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Part of the view outside our meeting room that greets us *more* Thursday mornings than not--Mt. Washington shrouded in clouds & a harvest moon.

Photo by Dave Huni

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“Serving the children of the World”

Kiwanis

By T. C. Lyster

Kiwanis isn't just a club
Where old friends come to meet,
Nor getaway from office woes –
Some “secret lunch retreat”.

Our members have a common cause
That binds us all as one,
A willingness to share our time
So projects can be done

That benefit this world of ours
And give a “hand” to others,
Whose road is not as smooth as ours,
‘though they are still our brothers.

Some members only give their time,
While some can help with money,
And working as a close-knit team
Make other's days more “sunny”.

We help to build our public parks,
Support our nation's youth,
We help the bell of freedom ring
For liberty and truth.

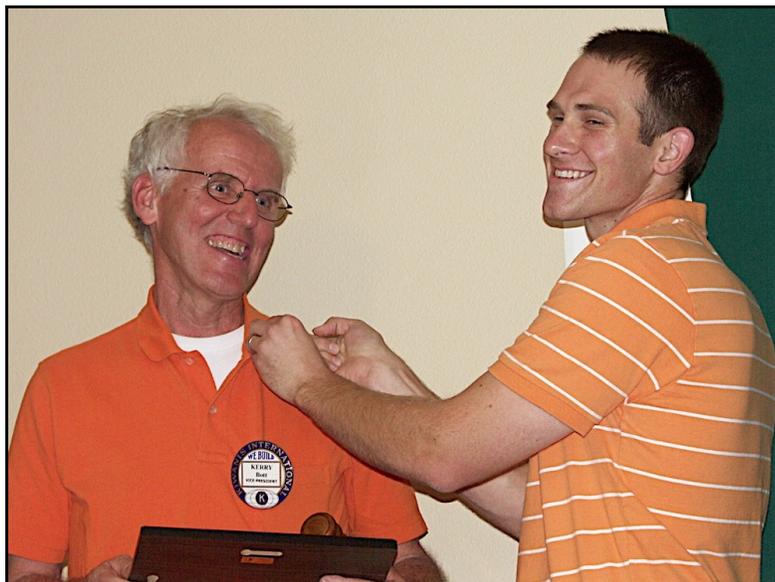
We give assistance to the old,
The homeless and the poor,
In ways that help them bear their load
Of troubles they endure.

We stand for family values,
High morals, honor, truth;
A strong belief and faith in God
That's passed on to our youth.

Now these are not just empty words,
Not just something we say –
It's by our actions that we prove
The right to wear the “K”.

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Installation/Annual Award News



Past President Grant Cyrus handed over the reins to **President Kerry Bott** at Sunday's Installation Ceremony and Silent Auction at David and Karen Roberts' home. In addition to the installation of new officers, annual awards were handed out:

- **Rookie of the Year, Patricia Woollard**
- **Spouse of the Year, Marsha Allen**
- **Project of the Year, Kiwanis House Renovation, David Roberts**
- **President's Award, Jack McGilvary**
- **Spark Plug of the Year, Dave Huni**
- **Spirit Award, Jan Failing**
- **Kiwanian of the Year, Jeff McDonald**





INSTALLATION COLLAGE

Kiwanis House News

By David Roberts

With the end of another Kiwanis year it would be a good time to review the progress made on the renovation of 'our' house, and perhaps be bold enough to outline some ideas for 2011.

From the outset we knew that we could never renovate the house to 2010 building codes, the building is just too old. But replacing the building was not an option and selling the property neither practical or desirable.

Consequently, our renovation though limited in scope, was focused on making the interior of the building a more desirable place for those members who volunteer so much time every week in the support of the community food bank, and other Kiwanis functions.

With the help of many volunteers the interior of the house was cleared of much clutter, walls were painted, pictures and plaques hung, lights repaired and best of all a new carpet installed. The transformation has had a very beneficial effect for our members and thanks are due all the people who became involved with the project in one way or another.

There is always a risk when naming those who helped that with the project someone will be accidentally left off the list. However, that risk should not inhibit the writer from trying to identify the many members who spent time working on the project.



