey Duehren
53 years on the 19th
- Al and Fran Boyette
53 years on the 27th



Mike Baynes Named Every Day Hero

We could not miss this opportunity to recognize a person who has touched so many people in the course of his teaching career.

Mike Baynes started teaching in 1992 and is in his 33rd year of teaching, with 18 years at Sisters High School.

Here are a few highlights:

For approximately the last 10 years or so, Mike and Family Access Network have organized "Empty Bowls." -- a charity event for FAN. Mike, his students, and many potters in Sisters and Central Oregon donate bowls for this and this has been a wonderful way of giving to the community.

For the last 13 years, or so, Mike and the leadership class and supervisor have organized the Coffee House. It is a money-maker for art scholarships, but also a way to highlight the art and music students and their talents to the community.

Mike has had students who have continued on in art as a profession and others who have been influenced by Mike. These students continue to contact him and be connected to him, which says a lot about his love of teaching, the love he has for his students and the lasting friendships that have sprung from this.

About the Award...

Each and every day people in our community go out and do the things that need to be done simply because they need to be done. They ask for nothing in return. They are the EVERYDAY HEROES in our society. Some of them are members of your club, many of them are not.

Originated as a Governor's Project in 1998-1999 by Governor Jerry St. George, the Everyday Hero program asks that all clubs seek out the Everyday Heroes of their community, bring them to a club meeting or other public gathering and recognize their contribution by awarding them an Everyday Hero certificate and/or medal. In this way, Kiwanis can thank them for what they do to make life better for others and the community better for all of us.



Marcy DeGregorio tells us about the great work of Every Day Hero Mike Baynes



Kiwanian Trip Report

By David Roberts

While visiting California this past week I took the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Napa Morning Kiwanis club. Although never a member of this particular club I have attended many of their functions and meetings over the last twenty years and many members are well known to me and some are close friends. It is always a pleasure to return and catch up with local news.

In some respects this club is similar to our own Sisters Kiwanis. The club meets early on a Thursday morning at a local restaurant where most but not all partake of breakfast. The head count is roughly the same number as that of the Sisters club, and many of the existing members were there two decades ago when I first visited!

The routine is much the same, the salute to the flag, invocation, and patriotic song, followed by reports, fines and a guest speaker. As I do not sing (even in the shower) I get to listen and therefore can judge with some impartiality the rendition of God Bless America.

By my standards, the singing at the Sisters Club beats the Napa Morning Club. I won't comment further on that topic!

By chance the Program Director for the Napa Valley Food Bank attended the same meeting and after the formalities were completed I had a chance to talk with her about the Valley program and recent problems. It occurred to me that Sisters Kiwanis members might be interested in the story.

The NVFB services a county of about 180,000 residents so is a huge undertaking, well established and a lot of history. But size is no guaranty of immunity from sudden and unexpected catastrophe.

With very little warning a small problem became a big problem. Rodents gained access to the building and the quality of the food became compromised. Due to the age of the building it was determined that making the structure 100% rodent proof would cost thousands of dollars, more money then either the landlord or the food bank were willing or able to raise.

Measures were taken in an attempt to control the problem but to no avail. The local health authorities had no choice but to close down the facility. It was the correct call but nevertheless created havoc and much disruption.

Without access to another facility containing sufficient space and refrigeration for the whole operation, the food bank was forced to

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splinter into several locations with the administration being run out of the Director’s house. All that happened in the Spring of this year.

It quickly became clear that no suitable facility capable of housing the entire operation was available in the valley, refrigeration being the biggest issue. Moving the original old equipment was going to be very expensive and of doubtful value but to obtain new equipment, rent a suitable space and consolidate all the inventory would cost an estimated \$100,000, maybe more.

Fortunately for all concerned, the Napa Valley has a high average per capita income, and many well-established foundations. Once the emergency became known a major fund-raising push quickly netted in excess of \$80,000.

The NVFB secured warehouse space and brand new large refrigeration units purchased. The inventory has now been consolidated and just in time for Christmas the brand new recently installed refrigeration units should be working.

The unfortunate circumstances that led to the closing of the old food bank building are now history and NVFB has a new facility that will serve them well for years to come.

Just another example of a ‘can do’ spirit and the generosity of citizens coming together to make something happen. One of many American attributes that few other countries in the World can match.

The moral of the story is that nothing is forever. The Sisters food bank is miniscule compared those found in larger locations and if for some reason our converted garage were forced to close, finding a new home may not prove difficult. Or would it?

Maybe some discussion and thought should be given to ‘what if’ something happened without warning. Having a back up plan is a good thing and like the Scouts would say, “Always be prepared”.

