



Monmouth Independence Rotary Club Weekly

Thursday August 8, 2019 ~ 12:00 noon

At the First Baptist Church, Independence, Oregon

Quote of the Week

“Springtime is upon us. The birds celebrate her return with festive song, and murmuring streams are softly caressed by the breezes.”

Antonio Lucio Vivaldi (1678-1741) ~ An Italian Baroque music composer, virtuoso violinist, teacher and priest. His most famous work: Four violin concertos called The Four Seasons, with each concerto being accompanied with a sonnet associating with the particular season. Vivaldi's music was innovative. He brightened the formal and rhythmic structure of the concerto, in which he looked for harmonic contrasts and innovative melodies and themes. Many of his compositions are flamboyantly exuberant.

Club Officers

President: Laurel Sharmer

President Elect: Ramon Martinez

Past President: Ben Meyer

Secretary: Kati Weyer

Treasurer: Sandy Newland

Directors: Al Oppliger

Jayne Oppliger

Newsletter Editor: Sandy Newland

PR News Releases: Al Oppliger

Membership Chair:

Exchange Program Chair: Bob Archer

Interact Club Leader: Patty Nevue

Foundation Chair: Ed Dover

Peace Program Chair: Bonnie Ross

District Governor: Diane Cordero de Noriega

Assistant Governor: Larry Strober

August Programs

August 1: U.S. Representative Kurt Schrader

August 8: Club Business Meeting

August 15:

August 22:

August 29:

Picture from last meeting



Thank you to U.S. Representative for giving us an update last week on the work that is happening in Congress.

“Our mission is to promote fellowship, service, high ethical standards, world understanding and peace through the works of local business, professional and community leaders.”



Calendar

September 5, 1:00 p.m. ~ Rotary Board Meeting

September 7 ~ Hop & Heritage Festival Booth selling Rubber Ducks

September 7 ~ Beer Making Class ~ Location TBD

September 21 ~ Harvest Festival ~ Village Green in the Edwards Addition

Monmouth Independence Rotary Club News

2019/20 Outbound Exchange Student

Emma Delgado going to Mexico

2019/20 Inbound Exchange Student

Photos and more information coming.

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Diane Diane Cordero de Noriega
District Governor



Larry Strober
Assistant Governor



Laurel Sharmer, Club President

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District Grants

I have good news for you! The District 5100 Grants Committee has approved our grant request for \$1889.50 for improvements for the Inspiration Garden in Independence. We'll provide matching funds, and the total amount will be deposited in the bank account we have opened for service projects. The District Grants Committee will be working with Sandy to deposit their funds in this account and Sandy and I will be available to write checks to pay for the materials for the project.

The Polk County Master Gardeners have invited us to hold a meeting in the future there at the garden. Perhaps in August, when we can tour the garden with less of a chance of rain? Let me know what you think.

Laurel Sharamer

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## Polio Eradication

from Diane's August District Diary

As of July 10, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative reports there were 42 cases of wild poliovirus to date

for 2019 in the three endemic countries of Pakistan (32), Afghanistan (10) and Nigeria (0). This is somewhat discouraging as in the same year-to-date in 2018 there had only been 14 cases with 33 for the entire year. Given the challenges of Pakistan and Afghanistan such as remote areas, rugged terrain, nomadic populations, cultural and religious distrust and ongoing conflict these numbers are not a surprise. Next month I will address the commitment and strategies to overcome these obstacles.

Nigeria has not seen a case of the wild poliovirus (WPV) since 2016. If the country can maintain that status, they should be declared polio free soon. In the two remaining countries strategies to overcome the challenges have and continue to be put into place to reach all the children. With our continuing support we will see an end to polio.

"Our Support" is the key phrase. Those in the field administering the vaccine cannot do so without funding and moral support from the rest of the world. We have a lot to be proud of for what we have done so

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Interested in club flexibility? Here are some ideas to help you get started.

- ◆ 3 ways flexibility is paying off for clubs
- ◆ Satellite clubs thrives
- ◆ Rotaractors help Rotary clubs grow
- ◆ Online meetings draw younger members
- ◆ Corporate memberships add to club's roster

Go to the Rotary International website for more information on how to grow our club.

## What is Rotary?

### We Connect People ~ 1.2 Million members and 35,000+ clubs

Rotary unites more than a million people.

Through Rotary clubs, people from all continents and cultures come together to exchange ideas, and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.