The 1st Board Meeting in a long time at our K-House. Many thanks to Troy Gusick who spent time painting both the large rooms, walls and ceilings. What a difference a fresh coat of paint made.

Thanks to several ladies of the club, including Jan Falling, Naomi Roe, Linda Walker, Barbara Johnson, and others for cleaning the furniture and tables. And a special thanks to Jan for finding material to make table coverings.

Food Bank Stats for September

Families Served: 113

Adults: 249

Children 6-18: 101

Children 0-6: 16

Value: \$14,017

Meals: 3,294

Volunteers: 18 Kiwanis

17 Community

Volunteer Hours: 126

Linda Bafford acquired shelving units that are now installed for food bank use, **Earl Schroeder** hung some of the plaques and pictures and **Karen Roberts** provided the bookcase to hold the club history books.

We now have another shadow box thanks to **Jeff McDonald** and on the covered porch a new donation box thanks to **Tony Crosby** and the High School wood shop.

The **Board of Directors** voted to fund a new carpet and thanks to **Gary Cundiff** and a band of movers this was purchased and installed, transforming the interior visually and much improving the aroma inside the building!

There is also a brand new vacuum cleaner just waiting for volunteers to show up and run it around the new carpet.



The new concrete pad and fence for our recycling bin.

On the outside **Dave Marlow, Rick Davidson**, reinstalled our large Kiwanis sign and a good friend of Kiwanis named Bear Gray carefully renovated all the lettering.

Dave Hiller and Gary Frazee spent time deciding on the design of the new cement ramp and pad, and Dave hired the contractor and oversaw the completion of that project. A new fence to hide the cardboard waste container was installed by **Dave Hiller and Dave Marlow and Warren** coated the fence with a wood preserver.

It should be noted that the club got a big boost when the **City of Sisters** included the Oak Street side of the property in the new sidewalk and road paving project. As a result we have nice new sidewalks all around the building, nice new striped parking areas and a landscaped corner albeit rather plain. One day in the future we will have a new street lamp installed.



The new concrete ramp and repainted/sealed Kiwanis sign.

It was very encouraging to see how many members rallied in support of the renovation project and hopefully we can harness all that interest and energy next year when we tackle some landscaping around the perimeter of the property.

For some reason it was decided the writer should receive a Kiwanis project recognition plaque for his role in the renovation. Not sure it was really deserved but it was appreciated.

Thanks.

David C. Roberts, October 2010

Every Day Hero Selected



Bear Gray poses with Naomi and Gary after receiving his Every Day Hero award on Sept 30th.

Once upon a time there was a Big Man. A big guy with a big heart He has the heart of a B E A R. And of all things, he grew into the name his mother gave him: Donald "BEAR" Gray Born over 7 decades ago in LA, California, eventually arriving here in Sisters in 1987.

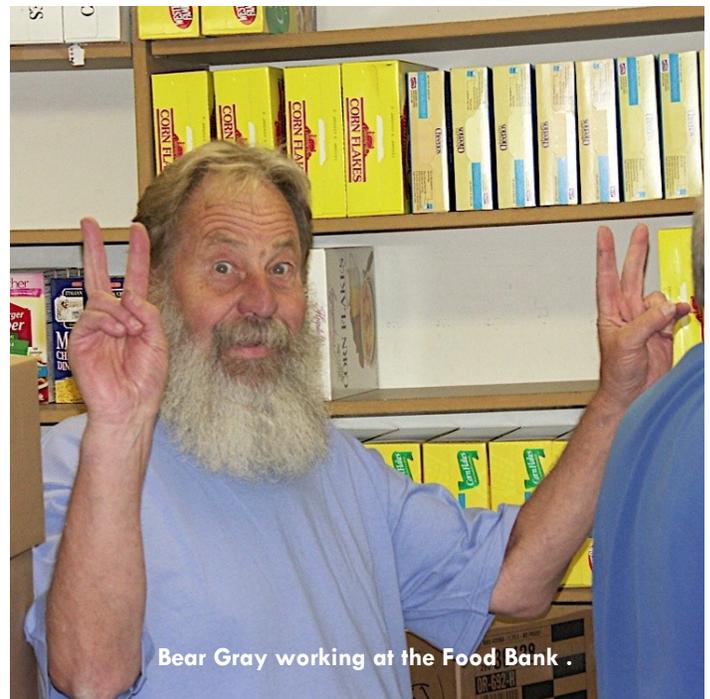
Mary, his wife of 17 years, says "He's a unique individual. Sort of like a Timex Watch - He just keeps on ticking."

