

McMinnville Noon Kiwanis Bulletin - January 26, 2012

President Trevor Hoskinson rang the bell to open the meeting. The groups sang America the Beautiful and O'Canada with piano accompaniment by Mike Rice. Gerald McCray gave the invocation, a prayer written by Anne Cohen.

Guests present at the meeting included Larry Williams (Rob Stephenson), Darryl King (Lucy King), and Phil (missed his last name) who is turning in his application for membership!

Les Toth served as fine master used his power to collect lots of fines from those who hadn't mowed their lawns in the past week, those who are going to Hawaii in the next month, and those whose last name is Mulkey. He exempted members who had recently been to visit Dave Faxon at Excell Fitness.

There were many happy members at the meeting: Lucy was happy because someone paid for her meal at the board meeting; Rob Stephenson was happy because he recently went to Maui where it didn't rain; Sandi Colvin reported that Tommy Paterson and his wife had their baby, Brooklyn Ann and she was happy about a trip to Hawaii; Marlena was happy to see Darryl King at the meeting; Roger was happy about a recent trip to Arizona; Jerry Hart was happy he survived a recent camping excursion on Mt Hood (in a snowstorm); Jack Mulkey spent some money to tell the crowd a great joke.

Announcements: If you haven't signed up to be a blood drive volunteer, see Ann Stevenson. She has information and forms for volunteers. The next blood drive date is March 28 (I hope that's correct). See Ann for further info! Contact Sandi Colvin if you are interested in learning about the Community Emergency Response Team. There's a meeting scheduled for March 20. Trevor announced that our club is going to have (at least one) Relay for Life team this year. He's going to send out more information.

Patrick Lanning, President of Chemeketa Community College's McMinnville branch, presented today's program. Mr. Lanning grew up in Prineville, and attended the University of Oregon where he ran track. He was a well-decorated athlete and was sponsored by Nike until he was 28. Chemeketa has served the Yamhill Valley since 1974 and recently moved to its new location off of Highway 18 across from the hospital in September 2011. The Yamhill Valley campus is now a full service campus providing access to programs and services necessary to accomplish students' goals. Mr. Lanning discussed the 40-40-20 plan, which is an effort to raise the bar for educational attainment in Oregon over the next 10-15 years. The goals of the plan are to have 40% of Oregonians earning a four-year degree or more, 40% earning an associate's degree or post-high school certificate, and 20% earning a high school diploma or equivalent. The dedication ceremony for the new Yamhill Valley Campus in McMinnville is set for February 21, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Lanning welcomed the community to visit the campus for a tour and invited us to hold a meeting in one of the community rooms!