

GRANTS PASS KIWANIS CLUB

Serving the Grants Pass/Josephine County Community

March 2023 Newsletter—First Quarter



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Introduction

We are reinstating our Newsletter to keep members, partners, and our community informed and up-to-date on the status of the Grants Pass Kiwanis programs, such as Biz for Kidz, Reading is Fun, Peanut Butter, Quilts for Kids, Kaden's Kids, grants and scholarship awards. The Newsletter will be distributed quarterly and posted on our website at www.grantspasskiwanis.org.



We thank our **Biz for Kidz** Partners who helped us achieve and surpass our 2022 fundraising goal of \$62,000. 100% of donated funds are distributed to local Josephine County youth-based programs, grants, and scholarships.

A special thank you to the **Amaranthus Family Foundation** for their \$10,000 donation *and also to the* restaurants who participated in our first annual **Kaden's Kids Dine-To-Donate** project which successfully raised an additional \$6,200 to help Josephine County families' w/children battling cancer defray travel, lodging & other expenses incurred in the immediate and stressful aftermath of a child's cancer diagnosis.



President's Corner

Greetings and Salutations to Friends, Partners and my Fellow Kiwanians!

Our very first Newsletter! How cool is that huh? I am so happy to be writing this and could not be more proud of what our band of volunteers have accomplished here in Grants Pass and Josephine County! From scholarships to worthy youth, to providing books to our local grade schools, or using our collective muscle to clean up animal pens at Wildlife Images – we do A LOT!

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Grants Pass Kiwanis Club's 75th Year Anniversary

Join us in celebrating the **Grants Pass Kiwanis Club's 75 years** of service to the Josephine County community which we will celebrate during our **Give-A-Palooza** event currently scheduled for 5:00 p.m., May 9, 2023 at the **Parkway Christian Center**. An Agenda with more detailed information will be available and posted on our website by mid-April, 2023.



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Partner Profile

Read our Partner Profile and get to know our Partners. Each issue, we will recognize several partners to thank them for supporting our Biz for Kidz program!

Thank you to long term Partners, **Jeff & Julie Thomas**, owners of **Concierge Home and Business Watch**, a professional security company providing high quality security services and trained security professionals to the Southern Oregon region.



Welcome our newest Partners, **Jan & Enzo Bertaggia**, owners of **Wild Rogue Emporium**, a beautiful womens boutique featuring quality clothing, accessories, gifts and home décor.



President's Corner

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My hope as President is to continue this good work and attempt to do even MORE! This requires our members to step up, it requires our club to extend hands to potential new members, and it requires continued dedication to the children of Southern Oregon.

A warm THANK YOU to all who are involved with our club in any way, shape, or form –

“Frank In Stein” Boothby
Grants Pass Kiwanis Club President
2022-2023



Biz for Kidz Partnership 2022 Grant Recipients

Boys & Girls Club	Josephine Community	Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Canine Angels	Library Foundation	Wildlife Images
Crossing Bridges	Kid-O-Copia	Fusion Performing Arts
Josephine County	Kidzone Community	Alliance
Foundation	Foundation	YMCA
	Our Foster Kids	
	Project Youth+	

Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Winners!

MaKayla Johnson HVHS
Luis Hernandez IVHS
Isabelle Simon GPHS
Ryan Todd NVHS



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Biz for Kidz Program Overview



The **Grants Pass Kiwanis Club** created the Biz for Kidz partnership in 2014. This partnership allows individuals and local businesses to support numerous youth-based organizations and scholarships administered by the **Grants Pass Kiwanis Club**. Kiwanis is a service club of volunteers. 100% of donated funds are distributed to local Josephine County youth-based programs and scholarships. Since its inception, the Biz for Kidz Partners have raised more than \$310,000 for local youth.

The **Grants Pass Kiwanis Club** has branded projects serving children in Josephine County such as the *Julie Horowitz Reading is Fun*; *Peanut Butter for Kids*; and *Quilts for Kids Programs*.

For Partner and additional information about our programs, visit our website at www.grantspasskiwanis.org

Julie Horowitz Reading is Fun Program

Recognizing that children who don't have adequate access to books must surmount enormous disadvantages, the Board approved a proposal in 2019 to develop and implement a program that would provide books to children in Kindergarten through Third Grade.

Our Club is committed to helping our community's children Grades K-3 learn to read so that by the time they reach Grades 4-12, **they can read to learn**; develop a love of learning which can help children succeed in school. To invest and support those goals, the **Julie Horowitz Reading is Fun Program** was designed and implemented.