By trade, he's a sign maker, a real artist. But he's a lot more than that. He's a Giver ! And the City of Sisters has been the benefactor.

Some 5 years ago, the 'Welcome To Sisters' sign was falling apart. Jeff McDonald and the Kiwanis Club all thought we needed to replace the sign. Lumber was donated, and Bear went to work crafting a beautiful sign, which tells all that we are proud of our city. The lettering

organized a Cruise-In for classic automobiles. This was the origin of what we now know as Sisters 'Glory Days' Car Show. Thanks to Bear, from Jeri at the Chamber of Commerce, for all his efforts.

And, last, but not least, Bear works tirelessly



Bear Gray working at the Food Bank .

needed repainting this summer, and guess who did the work. BEAR

About 3 years ago, the Village Green Park had a Veterans Memorial rock installed. Bear was there helping mix up tons of concrete for the rock to be set. Gary Freeze says Thanks.

Also, about the same time, all on his own he

every Thursday at our Kiwanis Food Bank. Naomi says "He's pretty much my right arm at the Food Bank. Always ready to help with every phase. And all of the Food Bank customers love this big ole Bear' too."

And lest we forget, the sign out in front of the Kiwanis House has been the work of our Everyday Hero, THE BEAR.



President Grant, Warren Seaward, Earl Schroeder and Diane Davis court pose for Jeff McDonald after re-staining the sign.

Membership

- Sadly, long time Kiwanian Charlie Blake passed away Sunday morning at the age of 83. Charlie joined the club in February of 1992 and was involved with the club for 16 years. A service in his honor will be held at the Episcopal Church of Sisters at 2 p.m. on Sunday 17 October.



Pat Woollard may have gone over to the other side... =>

Committee News

- Cell Phones for Soldiers: Susan Windell says we've sent 1,585 phones to date. The new location at Sisters Electronics (old Radio Shack) is great. Tom has a bunch more already. Cheers!
- Highway 20 clean-up was accomplished with 14 folks--collected record 40 bags of trash
- The Oct 4th Blood Drive collected 45 units!!! Congrats to Naomi and the support team!
- Key Club meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday's at noon in the SHS Education Resource Center



Milestones - Birthdays, Anniversaries and Such

Birthdays for October

5th - Suzy Ramsey
6th - J.T. Taylor
16th - Gary Cundiff
22nd - Linda Walker
26th - Riley McHugh
31st - Dave Marlow

Anniversaries for October

Scott & Elizabeth McKittrick
31 years on the 21st

Birthdays for November

4th - Grant Cyrus
8th - Linda Bafford
13th - Jeanne Nolander
27th - Carole Davis
28th Chuck Kuzminski

Anniversaries for November

Barbara and Kerry Bott
32 years on the 10th
Don Watson & Dorro Sokol
22 years on the 11th
Peter & Janet Storton
40 years on the 14th
Dave & Laurine Clemens
42 years on the 27th



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Dave Huni
Michele Hammer
Riley McHugh
May Fan
Tay Robertson
Patricia Woollard
Marcea DeGregorio

Key Club Pres: Conor Greaney

District 78 Officials:
Lt Gov: Jim Underhill
K.C. Lt Gov: Amanda Norman

Upcoming Speakers

Oct 14 David Perkins on SHS China Trip

Oct 21 Antiques Roadshow - Mollie W.

Oct 28 Keaton Myrick, Watchmaker

Weekly Breakfast Meetings Thursdays at Aspen Lakes, 7 AM

Upcoming Events

Oct 28 - Inter-club trip to Prineville

Nov 8 - Inter-club trip to Bend

Nov 20 - Dec 24 - See's Candies Sale

Dec 15 - Inter-club trip to Redmond

Dec 21-23 - Christmas Food Share Distribution Sisters ES

For most current info about dates/times, visit us on the web at:

http://www.sisterskiwanis.org/Club_Calendar.html



We're on the Web!

www.sisterskiwanis.org

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".