



# The Siskiwan

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Tom Worcester received the Hixon Award at the November 5th meeting.

## Tom Worcester Receives Hixon

Past President Barbara Johnson had some unfinished business to attend to last Thursday--awarding long time member and big time club contributor Tom Worcester a Hixon Award.

Tom has been a Jack-of-all-trades for Kiwanis in his many years with the Club. He served as Club President in 1992-93 and has been on more committees and work parties than one can shake a stick at. Just this past year, he returned to Membership Chair when Doug Roberts had to step down to help care for his ailing wife. And this year, like many in the past, Tom has been a leader in bringing in new members.

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## First Evening Program A Great Success

More than 60 people including 15 Kiwanians listened Oct. 21 as Sisters' resident naturalist, Jim Anderson spun his tales of working wildlife and people's interaction with it.

Titled Coyote, Wolf and Human, Anderson's subject for the initial program is "An Eclectic Visit with a Northwest Naturalist." The free program will be held in the Community Hall at the Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire Department. Light refreshments will be served.

Kiwanis is developing the evening series because of the awareness that Sisters has a wealth of potential presentations worthy of longer time and a broader audience than is available at the Kiwanis Club's regular Thursday morning meetings.

Anderson, whose work appears regularly in The Nugget, was a recent speaker at Kiwanis, where he was accompanied by a Great Horned Owl. His entertaining and enlightening appearance stimulated Kiwanis to attempt a new public format for such programs.

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*"Serving the children of the World"*

## Tom Worcester continued...

Together with Al Boyette, Tom helped start up the successful new evening program just last month. Tom says he's going to back off a little in the coming year, but I think that is yet to be seen.

About the Award--The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees created the George F. Hixson Fellowship in 1983 to honor the

first Kiwanis International President. Hixson, who served from 1916 to 1918, holds the distinction of being the only leader to serve two terms as Kiwanis International President. Overall, his record accounts for more than 50 years of dedication to Kiwanis service.



# Congratulations Tom!

## Cell Phone for Soldiers Program "Simply Outstanding"

Cell Phones for Soldiers was started in April 2004 by 13 year-old Brittany Bergquist and her 12 year-old brother, Robbie, of Norwell, Massachusetts. After reading a news report about a local soldier who ran up a huge phone bill calling home from Iraq, they decided they wanted to do something to help. Brittany and Robbie donated their piggy bank money and collected snack money from their friends at school. With \$21.00, they went to the bank to open an account. The South Shore Savings Bank of Hanover, Massachusetts, donated \$500.00 to help them get

started. Their goal is to provide every military personnel with prepaid calling cards, with an ultimate goal of providing satellite phones, video and VOIP communicating equipment on overseas bases. They have delivered over 500,000 calling cards and raised over \$2 million in donations.

Cell phones are collected and sent to ReCellular for recycling. The amount received for recycling is used to buy pre-paid calling cards for military personnel in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and other parts of the world.

You can drop off your cell phones at Susan's Cleaners in the Three Wind Shopping Center, Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm.

Almost 1,500 cell phones have been sent from the cleaners. Each cell phone is worth at least one hour's conversation. The newer the phone, of course, the more value and more calling time.



## Member News

- Pat Woollard has received her regular member badge after completing all orientation requirements.



Pat Woollard

## Young Children Priority One - Healthy Beginnings

Jeanne Nolander, Director for YCPO, had the pleasure of presenting the first check of 2009-2010 to Healthy Beginnings in Bend on Nov 5th. The

help our volunteers screened 19 Sisters area children. Healthy Beginnings

healthy and prepared to learn. Our work fosters healthy, nurtured children, families and com-



group of specialists and general practitioners, with the

believes that all children should enter kindergarten

munities by bringing accessible physical, developmental and



Holly Remer, Executive Director, Healthy Beginnings speaks about the value of our donation.

behavioral screenings to children from birth through age five.

## CPR Anytime

How appropriate is it that Kiwanis Member and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Tay Roberts was able to present a check for \$750 to his Fire Marshall Dave Wheeler to carry on

a program at Sisters Middle School to teach CPR to 7th Graders. Started last year, students get instruction in their health class and are then given the kits to take home

and share learning with their families. The overall goal of this effort is to increase the number of Sisters area residents capable of providing life-saving support to a person in need.



