



The S O C - K E T

Bringing
Out
The Best
In
Children

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The Club meets every Thursday noon at Willson House
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The following message was received by Vern Tabery from the City of Salem in regards to fund raising for the D.A.R.E. program.

Greetings! I just got a call from a local business. They received a phone call from "Kid Print USA" asking for donations to fund the local D.A.R.E. program here in Salem. This claim is not true.

The Salem Police Department and the Salem-Keizer School District pay for the D.A.R.E. officers. Our primary need is for D.A.R.E. supplies. These supplies go directly to the students and are paid for by donations to the Salem Police Department. You will find more information on our 2009 fund raising drive in the next issue of the D.A.R.E.. News.

Please let me know if you hear of any other suspicious or questionable fund raising practices.

Thank you for your continued support of this valuable program.

Sincerely,
Ofc. Craig Seibel, D.A.R.E.

(The above should be self-explanatory)

The reason you do not see the customary recap of the guest speaker's presentation is because we did not have a guest speaker today. Instead the discussion among those present centered on the topic of how best to make this club grow in membership. A number of different ideas surfaced, and there is reason to believe that taking the time for this input will be most beneficial. Still, we are interested in any thoughts you might have for action to help this club grow. Remember, we once had a membership of more than 75. Now, it is close to half that number. The reasons are many and varied, but we cannot continue to fulfill our obligations to the kids or the community at large without a meaningful contribution from the younger citizens of this city, and this means membership!

Do not for one moment think that any ideas you have will be sneered at. These are different times, and with an altogether different set of circumstances than in past years.

THERE'S ALWAYS A LITTLE SPACE FOR HUMOR KIDS' ANSWERS TO SCIENCE EXAMS

Many dead animals in the past changed to fossils while others preferred to be oil.

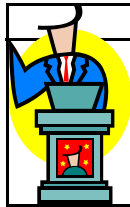
Genetics explain why you look like your father, and if you don't why you should.

Some people can tell what time it is by looking at the sun. But I have never been able to make out the numbers.

In looking at a drop of water under a microscope, we find that there twice as many H's as O's.

A blizzard is when it snows sideways.

A monsoon is a French gentleman.



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Since this is the beginning of what I like to call "Fabulous February" I would like to make you a proposition. If there are any members who have not attended one of the Thursday lunch meetings in the last 2 years, come to one of our February meetings and you can have breakfast, lunch or dinner on the house. If you would feel more comfortable, bring a friend.

We meet at "The Willson House", 1625 Center St. NE, a block and 1/2 west of 17th St., any Thursday at noon. We meet in a private room and have orders taken for whatever our hearts may desire. The food is great, the fellowship outstanding, and we are nearly always enlightened by various speakers or giving awards to youth for "making a difference."

On February 12th we will be presenting awards for "Most Involved in Vocational Technology." The support, applause and appreciation are always received well by the kids. A couple of weeks ago we received a letter from a parent thanking us for awarding their son. Evidently, the impact is not just on the child, but in addition to that good news, any award has an impact on families and our community as well.

(It should be noted that last week's President's Column was courtesy of Arlen Hollinshead)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb. 12 Youth Appreciation
Most Involved in Vocational Technology
Feb. 19 Ditto
Feb. 26 TBA

Salem Kids' Relay Races



**It's just three months
until the starting gun!**

What: the Kids' Relays

When: Saturday, May 9

Who: Volunteers needed



**Please put this date
on your calendar!**



More information will come in March. If you have questions, please call Vern Tabery at (503) 588-8539 or Dave Sevall at (503) 391-1820