



# LAKE OSWEGO SPOKESMAN



*Like You Were There*

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## WHO CALLED US TO ORDER:

**Our President -  
Nell Diamond!**



- *Is it the Truth?*
- *Is it Fair to all  
Concerned?*
- *Will it Build Goodwill and  
Better Friendships?*
- *Will it be Beneficial to All  
Concerned?*

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## Who led us to the Pledge



Peter Glazer

## A Special Guest Speaker

**Jennifer Bridges**  
*Director*  
**Embrace Compassion**



**Embrace Compassion** is a grass roots organization in Oregon that partners with a beautiful rural village in Ethiopia to encourage family preservation, education, job creation and humanitarian relief. The Bright Spot sponsorship program encourages children to stay in school with simple needed supplies like shoes, uniforms, school supplies and hygiene materials. They also work in the same area with the families to produce clean water, share medications to take away intestinal worms and vitamins to prevent night blindness. Some of the ways Embrace Compassion has partnered in this village have been with solar power, sewing lessons and machines, 5 pure water wells that serve 5000 weekly, ear evaluations and training for a local medical helper, women's hygiene support, food sharing, small business grants, farming supplies and training. They love the children and the families of the Oromia region of Ethiopia and we partner with them to make a difference, one child and one family at a time.

### **The Focus of Embrace Compassion is to...**

*Tackle one life impacting project at a time in partnership with each village for the benefit of their families*

*Offer family preservation and hope to the village through their Bright Spot Program*

*Collaborate and encourage others who are interested in helping Ethiopia*

**Embrace Compassion** was established by the Bridges family in 2011 with several families pulling together for the purpose of meeting one need at a time in Ethiopia. Through the different seasons, many have come alongside to partner with them to demonstrate LOVE in action and join with a rural village that we have been blessed to call family.

# Announcements

**December 19** - Save your redeemable cans and bottles! Rotaract Bottle Drive-DROPOFF at Heritage House

Next drive is Saturday, December 19th! Proceeds go to local charities, and the Oregon Food Bank.

**December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Break – no regular Monday meetings.**

**We return on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> - 2021!**

**Prospective Member – Paul Van Roon – 1<sup>st</sup> Publication**

All meetings via Zoom. If you need contact info, please check our [lorotary.org](http://lorotary.org) website, or email Nell and she will forward to the host. [nelldiamondemail@gmail.com](mailto:nelldiamondemail@gmail.com)

## Rotarian of the Month



**Rotarian of the Month!**

**Jeanne Paul**

*Thank you for organizing our Holiday Dinner and Wine Tasting party! Your initiative and creative touches made it interactive, and fun for all!*

## December Birthdays

Blecher, Roger	1-Dec
Griffith, Stephen Loyal	9-Dec
Korach, William	11-Dec
Byers, Wade	13-Dec
Oldham, Charles	17-Dec
dePinna, Noelle	19-Dec
Siewert-Schade, Jacqueline	22-Dec
Swearingen, Dick	22-Dec
Perigo, Clifford	26-Dec
Tomeoni, Joshua	26-Dec
Burdick, Donald	31-Dec

## Vocational Service Award



Kent Studebaker was presented with the Lake Oswego Rotary Vocational Service Award.  
*Kent, thank you for your Service!*



## Arts Council Holiday Market! Robin Krakauer



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# Rotary Foundation Award



Rotary Foundation award!

LO Rotary was #1 in the District.  
Thank you Dave Beckett, and donors!



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