

THE SISKIWAN

SISTERS KIWANIS CLUB, SISTERS, OREGON

See's Candies Sale

It was another tough year for candy sales for the Club. We missed our budget of \$5,000 (profit) by about \$360 which also represents about \$1,500 less in actual candy sales. If it were not for the wise actions of project lead, Jack McGilvary, the club might well have been stuck with extra inventory. Jack, however anticipated the downturn and fortunately ordered less candy. As a result, we sold out a few days early, but realized all the profit from selling the candy we received from the supplier. This year's result was the lowest on record and was about 50% of the level earned in 2005. The only trend noted this year was that few businesses seemed to be buying gifts for their employees--a sure sign we are still in tough economic times in Sisters Country.

See's
CANDIES®



And, they're Off!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Christmas was considerably merrier for **221** Sisters families, thanks to a combined community effort to feed folks in need, along with their pets, and to provide gifts for youngsters.

The **Sisters Kiwanis Christmas Food Share** program has for years

provided Christmas dinner with all the trimmings to families in need. The Furry Friends Pet Food Drive has taken care of the needs of these families' pets, while Sisters firefighters have led a toy drive to bring holiday cheer to Sisters youth.

See more pics on page 4...



BILL DAKIN: The Club lost a friend in Bill Dakin as he passed away January 6th after a long struggle with his health. A memorial celebration will be held later in the year.



FOOD SHARE: Behind the scenes, prepped and ready for the Food Share to come, David Hiller and Sheryl McLaughlin organized a logistical event that would rival many.



SEE'S CANDIES: Past President Kerry Bott is seen on duty at the See's Candies sale at Ray's sometime in Dec. The event raised nearly \$4,700 for our programs.

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Great Start to a New Year

FROM THE PREZ - JAN 2012

Hi all,

Happy 2012. It's time to make some more of those ever popular New Year's resolutions. I can't decide whether I'm going to make new ones or just dust off the old ones and try again.

As I was thinking about resolutions for our club for the year, we really just need one, "Keep up the great work!". What could be better than giving help to our community through the Holiday Food Share? And then ongoing help throughout

the year with our food bank? Add to that all the children's health and safety programs and our scholarships. We have a lot to be proud of.

One of our District Governor Claudell King's guidelines to all the clubs is to make this the year of "MAS". It means more in Spanish and also stands for **Membership, Awareness, and Service**. He challenges all the Kiwanis Clubs in the Pacific Northwest District to do more in each of those three areas.



Mike Vermillion is congratulated by Prez Jeff on his induction into the club on January 5th. Prez Jeff said that he was glad they could finally see eye to eye.

How do we measure up, for our first three months?

Membership: Well we are certainly off to a phenomenal start on the "more membership" front with five terrific new members in just the past three months. And some other prospects in the wings.

Awareness: Our holiday food share is one of our most visible events. And with Dave Huni's great PR efforts and the Nugget Newspaper, our Awareness is at a highest point of the year.

Service: This is probably our greatest untapped opportunity. As we increase Membership and Awareness we have new resources and capabilities that should allow us to find and provide more service opportunities. We already do a lot, and we do it very well, but we have not added any significant new service projects for quite some time. So let's resolve to start this New Year with a look around our amazing community to see where and how we can do even more.

Thank you for all you do.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Jeff

Food Bank

December 2011

Families	114
Adults	231
Children 6-18	92
Children 0-6	18
Value	\$13,029
Volunteer Hours:	
Kiwanis: 15 folks / 98 hours	
Community: 23 folks / 76 hrs	

“Who have you invited to come to Kiwanis this week?”

by **Dave Huni**

Editor

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Our club does so much good for the community, why wouldn't someone want to join? Maybe that someone doesn't know about Kiwanis. Maybe that someone needs to be invited. Recruiting new members is about sharing the Kiwanis message, telling of our club experience and asking them to join us in service.