Pictured -- a CPR Anytime

## Kiwanis Remembers

By David Roberts

On November 11th we will remember the fallen veterans of many foreign wars. It is of course a memorial day designed to remind us of the many sacrifices so many have made in order that we, the survivors, can enjoy the good life and continue to pursue our desires in a place of freedom and safety.

The 1918 date for the event was originally selected to correspond with the official ending of hostilities between opposing forces in the Great War and was known as Armistice Day. After a relatively short time of peace a second large conflict erupted in Europe and shortly thereafter the first Great War became known as World War I and the second conflict as World War II.

When peace was eventually achieved, November 11th became the date to remember the fallen of both wars. In the United States the designation of the remembrance day was changed to Veteran's Day and it has become a day to remember the fallen American servicemen of all foreign wars.

One way or another we all have links to people who served their country in a time of need and in many cases will have a relative, neighbor or friend who was one of the fallen. It is fitting we take time to remember their sacrifice.

It is also perhaps an opportunity to remember a fallen comrade from another type of service. In this context we refer to the great people who were members of Kiwanis. Some years past the Kiwanis Club of Sisters adopted a program to honor members who departed this earth while in service to the club and the community. The Sisters club commemorates the passing of a member by donating a bench to be placed at a convenient location around the City of Sisters so that residents and tourists have a place to sit and rest if the need and desire so dictates.

Each bench carries a plaque identifying a departed club member. As nature took its inevitable course the number of donated benches has grown over the years and there are now some 21 located strategically around the City.

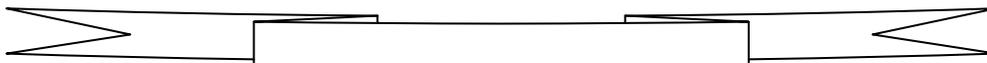
On November 11th, take time to remember the fallen servicemen of past wars, they deserve that consideration. But on other days of the year as you perambulate the sidewalks of Sisters, take a moment to read the inscription on a nearby bench and remember for a moment that the person commemorated was a person like you.

A proud local volunteer member of the Kiwanis Club of Sisters who served the community with one objective, to make our little corner of the World a better place by helping those less fortunate.

Their efforts helped create the Kiwanis Club of Sisters we know today. It is our responsibility and our duty to make sure the club continues the objective of serving the community and to improve the club in any way we can.

October 24, 2009

Written to acknowledge all those commemorated by our club but with a special thought for Neil Koch, Veteran and Kiwanian, who left us this year.



## President's Message

By Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo

If you're reading this article, thank you. Perusing your Kiwanis magazine is an indication of an admirable level of commitment to the organization. It's my hope that, during the 2009–10 year, you'll share that commitment with current and prospective members. How can you share your commitment?

**Focus on service.** Set an example by contributing time toward a current project's success. Has your club actively conducted a service project to involve as many mem-

bers as possible within the past seven weeks? If not, why not? Regarding a new project, suggest that your club address a new community need. Sharing your commitment in this way could result in your club making new strides in service.

**Motivate.** Encourage fellow Kiwanians to share their commitment by inviting new members into the club. Remind them that someone once shared Kiwanis with them. Return that kindness by sponsoring a new member into

your club in 2009. Ensure that new members receive the proper orientation and a meaningful induction. Get them involved and active.

Build their commitment so they'll share Kiwanis too! Thanks for your time and commitment. Your involvement is important to Kiwanis International, but it's even more important to the children and to the communities served by your Kiwanis club. Share your commitment!

## Committee News

- We are looking for a volunteer to step up and replace Cal Allen as lead for Programs. Cal has done a Yeoman's job over the last 4-5 years organizing the speaker schedule.
- We are also looking for chairpersons for the Interclub and Historian positions. Interested? Please let President Grant know.
- Highway Cleanup was Saturday, Oct 3, 2009 14 folks including 3 Key Clubbers helped
- Clemens Park: The new split rail fence is in, the memorial rock was delivered and placed, and the monument plaque has been ordered and is due in approximately two weeks. Solid Rock in Sisters is donating the grinding of the memorial rock to place the plaque. Dave Marlowe presented options for a play system to the Club Board at the end of October. Funding strategies and sources continue to be examined.
- Membership applications have been placed on our website. If you need to grab some for a perspective club member, head over to: [http://www.sisterskiwanis.org/Join\\_Us.html](http://www.sisterskiwanis.org/Join_Us.html) and download the member application and profile forms.
- Food Bank now takes delivery on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 3:30pm (vs Fridays). Please come out and lend us your hands for an hour and help put the delivery away.
- Last, but certainly not least, See Candies sales start Nov 21st and run through Dec 24th. Thanks to all who signed up for shifts!



