



GORGEOUS VISIONS

JUNE 2011

TIME TO CATCH UP

Recently, the Columbia River Gorge Kiwanis club members were asked to fill out a club survey. A club survey is a good tool to determine the strengths and weaknesses of a club. Our club scored fairly high on most categories. However, the club newsletter did not score well and needed updating. This editor has listened and plans on getting a high score the next time the survey comes around!

If you've read our past newsletters, you will see a difference in the format. Simplicity is the best policy. K.I.S.S. — Keep It Simple, Sylvia. I know. You thought I was going to say something else. The acronym fit my name. Good thing for me. But, now to the good stuff!

Just because we haven't been publishing, doesn't mean we haven't been busy. This club doesn't know the word "NO." With club members like [Byron Wills](#), [Michael Orelove](#), and [Marge Hansen](#), all project chairs, club members have been serving our communities. Not to mention starting a new club in Troutdale! The Troutdale club meets every Thursday, alternating morning and noon meetings at Shirley's Tippy Canoe, situated on the Columbia River Highway just east of Troutdale.

[Troutdale Elementary School](#), [Snow-CAP](#), [Frontier Missions](#), [Salvation Army](#) are among those who have benefitted from the club service hours. The 2010 Fall season brought the annual [Veteran's Day breakfast](#) to the Corbett High School cafeteria and the veterans and families who attended gave us a positive response to continue the tradition. So,

We continue to add dollars to our administrative account by delivering flowers for [Nancy's Floral](#). Their partnership has been rewarding for us, both financially and spiritually. Members have related stories that have impacted their lives personally, as if delivering the flower to the recipient was the same as being the gift-giver. Of course, there have been the odd stories, too. Hopefully, some will relate their stories here at some point.

A new opportunity was offered to us by the [Troutdale Kiwanis Club](#) when they were approached by Ritchie Bros. Auction to help with parking. The rainy day did not deter club members from providing great service with a smile! We will team up again this July at the [Troutdale Summerfest](#) on July 16 by volunteering in the Kid Zone, as well as staffing a ROOTBEER Float stand.

OF course we cannot forget the [Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp!](#) Two dinners await us in August. Margaritas are on tap for two lucky bidders from the past two year's auctions.



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Tonkin Honda

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Columbia River Gorge Kiwanis Club has awarded three \$1000 scholarships to 2011 Corbett High School graduates, said Michael Orelove, the chair of the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship recipient Crystal Denney plans to attend Mt. Hood Community College and recipients Lauren Elliott and Erikka Vaughan plan to attend the University of Oregon.

As a service organization, Kiwanis seeks to encourage, through grants in aid of further education, students who have been actively in service to others, and who therefore will be likely to volunteer their time and leadership skills in the future to benefit their communities wherever they live and work.

Scholarship candidates are asked to write a 400-word essay with an emphasis on their community service and leadership qualities, as well as solicit two recommendation letters.

The Kiwanis club raises the scholarship money through a 4th of July pancake breakfast every year at the Corbett Fun Festival. This year, pancakes, eggs and sausage will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. July 4th at the Springdale Job Corps, 31224 E. Historic Columbia River Highway. Cost is \$6 for adults or \$2.50 for ages 10 and younger.

Plan now to attend the annual KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, July 4, 7 am to 11 am.



From left: Lauren Elliott, Erikka Vaughan, Crystal Denney

CRG AND TROUTDALE CLUB NAMED MAY BUSINESS PARTNERS

The May Business Partners of the Month are the Columbia River Gorge and the Troutdale Kiwanis clubs. Michael Orelove from the Columbia River Gorge Kiwanis is here to receive the recognition. Michael deserves special recognition for providing the leadership and hundreds of service hours while working on three beautification projects (ideas for which Michael also came up with) at Troutdale Elementary.

First, an outdoor map of the United States was painted on the grounds. The second year a scaled-size replica of the Solar System was constructed and installed. Currently, Troutdale Tigers are actively involved in designing a couple dozen different versions of US flags through history. The replicas will be displayed in a "Hall of Flags" inside the school. In our country's early history, the flag maker was allowed to place the white stars anywhere in the blue field, so Michael has been teaching the students about this tradition and allowing students the privilege which early flag makers enjoyed.

Members from these two local Kiwanis clubs, which are related through club sponsorship, have donated materials, paint, lumber, construction and installation over several years. These projects are enjoyed by many!

The board thanks Michael Orelove, Columbia Gorge Kiwanis Club and Troutdale Kiwanis Club for their service to Troutdale students.

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS NAMED

The new officers for the 2011-2012 Fiscal year are:

Ken Carneiro, President-Elect

David Ellis, Immediate Past President

Bill Grandey, Vice-President

Dwain Munyan, Secretary

Sylvia Maly, Treasurer

Board Members: Byron

Board Members:

Pat Haffner (1 Yr), Marge Hansen (2 Yrs);

Karen Nelson (2 Yrs); David MacFadden (2 Yrs)

Marilyn Cloud (1 Yr); Byron Wills (1 Yr)