So why do I have such a hard time asking folks to join us? Most the time, I make assumptions that my friend will not make room in their life for Kiwanis. This is silly given that until I was asked, I never gave a moment's thought that I'd be a member. It was not until I saw the energy and enthusiasm for life our membership

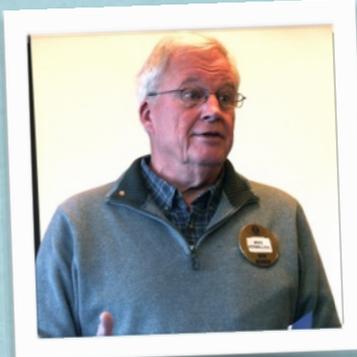
has at a Thursday morning meeting and later that same day helping out at the Food Bank that I got an inkling this was someplace I needed to be.

Do you know someone with a unique talent or gift? Our club needs you to invite them to check us out.

NEW MEMBERS



Prez Jeff (center) gives a group hug to new members **Bill and Cindy Rainey** last month.



Mike Vermillion tells us a bit about himself after receiving his New Member badge on Jan 5th.



Karen Keady is excited to be a new member and that **David Roberts** has finally got her name right!



What does Kiwanis mean? The name "Kiwanis" means "**we trade**" or "**we share our talents**" and was coined from an American Indian expression: Nunc Kee-wanis

MILESTONES

January Birthdays

- 6th - Scott McKittrick
- 14th - Michael Robillard
- 27th - Suzanne Carvlin
- 29th - Patricia Woollard

January Anniversaries

- Yoshi & Cecilia Furuya
34 years on the 4th
- Bill & Mickey Duehren
55 years on the 19th
- Al & Fran Boyette
55 years on the 27th



February Birthdays

- 2nd - Earl Armbruster
- 4th - Ardie Winters
- 5th - Bob Woollard
- 12th - Tom Worcester
- 14th - John Ferguson
- 20th - Tom Fish
- 21st - Bob Helwig
- 23rd - Barbara Bott

February Anniversaries

- Michael & Tammy Robillard
18 years on the 5th





NUMBERS
 Families Served Meals
221
 Children who received gifts through the Spirit of Christmas Giving Tree
286



Sisters Food Bank, a short history

by Tom Worcester

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS TO SERVING OVER 200 FAMILY MEMBERS A MONTH, THE LITTLE HOUSE THAT COULD, KEEPS TRUCKIN'

Backed by a \$3,000 grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program, Kiwanis Club of Sisters in 1983 launched what arguably can be considered it's most important service to the community of Sisters: the Kiwanis Food Bank.



Club members strip the roofing in prep for new shingles in Oct 1992 shortly after acquiring the K-House.

Eighteen families received emergency rations that first year, and when the initial grant money was spent, local residents and members donated \$800 in cash and hundreds of dollars more in food supplies to keep the program in place.

The following year, enough support had been developed by Kiwanis to provide food boxes for 26 families during the 1984 Christmas season. Recognizing the on-going need for emergency food year around, Kiwanis extended the program to make food available during the rest of the year as well as Christmas.

Initially, food was stored in space provided by the Sisters Volunteer Fire Department, and Club members agreed to serve on a distribution committee. The Information and Referral Center located in the fire department agreed to be the contact point for local residents. In 1985, Kiwanis provided about \$1,000 of club funds for the project, and club members donated 300 man hours delivering food and driving more than 1,200 miles to make deliveries. That year the Kiwanis Food Bank joined the Oregon Food Share (OFS), providing a source of food that allowed Kiwanians

to deliver food boxes to 58 local families. OFS food supplies were augmented by generous donations of cash and food by Kiwanis members, local individuals, and Sisters area churches.

But, it was obvious in 1985 that the Food Bank had out grown the fire department space. Larger quarters were found in the basement of what then was the Sisters Middle School, and the Food Bank was moved in May, 1986.

The growth of Sisters and the surrounding area served by the Food Bank (defined as the Sisters School District) continued in the latter part of the 80's and early 90's, and the Kiwanis Board of Directors seized an opportunity in 1992 to purchase an aging house at the corner of Oak and Main Streets. Once again the Food Bank had new quarters, this time the garage on the property. Members renovated the garage and the Club purchased additional freezers and refrigerators to provide both dry and cold storage for food supplies.