David, in the Napa Valley, December 4, 2009

**Food Bank
Stats for November**

Families Served: 114
Adults: 235
Children 6-18: 137
Children 0-6: 26
Value: \$12,175
Meals: 3,582
Volunteers: 19 Kiwanis
17 Community
Volunteer Hours: 110.5



Interclub News

By Pat Woollard

The first Interclub of the 2009-2010 year was a great success. Nine members from Sisters were present at the Bend Kiwanis meeting held at noon, Nov. 16, 2009. The lunch meeting was at the Kings Buffet which serves a Chinese buffet. The guest speaker was Nate Miller. He talked about and showed slides from the "Day to Remember" program he and his wife supervise. This is a faith-based program of the In His Wakes Ministries Inc. which is centered around water sports. It is an effective way of outreaching to inner city kids, focusing on improving self-esteem. He organizes approximately 60 events across the nation, over a 5 month period. During the winter off-months, he lives in Bend and works from his home. Locally, Nate has provided his outreach to the J Bar J Ranch, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Girls and Boys Clubs. Currently, all of the operating funds are provided by private donations. For more information on this program, you may go to www.inhiswakes.com or email Nate at nate@inhiswakes.com.



Pictured are back row: Cpt. Sean Nixon, Bend Kiwanis president, Earl Schroeder, Naomi Rowe, Gary Cundiff, Sheryl McLaughlin, Gary Kutz and front row: Davina Luz, Bill Duehren, Bob and Pat Woollard

Holiday Shopping Smarts

By Vern Renner

At this time of the year criminals are busy doing their Christmas shoplifting and other crimes such as this new one I just learned about.

When a person locks their car doors

with a remote key control there are some criminals who have a electronic device to catch the signal. They watch for people to lock their car with the remote and then leave the area.

The criminal us-

ing their device unlocks the car door and enters to steal anything worthwhile. So it's best to lock the car doors with the key which will not send out a signal that could be captured.

One should also always cover items worth stealing keeping them out of sight or better yet put them in the locked trunk.

Lastly, avoid parking in a remote area where it's easy for a thief to work.

Sisters Youths Help Feed Hungry

...From the Nugget Newspaper

Sisters youths have stepped up to feed the hungry in their community. Cub Scout Pack 139 made their third annual trek to the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank to donate two wagon-loads of food raised through a food drive at Sisters Elementary School.

"The families of the school respond really well," said den leader Gaye Woomer. "This year the donations were a little less than last year. Due to economics, I'm not surprised. Families were still very generous with their giving."

Meanwhile, Sisters Middle School students participated in their third annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Family Access Network (FAN).

Each homeroom collected items on a grocery list to create a complete Thanksgiving meal for one family in the Sisters community. The goal this year was to feed 16 families.

The school's leadership class made a special food delivery to FAN on Friday.



Cub Scouts delivered food to the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank. photo by Earl Schroeder

Eagle Scout Project Progressing

Seth Flanders' Eagle Scout project of rebuilding the Buckaroo Breakfast tables at the rodeo grounds is progressing well. With the help of Dave Marlowe, Rick Davidson and a few other Kiwanians the tables are now fully assembled and waiting for the warmth of Spring in Central Oregon to be painted. If you get a chance, pull over and take a look at the work Seth and his crews have done. THANKS SETH!

Key Club

None are prouder of this year's Key Club than faculty advisor Michele Hammer. Membership is at a record 40 students which is the largest in recent history. Officers are Amanda Norman - President, Clair Kanzig - VP, Tia Seibold - Secretary, Olivia Miller - Treasurer and Conor Greaney - Community Relations. The Club is busy with their food drive going on at SHS from 12/7 through 12/17. They are collecting non-perishable food items, toiletry items and dog and cat food supporting our Food Share effort.



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<http://picasaweb.google.com/SistersKiwanis>

Upcoming Speakers

Dec 10 - Jim Smith on New Arizona Memorial Video at Pearl Harbor

Dec 17 - Tay Robertson on his European Vacation

Dec 24 - NO MEETING

Dec 31 - Cal Allen on the Sex Life of Kokanee Salmon

Jan 7 - President's Meeting

Weekly Meetings Thursdays at Aspen Lakes in the upstairs Conference room

Upcoming Events

Nov 21 - 24 Dec 09 - See's Candies Sale

Dec 22-23 Holiday Food Share

Dec 31 - Kiwanis Board Meeting, 4:30 pm Ray's Food Place

Jan 4th - Blood Drive , 1-6pm Sisters Fire Hall

Sep 2010 - Kiwanis Peanut Day Fundraiser



Our Purpose and Mission:

Kiwanis is an organization for men and women who want to improve their communities through participation in service projects of LOCAL, national and international importance. In all programs, participation is the key word for service by members. Weekly business meetings include presentations on a variety of interesting topics. In its three-decade history, Sisters Kiwanis has been involved in the development and support of many community organizations, including Scouts, Campfire, Little League, organized soccer, Habitat for Humanity, and Sisters Park and Recreation District (formerly SOAR) to name just a few. In addition, Kiwanis volunteers maintain and staff the community food bank, which provides emergency food boxes for less fortunate citizens in the area. Kiwanis also has provided park-type benches throughout the city, and built a playground apparatus at the main city park in Sisters. The organization was a major contributor to the city's new ball field complex. Individual Kiwanis members have had leadership roles in many civic and cultural organizations in Sisters, helping provide continuity in the growth of the community through the Kiwanis motto, "Service to the community with an emphasis on youth".
