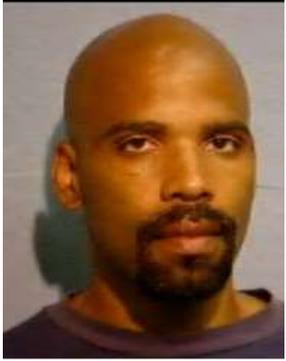




Laurence "Odie" King: President I am currently the vice president, and I have been focusing for six months on learning duties of the president from Kyle. I have an overview of our yearly calendar, and the understanding of keeping up the communication with our contacts. I would like to continue to serve this club as your president. I know there is a lot to do and learn. I have support from individuals that are currently holding executive positions in this and other clubs as well as from the community inside these walls. If elected for president; I will continue working with the community outside and bring in relevant guest speakers. Yet my main agenda will be the community inside these walls. I will bring the ideas of all members for proposals to the presidents meetings. I am most interested in the club members needs, and will work hard at getting those needs met.



Robert Kelley: President Greetings; my name is Robert Kelly. I am running for the office of President of the Lifers' Unlimited Club. For those of you who do not know me I would encourage you to please pull me up and ask. I have been at OSP, serving LWOP, since 1994. I have been involved with the Activities Section on and off throughout. Part of that involvement includes having served in an executive position for the Uhuru Sasa Culture Club. I know the process and have a decent record of getting proposals, not only heard but, approved. I currently work for OCE Furniture Factory, getting off at 1:30 and would be able to head straight to the club office to make myself available on a daily basis. Hitting the yard when the floor closes. If elected I will also be able to take advantage of evenings in the club office when the floor is open. As far as my platform, I have an internal focus for bettering our condition. I will follow the direction of the membership and work toward the calendar already in place. I would put the majority of my energy into doing everything within my ability to improve our living condition here within the prison. If any one wishes to know more or would like me to elaborate on just what I mean by that, feel free to approach me where ever you see me and I will be more than happy to go into greater detail. With Greatest Respect "Killa" Rob Kelly



Brian Waybrant: Vice President Hey Guys, First of all thank you for your vote of confidence just in nominating me. I believe most of you all know me pretty well; I'm very social and very approachable. I've never been proud of why I'm a lifer but I carry some pride as a lifer and all that means in how we carry ourselves and live our life in here. For me, I've only got 16 years in so when I picture the clubs future I don't look at the past and what we were but more to the future and what the club can be. I do believe we have a great foundation; I'd love to continue on and further many things. When it comes to OUR club I want to push towards a body that all feels it's there club as much as any other ONE individual. When it comes to our clubs money I'd like to see us focus on things that we can really make a noticeable difference. I support whatever decision you all make, I honestly think a lot of Cory and next month I'll come prepared for any and all questions, see you all there!
Lifer Brian



Corey Ogden: Vice President I want to send you guys a quick note to express to you that given the opportunity to represent our club in the Vice President role, I will give you all my very best. That means I will be transparent & approachable to all, willing to work with you all on your requests & proposals! Nothing is considered stupid, as we all have our own tastes' & wishes! You will also know that if there's a request or proposal, I will give you 100 %. Know that I am for this club getting back to taking care of our Lifers in our community, making sure that we're a community in whole while continuing our work with the outside community!



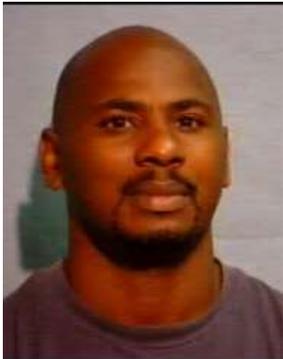
Jerrin Hickman: Secretary



William Knepper: Treasurer Fellow lifers', for those of you who don't know me, I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I have been a member of the Executive Body for five years as your Treasurer, two (two Year) terms, and one year volunteering as an interim treasure. I currently work with the men in I.C.H and am fortunate enough to have the time available to support our club as your Treasurer. I have been instrumental in pushing forward new ideas and projects our club has been involved in. As you know some panned out... and some were never seen again. I have had the good fortune of serving with both Trevor, and Kyle. Given the opportunity to learn the magnitude of the daily operation of our club, and learned persistence as well as patience. In 2015 our trust account was under great scrutiny by the administration due to allegations of poor management. I am proud to say my accounting skills have proven positive and show the integrity of our club. I am dedicated to serve our club in whatever capacity available to me. In the words of my good friend "I'm proud to be a part of this organization and will continue to serve you as long as you will have me."