A new roof & paint went on the storage building in 1994.

The Kiwanis Board approved purchase of a temporary building on the property in 2001 to give additional storage space.

In 2011, the economic recession has caused a substantial increase of families in need, but government food supplies have decreased markedly and the food purchases necessary to sustain the operation also have risen dramatically. As record numbers of people served both in monthly distributions and the Christmas Food Share program, the Club continues to reach out to the community for both cash and food donations.

The challenge continues!

K-House Update

by David Roberts

K-House Manager

NEW LANDSCAPING, A FLAG POLE, & TONS OF FOOD THIS PAST YEAR--WHAT DOES 2012 HOLD FOR THE K-HOUSE?

Our tenant (Saving Grace) has moved out of the small office in the back of the Kiwanis house and it has now been turned over to Jan and Hank Failing for use as an examination room for the MTI dental program that Kiwanis now supports. It is just what the Failings' wanted and they not only helped the old tenant move out but also set up the room in time for the December Dental van visit. I'm sure the dental clients are as pleased as we are with the new arrangement.

Our new flag pole is now in place thanks to Earl Schroeder. Once the Christmas lights are removed the flag needs to be removed and only used when the Kiwanis house is in use by the food bank volunteers.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 17th - Interclub with SHS Key Club

Jan 25th - Interclub with Redmond Kiwanis Juniper Golf Course

Feb 6th - Interclub with Bend Kiwanis (King's Buffet) Tentative

Feb 9th - Interclub with Prineville Kiwanis (Meadowlakes Golf Course) Tentative



Sorting the Food Donations



Time for a Social



by Dave Huni

Time to fulfill that New Year's Resolution to jump in and take charge--time to eat right and make new friends--time to connect.

A HEART WARMER

Vern Renner's old club in San Carlos is firing up their Winter with a Soup Social this January, why shouldn't we join them?

When President Jeff and I created the club survey last year, one response we got loud and clear was that **folks wanted more social events** involving spouses (and food). Putting that call for action into play, we put socials into the club budget (roughly one per

season), got approval from the Board and set aside funding from our Administrative account (not from donations) that would ensure we were capable of having a good time getting to know each other better :)

Now, here is where you come in--**we'd like some folks to take the idea and run with it.**

This includes finding a venue, setting the date and grabbing a few club friends to help out. As this was conceived as a soup potluck and BYOB event, there should not be a lot of extra details and supplies to chase down.

Here's your chance to bring an end to someone's Winter doldrums in Sisters--be a leader for our club today and volunteer to put together this event today--I can already taste the soup, fresh bread and wine. Can you?

1. Winter Soup Social
2. Summer BBQ
3. RV Outing
4. Fall Installation
5. Volunteer Appreciation



RV OUTING -- JUNE 15-17
Contact Dave Marlow for more information about the event. To make a reservation, contact Sandy at Belknap Springs:

541-822-3512



Quote of the Month

Future. That period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true and our happiness is assured.

- Ambrose Bierce

The term snowbird is used to describe people from the Northern U.S. who spend a large portion of winter in warmer locales such as California, Arizona, Florida, Texas, the Carolinas, or elsewhere along the Sun Belt region of the southern and southwest United States, Mexico, and areas of the Caribbean.

