

Kiwanis Club of Pasadena Newsletter

March 17, 2008

Career Day, March 13th A great Career Day club meeting for our Key Club sponsored youth highlighted by a “Show to Remember” presented by Dan Povenmire, Director of the new Disney TV program “Phineus and Ferb”. This new children’s TV series is launching this month and we were treated to a look at his “story book” and the interesting history of how a TV series is created. He showed the DVD promotional clip of the show and we watched him sketch cartoons on a white board. Dan also wrote several of the songs for the series and is the voice of the Evil Professor Doofenschmitz. He spoke a few words by the Evil Professor and you could not believe it was Dan talking. After the program Dan stayed around to draw and sign over 20 8.5x11” paper sketches of Phineus on paper for the kids and some of our members.

Prior to the meeting twenty-five Key Clubbers visited 9 venues. The reports from our students indicated our venue coordinators had done an exceptional job of showing the kids what they do and explaining the education required and the various paths to the selected careers. Here are a few of their stories:

Bob Riegel took 4 kids to Howard Miller’s Tower Constructors accounting department. Unfortunately, Howard called the night before and announced he had been selected as juror #12 on a panel. But his assistant Marie showed them how an accounting department operates. Then they walked next door to see some construction work in progress where they were completing suite interiors in their new building. Tower had just completed building their new building and moved in only a couple weeks earlier.

Harry Crusberg toured his 3 students to half the fire stations in the city before finding one that wasn’t out on emergency run somewhere. But they, too, got the full treatment, looking in all the compartments of the fire engine and learning about the life of a firefighter.

Don Anderson’s student watched the doctor perform surgery on a dog at the Foothill Veterinary Hospital. We received an excellent student report and the timing did not affect her appetite.

Betty Ford chauffeured a couple students to JPL. Our JPL member Sara Hatch arranged access to see the new satellite being constructed, toured the space museum as well as a couple other work areas at JPL.

Honorary member Alice Smith took a student to Linden Optometry. They toured this large office that has 17 doctors on staff. They got tested, saw the latest in optometry equipment, and finished with a twenty-minute career path and education plan by the owner, Alan Limfat, O.D.

Career Day Volunteers and Venue Coordinators, We Thank You!

Kiwanians: Reid Allen, Don Anderson, Scott Bell, Chris Cabot, Dave Cashion, Mark Clay, Harry Crusberg, Mary Grace De la Paz, Karen Drew, Betty Ford, Bill Ingram, Marla Knutsen, Susan Lyte, Sara Hatch, Howard Miller, Joe Moore, Bob Riegel, Mel Smith, Craig Wallace, Chris Williams, Patti Woolman, and Honorary member Alice Smith. Other venue coordinators: Kim Wunner, Hilton Hotel, Tricia at Foothill VH, Debbie Capriccio and Edith Stewart at Huntington Hospital, and Greg Andrade, Architect.

New School Security Measures Affect our Sponsored Youth Involvement –

This year we have run into the latest in school security measures. Yes, the schools do have new security concerns and clearance procedures are necessary, but they need to be volunteer friendly. Seventeen of our members went to PUSD to get fingerprinted and cleared by the Justice Department as a prerequisite to driving the career day students to the venues. Thank you to all of you who went through the fingerprinting process. These new procedures are site specific and the rules seem to vary for each school district and police department. One example, our Farm City program for April has been cancelled because the police department in Visalia will not allow their students to stay overnight in a home when they visit here unless all our home residents go to Visalia to get fingerprinted by Visalia Police Department. Your editor asked our career day guest, Bill Hackett, Field Rep for State Senator Portantino, to have the senator look into this chaotic, unorganized new government security program, to see if the procedures can be standardized and coordinated. Many student volunteer activities will cease to exist if some uniformity isn’t established.

February 14, 2008 Valentine’s Day

Spouse Day at our Pasadena Kiwanis club’s meeting we made it a festive occasion and celebrated Harry and Kathy Crusberg’s 75th Wedding Anniversary. The room was decorated with flowers, balloons, colored napkins, candy and a couple signs of good wishes for the happy couple. A good turnout of spouses, Crusberg family members and

Kiwanians enjoyed the party. Harry and Cathy thank the club and all who contributed to the added celebration of their extra special day. Then they went on a cruise to Hawaii!

Sponsored Youth

The Key Club has been very active this spring with various projects, fund raisers and social activities. March 7th they ran our meeting. They were easy on the fines, but still managed to collect \$300. Thank you to the members who contributed. The Board also added \$500 to the convention costs budget because of the increases in convention costs and added airfare cost to the Sacramento convention site, April 18-20. They are taking 12 members to the convention and Mark Clay will be one of the chaperones.

The Key Club and your Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Committee has embarked on a project to make sure an American Flag is in every one of the 70 classrooms at Marshall. The school budget for this kind of purchase has been eliminated!

Circle K at PCC is regrouping and in the midst of fund raising for their convention.

Member News: Sadly, we report the passing of two of our Kiwanis family. We miss Peggy Reger and Ann Hains.

Peggy Reger – February 4, 2008, services at Salvation Army Tabernacle March 10th. Peggy was a past president of the Pasadena East Kiwanis Club, joined our club in 1999. She owned Mission World Travel but always made time for Kiwanis projects. She and Don moved to North Carolina in 2005 where she joined their local Kiwanis club and remained active until her health gave out.

Ann Hains – January 31, 2008, services at Altadena Baptist Church March 8th. Ann was our Key Club advisor At Marshall Fundamental High School for 12 years and an honorary member of our Pasadena Kiwanis Club. Her organizational and management skills and her genuine love for the kids will be a lasting memory for all who knew her. Over a dozen of her former Key Club students attended the memorial service.

On the brighter side, Dr. Bob Torrey is recovering and expects to be back to club meetings soon.

Service Projects

These projects are coming up so you need to include them in your planning.

UNION STATION FAMILY CENTER DINNER (4th Monday of each month) – Preparing and serving the meal at Union Station. March 24th – SIGN UP! Harry Crusberg needs a helping crew. Sign up if you haven't already done so. Thank you. And, thanks to Chef Joe Moore and a full crew for a gourmet offering of ham, vegetables and scalloped potatoes served at the February dinner.

REBUILDING TOGETHER – The last Saturday in April and the first Saturday in May. Coordinator Joe Moore is waiting for the house location, but we also need volunteers to sign up in the notebook. Have trouble using a hammer? We'll provide a steel thumb guard. Have trouble painting? We'll provide you with a plastic raincoat. We count service in this project as our participation in the yearly worldwide Kiwanis One Day project: all Kiwanians and sponsored youth join to work together on one project for their community.

Sponsored Youth Activities

FARM CITY – a Division 10 project with Division 18 (Visalia/Tulare area). As reported earlier, due to the new security restrictions, Division 18 had to cancel this year's trip to Division 10. The two divisions are trying to resurrect some way to continue the interaction between our two divisions.

New Projects

PAST PRESIDENTS BOOK – Come on, past presidents. Write at least a couple paragraphs about your Kiwanis experiences. Send your info to Mel Smith. So far, only 3 bios have been submitted.

STUDENT AWARDS – June 5, 2008

Other projects are being researched by our celebrity member Nicola Keller – will report next issue.