Michael Wille: Treasurer You probably all know me and know what I'm about, nothing special here, just somebody trying to step-up and make a difference. I offer my service and support to both you, our club membership, as well as to Odie (as of this time I know of no opposition to the presidency) and his fellow executive body. We have all seen what happens when the "house is divided" and nothing gets taken care of. I like what I've been hearing as to Odie's agenda, that of bringing the club back to its roots and prioritizing life behind these walls and the betterment of the men's lives within. I'm here to further lend a voice to those that need it and ask for it. Make no mistake, I'm not your whipping post, I can only tolerate so much griping and complaining, but if you have a legitimate complaint or idea and are willing to put it on paper and sign your name to it, I'd be honored to give voice and support to it. If this sounds like something you can work with, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.



Fred Knight: Treasurer Gentlemen, My Name is Fredrick Knight, I have been a part of the Lifers Club for 20 years. I work in the visiting room and also volunteer in the visiting room to help the club. I take pictures, sell stuffed animals, dress up in the Easter bunny outfit and help out visitors when they need it. I want to be the club Treasurer. I will hold our executive body accountable for their roles in our club. I will also speak for up for our members to better our club. I look forward to seeing you at the Election meeting and speaking to you all. Thank you for your support.



Dave Cook: Meeting Facilitator As facilitator my mission is to help the rest of our executive body, as they need it. This is my third time running for office and I'm just as committed to improving our quality of life as ever. I would like to work with Medical to do regular special events for our long-term brothers. Even if that's just fresh fruit they'd go without otherwise. And getting approved fundraisers for all of the guys that live in C, D, and E, block. With the support of people like Rep. D. Stark and I pray Supt. Kelly real changes to our quality of life are possible. Why can't we purchase something that would allow you to actually cook Ramen soup or heat your coffee?



Nestor Diaz-Miller: Meeting Facilitator

Attention: If you have purchased CL-20s and suffered the headphones breaking please send a kyte to the club office. The Canteen Workgroup is putting a packet together for Ms. May. *Thank you!*

A Word From Your Secretary:

Hello folks! I hope this finds you all making the most of it☺ Our March meeting went well even though our guest speakers were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing them in the future. Representative Stark was out of the area, but assured us that he will return. In lieu of their presentations, we went over some important club business, such as the sit-down our executive body was able to have with Assistant Superintendent Wilson just before our club meeting. He covered a number of topics and was very interested to hear about all of the things the Lifer's Club is involved in around the institution as well as in the free world. He said that he is open to discussion about anything, including things that he has felt were not important enough to keep on our Activities calendar. In supporting what he said, he explained that he is open to continuing to consider the youth speaking panel (our President recently submitted a proposal to him concerning this issue), the meetings we had with college students (Dr. Inderbitzin is working with us on ideas surrounding this issue), and a modified version of the Parole Board Insight Group that we have been facilitating. He is focused on the role of clubs here, especially as it relates to each club's mission statement and he mentioned being interested in the quality versus the quantity of proposals. He mentioned that we currently have a very diverse Exec team that has a lot of experience working at other institutions and bring a lot of knowledge to OSP about how things are working in other places. We covered most of this at our General Body meeting, along with a couple other things, such as the fact that we were again denied on bringing Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty in, and coffee pots have been banned from the Activities Floor due to the electrical system not being capable of handling the load. There was also a suggestion that anybody convicted of Measure 11 murder that would like to meet with other folks with the same conviction and compare notes on differences in sentencing and appeals around that issue should send a kyte to the club so a meeting can be set up possibly with the ACLU or OJRC. We discussed options for our upcoming fundraiser, there were lots of suggestions for different kinds of pizza, Mexican food, Subway, McDonald's, fried chicken, Olive Garden, etc. Research and pricing is being done on a number of these options, we'll let you know the outcome. Also, nominations occurred and it was nice to see so many willing nominees, each has a piece in this newsletter, so I won't waste the space here. I am excited to see the end result as new folks move into leadership roles after our elections in April. Congratulations to Jerrin Hickman for running uncontested for the Secretary position, and I wish all the best to the next Executive Body. It has been an honor to serve this club for the past 6 years, thank you for giving me that opportunity. Even though I won't be on this executive body any longer, I will still be staying busy around here and will be happy to answer anyone's questions if they have them, so stop me and ask if you think I can help. I wish you all the best and hope you make the most of every day you get, thank you again. Truly, Josh Cain