*Take a look at our online photo albums:*

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

## Community News



Dawn Cooper thanks Kiwanis for use of the Career Opportunity Fund.

### Food Bank Stats for October

**Families Served: 123**  
**Adults: 255**  
**Children 6-18: 114**  
**Children 0-6: 25**  
**Value: \$12,515**  
**Meals: 3,546**  
**Volunteers: 18 Kiwanis**  
**26 Community**  
**Volunteer Hours: 129.5**

## Eagle Scout Project Progressing

Seth Flanders has started his Eagle Scout project of rebuilding the Buckaroo Breakfast tables at the rodeo grounds.

He has organized work parties for most Saturdays at the rodeo grounds from 10:00 to 2:00. All Kiwanians are welcome to come out and help. Just bring work gloves, cordless drill, crescent wrench, safety glasses and a sack lunch.

The plan is to disassemble the existing tables, drill new post holes (there will be a Bobcat with auger to drill holes) for a second post next to each existing post and get ready to pour concrete (pouring scheduled for Nov 11/10am). Seth would like to have a work party each Saturday until project complete or weathered out.

If anyone is available and willing to come out and help, Seth would really appreciate it.

## Key Club

This year the Key Club will play a big part in the Food Drive competition at SHS. A special assembly has been set aside for Sisters Kiwanis President Grant Cyrus to come speak about the Holiday Food Share and the Food Bank. The Club will also hold a dance in December to raise money to attend the annual convention in Seattle. Between \$200 and \$250 must be raised per attendee. The convention is March 25-29, 2010. All participants must be registered by the end of January.



## “OUR HOUSE”: a quick status report

By David Roberts

The front room of our Kiwanis house has received a complete coat of fresh paint thanks to some hard work by one of our members. It is now bright and cheerful and a more pleasant place to be. Troy Gusick who donated his time and did a great job is a painting contractor by trade, so if you need something brightened up inside or out you know where to find him.

Thanks to a donation we now have another refrigerator in the annex. Just in time, as the number of people requiring our help and the amount of food we need to refrigerate is growing substantially compared to past years.

At the last Kiwanis meeting Jeff McDonald offered the club a large oval conference table sans legs! Fortunately Michele Hammer who attended the same meeting suggested we might receive help from the High School wood shop to get the table “back on it’s feet”, and this avenue will be explored.

We are also working toward getting blue tablecloths to cover the existing folding tables presently in the front room of the house. Jan Failing stepped forward and has taken on this challenge.

The net result is the gradual improvement of the Kiwanis House interior. We still have a way to go but at least progress is being made. Stop by sometime and see the new color scheme, it will “brighten your day”.

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## Milestones - Birthdays, Anniversaries and Such

### Birthdays for November

8th - Linda Bafford

13th - Jeanne Nolander

27th - Carole Davis

28th - Chuck Kuzminski

29th - Marilyn Mumey

### Birthdays for December

12th - Doug Stevens

31st - Michele Hammer

### Anniversaries for November

Marcea and Lou DeGregorio

5 years on the 4th

Kerry and Barbara Bott

31 years on the 10th

Don and Dorro Watson

21 years on the 11th

Peter and Janet Storton

39 years on the 14th

JT and Jan Taylor

40 years on the 26th

Dave and Laurine Clemens

41 years on the 27th

### 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

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## Upcoming Speakers

Nov 5 - President's Meeting

Nov 12 - Brad and Terri Thode, NASA's Role in Education

Nov 19 - Don Pollard, GFP Enterprises, Katrina and Aftermath

Nov 26 - THANKSGIVING - No Meeting

Dec 3 - 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

Nov 18 - Kiwanis Board Meeting, *NEW TIME*, 4:30 pm Ray's Food Place

Dec 22-23 Holiday Food Share

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".

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