### We Transform Communities ~ 16 Million volunteer hours each year.

We take action locally and globally.

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

### We Solve Problems ~ 2.5 Billion children immunized against polio.

No challenge is too big for us.

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

## Our Causes

- ◆ Promoting Peace
- ◆ Fighting Disease
- ◆ Providing Clean Water
- ◆ Savings Mothers & Children
- ◆ Supporting Education
- ◆ Growing Local Economies

## Polio Eradication continued

far. In the U.S. Rotarians have raised more than \$359 million of the \$1.9 billion Rotary has contributed to polio eradication. Our Rotary zone, Zone 25, was #4 worldwide for polio contributions last year. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation made a two-for-one challenge to Rotary to raise \$50 million for the year. Although the numbers are not yet official it has been reported Rotary met the challenge which means \$150 million towards polio eradication.

The district goal for polio contributions last year was \$87,895. The actual amount raised was \$114,300, 130% of our goal. Congratulations to Clackamas as the #1 club in the District, contributing \$7576. Rounding out the top five were Wilsonville (\$6740), Pendleton (\$6255), Silverton (\$6153) and Hood River (\$5049).

Rotary has made a promise to the world and we must keep it. We do that through funding, creating awareness and advocacy. World Polio Day is October 24. Consider what your club might do to for that day within the club and your community.

For assistance contact: [PDG Norb Murray](#)

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August Board Meeting Notes by Laurel Sharmer

The M-I Rotary Club Board of Directors met after the meeting last Thursday. Present were: Ed Dover, Ramon Martinez, Bob Archer, Sandy Newland, Jayne and Al Opplinger, Bonnie Ross and me. Here's what we talked about, decided, or just mulled over:

1. First of all, a big thank you to Sandy Newland, who prepared very thorough and comprehensive financial reports. We now have a budget, a Treasurer's Report for July and a financial statement for last year. If you didn't have a chance to look at them as they were being passed around, just let me know and I will bring a copy to the meeting on Thursday.
2. Susan Fuller will be interviewing me on "Polk Salad" on Wednesday. I was reminded by Bob Archer and others that this will be a great opportunity to talk about our Youth Exchange Program and our need for host families. If I have time I will also talk about our service projects and fund raisers.
3. Since only about four people regularly offer to provide the invocation for our meetings, we decided to change the name of that part of the meeting from an "invocation" to the "Inspirational Moment of the Day." Those who volunteer can pray, or if they are uncomfortable praying, they can provide an 11.5 for a moment of silence.

4. We still need a membership chair. How about you? In the meantime, kudos to those of you who are bringing guests to show them that "We're not your grandfather's Rotary Club."

5. Summer Socials. Bob Archer is going to find a day and time for us to meet with the "After Five" Rotary Club in Corvallis. We will meet at the Rogue Breweries. Red Gate was also proposed as a meeting place for a social hour. Let's meet with the Dallas Club, too.

6. How can we attract young professionals? I have asked Jim Boyle, the membership chair for the district, to come talk to us.

7. We also need to connect with board members who are unable to attend board meetings as a result of having to return to work sharply at one o'clock. With feedback from them, we should be able to find a good time for everyone to meet at once. Jayne and Al Opplinger were appointed as our two Members-at-Large.

8. I described some upcoming fundraisers. Anyone interested in helping out? **Remember, we're the club that puts the "fun" in fundraising.** Ramon is putting together some very nice posters to advertise our September Harvest Festival, and Bennett and Hudson Stange are planning games for kids.

Ben Stange has agreed to be a "celebrity judge" for our January talent show. Dallas Rotarian, Lane Shetterly, has agreed to be a second judge and Jeff Witt has agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies.

9. We voted to put \$1,000 in club funds towards Ramon's competition in Switzerland in September. There are also quite a number of private donations rolling in, so it looks like Ramon is on his way! He'll be sporting the Rotary Wheel on his shirt.

10. After our meeting with Kurt Schrader on Thursday, his chief of staff, Alvin Klaussen told me that as a member of Congress, Rep. Schrader is provided with hundreds of free books from the Library of Congress. He is then allowed to share them with his constituents. Alvin asked if we would like some and since I've never been known to turn down free books, I gave him the thumbs up. So, I made some calls to see if a local scout would be interested in building a whole bunch of little neighborhood "free libraries" for his Eagle Scout project and stocking them with these books. Rotary could write a grant for the materials, and the scout could design, build and install the little libraries in the Independence-Monmouth community.