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Meeting Facilitator

For those of you who are for some reason NOT Dallas Cowboys fans, it will come as good news that this is officially my last newsletter piece. Elections are finally upon us and as expected some new members have stepped up and run. An early congratulation goes out to Jerrin Hickman who will be our new secretary. As for the rest of you, I hope to hear some thought provoking and insightful speeches on election night. I am excited to see what road our new executive body will take us down and at the same time I'm a little sad to see Kyle go. He does so much behind the scenes work for the club that goes unnoticed by many. Trevor Walraven left some mighty big shoes to fill when he paroled, and I think Kyle has done a masterful job. I know that he will continue to help as needed and offer advice to anyone that wants it but we will still feel his loss. I would like to take this time to say thanks to Kyle for all of the hours he puts in on a regular basis and all of the work he does to better this club. And I would encourage anyone that feels the same way to express it to him as well, as we sometimes forget how far a few kind words can go. It's been a pleasure serving in this executive body, thank you to all who supported me and gave me the chance.

Respectfully,

Rob Bettelyoun



Announcements/Upcoming Events

2018 Meeting Dates

April 12th Elections\ 50th
May 10th WVAS- Dogs
June 28th Fundraiser
July 12th ACLU/ OJRC

Aug 9th Banquet
Sept 13th Banquet
Oct 11th Jackson St.
Nov 8th Just Outcomes
Dec 13th Holiday Party

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Since its inception in 1968 its mission has been simple, to improve the prison environment and work with community sponsors.

Following the riots and violence in 1968, the Warden made the decision to change the culture of corrections. Leading up to the riot our prison was a harsh place, racism abounded, violence was swift and dealt by both the prisoners and the screws. A few outside organizations addressed the need for humanity to be recognized behind the walls. The Salvation Army had previously begun to set up Lifer Club meetings along the East Coast in prisons such as Sing-Sing and Eastern. A college professor from Oregon State University wrote:

A growing number of sociologists and Salvationists saw something more in prisoners behind the walls. While the State desired ultimate control and obedience this violence spilled over across the nation and ultimately in 1968 at OSP.

As each us know and many of us have experienced programs come and go, officers come and go but Lifers remain, the Lifers club is the stalwart no matter the changes, good or bad, we are here and we adapt and grow. Prison has not been our undoing, prison has not held us back, prison has not separated us from society, no, prison introduced me and you to the Lifers club, a place where ideas grow, develop, and are acted upon!

I came to prison in 1994 and all I heard about was the Lifers club at OSP, but I went to OSCI, but there were lifers there and we banded together to propose our Lifers club, Dwayne Little sent me the Lifers Club constitution which was the base of the New Horizons proposal I typed illegally on a IBM Selectype in the Chapel clerk office. I didn't know what the future would hold but I had hope in the ideas first began at OSP.

Over the years it has been the Lifers club leading the charge in prison advocacy, inviting thousands of men and women from across the U.S. to speak and visit with its members. Our goal has remained the same to improve our environment and work with the community, the same community we stole, robbed and took life from. Our common bond is not the color of our skin or the neighborhood from which we grew up, no, ours is a dark bond, an aristocracy of woe, we, each one of us, has taken another human soul from this earth. We are responsible for that we alone made that choice. But this choice does not define our lives, the State may think of us as a number, but is that all we are? No, what if we were judged not by the things we had done but by the things we have left undone? The Lifers club allows each of us to address the latter. What have you left undone in your life?

We have been here for 50 years, many of our members have made parole, many still wait, but it's what we do now that really matters, it's what we do today that shapes the course of our lives in the future, it's what we do with our time that determines who we become, it's what we do behind these walls that may one day free us.

For me and my small band of LWOP brothers who call this place home and one day our grave it's what we do in this club that gives us back our humanity, we're not the monsters under the bed, we're not the bogeymen, we are lifers and what we do matters!

What will the next 50 years bring? Well that's up to you...

All my best, Kyle

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Lifers' Unlimited Club is to unite the incarcerated men of OSP with a goal of improving the quality of life for those inside and outside of these walls. The club will work with charity programs, informational services, youth speaking panels and other positive programs. We cannot change the past, however, we believe through rehabilitation and pro-social behavior we can create a more productive future.