Goals

- ◆ Provide high interest books that teachers select for their students.
- ◆ Provide books for students to take home.
- ◆ Provide classroom libraries and teacher read aloud books.
- ◆ Establish a consistent long-term relationship with principals, classroom teachers and kids.
- ◆ The goal will always be to complement the classroom teacher's plans, grade level curriculum, and learning objectives. This is accomplished through articulation with the principal and grade level teachers.

Number of Books Delivered Since 2019

2019/2020 — 725 books
2020/2021 — 3,067 books
2021/2022 — 9,732 books
2022/2023 — 7,000 approx. books so far this cycle

Imagine a nation where every child from birth to Kindergarten is surrounded by books, has an adult who reads with them every day, and has access to high-quality early education that provides a foundation for a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Currently, there are approximately 134 Grade K-3 teachers in 13 public schools who actively participate in the **Julie Horowitz Reading is Fun Program** in Josephine County and Wolf Creek Charter (Three Rivers).

Article submitted by *Kiwanian, Virgil Barnes*

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Spotlight On Our Members

Featured Kiwanian: Alison Cavaner

Birth Place: Born and raised in beautiful Santa Clara, California, Alison has two brothers and is the only girl and middle child in her family.

Family: Alison's immediate family includes her best friend and soulmate, Daniel and their 3-year-old adorable son, Calvin who occasionally joins us at our weekly meetings.

Best Advice from Parents: *Moved a lot as a child and by the time I was 18, I had moved 19 times. Attended two elementary schools, one middle school and four high schools. While it wasn't advice, my parents taught me to be resilient through change which helps me adapt quickly and be comfortable socializing among people I don't know.*

Favorite Movie: Love anything Disney!

Favorite Book: Love to read and favorite all time book is the **Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo**. A fond memory from her childhood was her bedtime routine where she and her Dad read Harry Potter books together.

Favorite Quote: *If You Ain't First, You're Last* from the movie, **Talledega Nights**.

Most Interesting Place Visited: Venice, Italy. *In fifth grade, our school group visited New York, London and Venice. Alison found the food and cultural experience exciting and awe-inspiring. Disneyland was my happy place growing up and still gives me that feel-good magic feeling which I can now share with Calvin.*

Career Accomplishments: *Graduated college in 2017. Since then, I've made strong connections in Grants Pass that have helped me advance in my career. Over the past 7 months, I've raised \$200,000 in funds for the YMCA, and I'm especially proud of being a part of the **Tom Pierce Park** design and fundraising group and what we've managed to accomplish together on that project.*

Funniest/Most Interesting Experience: Pulled over by the same cop three days in a row in Phoenix, Oregon! First day, he issued a speeding ticket, gave me a pass the 2nd day, and on the 3rd day, he told me he didn't want to see me anymore!!!

Unique Characteristic: My first word was dog! Love animals, grew with all types from livestock to reptiles. Would have a house full of animals, if I could. Am an advocate for dogs with special needs and considered outcasts. Currently have 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 fish and 1 rabbit who thinks he's a dog.



"According to Alison, you are never too old to still believe in magic."

The Grants Pass Kiwanis Club is successful because of its many volunteer members who give so freely of their time and effort.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS CLUB, ALISON!

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Quilts for Kids

A **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to our **Quilts for Kids** program and the volunteers who donate their time to make hundreds of blankets, quilts, hats and scarves so that children facing cancer, homelessness, foster care or other loss or disturbance receive personalized blankets, quilts, stuffed animals and totes. Quilts and blankets are distributed to maternity facilities, law enforcement, foster care workers, and to charities such as the **Maslow Project**, the **Boys & Girls Club**, **Women's Crisis Support Team**, and **Head Start**. Children who are sleeping in cars or tents are kept warm during the winter months. Led by our very own Kiwanian, **JoAnne Pont**, quilters from Grants



Pass, and the surrounding areas, donate their time to make about 100+ blankets per month. Approximately 1,800+ are donated for delivery each year. These donations touch and save many young lives! **THANK YOU!**



Calendar of Events

— For an updated list of club events and meetings, please visit our website at www.grantspasskiwanis.org.

Board Members-2022/2023

Noreen Griffin
Beth Harden
Robert Jackson
Debbie Johnson
Lonnie Johnson
Melinda Matson
Julie Rossknecht
Nancy Swain

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The Grants Pass Kiwanis Club meet Tuesdays for lunch from NOON — 1 PM at Elmers Restaurant, 175 NE Agness Ave., Grants Pass, OR.

The 3rd Tuesday of each month is an evening meeting currently scheduled at 6 PM. See online calendar for location and details. You are welcome to join us!

Newsletter submissions may be emailed to Noreen Griffin at nicnoirin@gmail.com.

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Julie Horowitz*



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