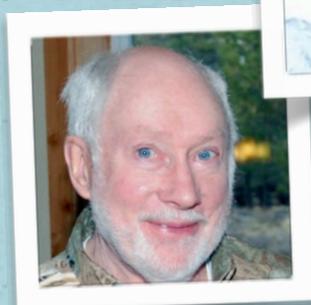
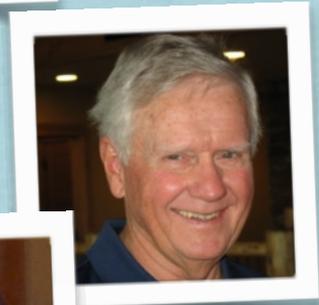
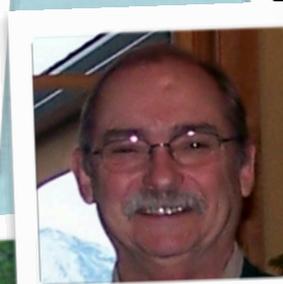
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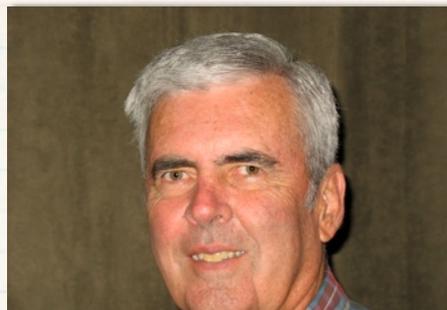
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Every Winter our club shrinks as those adverse to snow and this year "cold sunshine," head South to enjoy their RVs and warmer climes. Look to this space next month and hear about their journeys and adventures.

SNOWBIRDS



WHERE THEY ARE: WHERE WOULD YOU GO?



Arizona	38%
California	34%
Florida	16%
Nevada	6%
New Mexico	3%
Europe	1%

Every year in recent history, Warren and Nancy Seaward have headed to Sanibel Island, Florida—Warren gives us great ideas for fundraisers when he gets back in May—usually in time for the highway clean-up.

Dave and Laurine headed out in late October—they enjoy Arizona...

stats are fictional, but not far off

Lucky Lady!



by Jan Failing
Club Secretary

GREETINGS FROM ZIHUATANEJO!

Hello All!

Wish you were here to enjoy this lovely weather and scenery...Zihuatanejo is showing off it's best right now. Today is the children's celebration "Three Kings Day" in Mexico...not only do they receive presents at Christmas (from Santa), but today as well.

Hank and I are spending the day just enjoying our home...we hit the ground running yesterday so we deserve a bit of a day off.

Today has me digging into my reports for Kiwanis International, bragging about all the wonderful things we've done in December, 2011 to the powers

that be. This has put me into a reflective state of mind (easy to do on Mexican time). Organizing this report has accentuated the pride I feel for our club. With the Christmas Food Share, along with monthly stats for Food Bank, Inter-Club visitations, See's Candies, our volunteer numbers and hours are pretty darn impressive (over 800 Kiwanis volunteer hours for these projects in Nov. and Dec. alone)! I'd call December (and November) a true celebration of service by our club, along with our community volunteers.

Sisters is a wonderful place to live and I can't think of a group of people I'd rather be serving with than our Kiwanis Club. Heartfelt appreciation for everyone who

worked together to make these events of 2011 successful for our community.

I wish all of you a 2012 filled with health, prosperity, hope, compassion, and a peaceful awareness that we are all where we are meant to be in the universe at this point in time.

FROM THE EDITOR

As my time winds down as Editor of the Siskiwan, the search goes on for a club member willing to step up to the challenge. It has been a great 3+ years capturing our story and putting it down on these pages. I hope someone else shares the passion of recording our good works and will come forward in the months to come. Thanks, Dave

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Our 33rd year!

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Speaker's Calendar

JANUARY 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Jan 12 Bob Moore, Central Oregon Partnership For Youth

Jan 19 Deputy Dave Blann, Search and Rescue Team

Jan 26 Gary Landers, Wild Wings Raptor Rehab

Feb 2 President's Meeting

Feb 9 Chuck Humphrey, Sisters Trail Alliance

Feb 16 Maret Pajutee, One of 5, CO Women of the Year

Feb 23 Amanda Egertson, Deschutes Land Trust

FEBRUARY 2012						
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Our Purpose and Mission:

Kiwanis International is a worldwide organization with over 600,000 members focused on serving the children of the world, one community and one child at a time. The 68 members of the Sisters club take pride in a very real impact on the local community. The 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, manning 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.

Sisters Kiwanis:
We Celebrate Service!
& invite you to join us for breakfast
Aspen Lakes, Brand33
Thursdays at 7 AM

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