Please let me know if you have comments, concerns, or suggestions for our club.

By Laurel Sharmer

Rotary International Foundation 2019/20 Annual Fund Goal

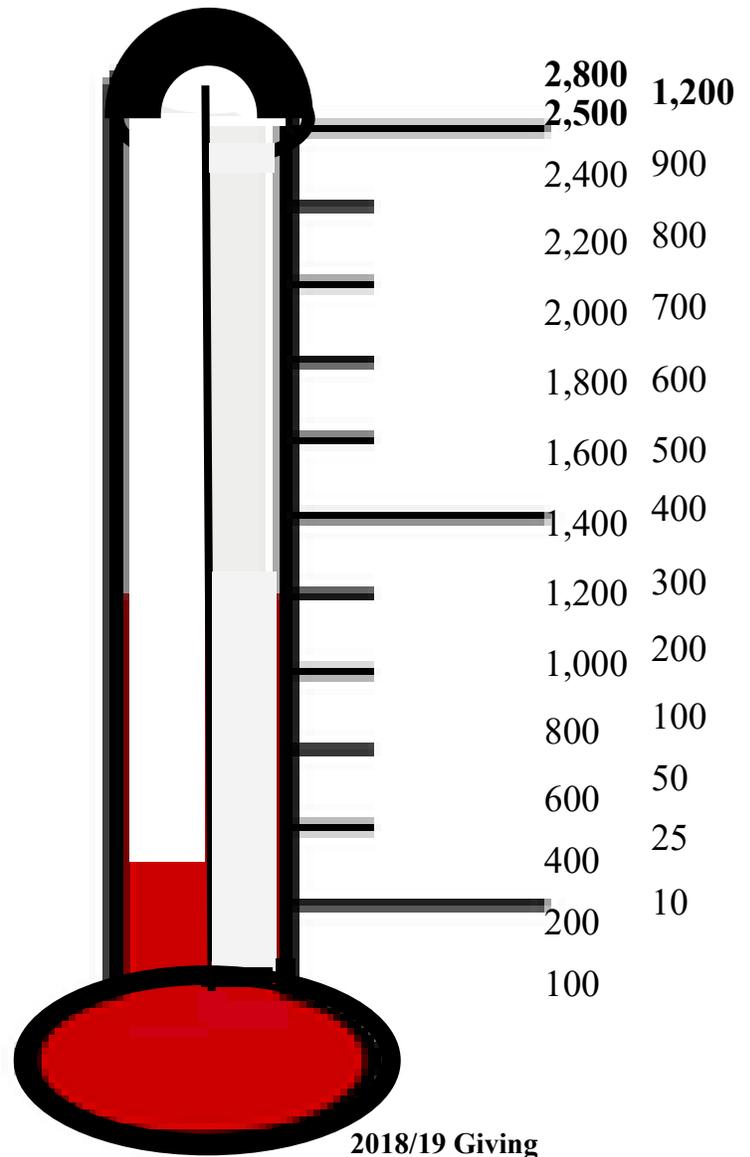
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28 Members giving an average of \$100 per member equals \$2,800 per year.

Received as of August 7 ~ \$410

Average per person ~ \$15.77

Rotary Foundation Stars 2018/19	Rotary Foundation Stars 2019/20
Bob Archer	Ed Dover
Jim Birken	John Hasbrook
Don Duncan	Karin Johnson
John Hasbrook	Sandy Newland
Karin Johnson	Ram Sil
Morris Johnson	
Scott McClure	
Ben Meyer	
Patty Nevue	
Sandy Newland	
Al Oppliger	
Jayne Oppliger	
Cornelia Paraskevas	
Bonnie Ross	
Laurel Sharmer	
Ram Sil	
Chuck Thurman	



2018/19 Giving
 Annual Fund \$2,840
 Polio Plus \$712
 Peace Program \$100

2018/19 Goals

Annual Fund ~ \$2,800
 EREY = Every Rotarian Every Year at \$100 each
 Polio Plus ~ \$1,200
 \$1 Drawing Donations for Polio received = \$42

Polio Plus 2019/20 Goal

Goal: ~ \$1,200.00
Year to date ~ \$52.00
Average per person = \$2.00

Polio Plus Stars

Laurel Sharmer

Peace Program

Year to date ~ \$

Serving Our Club in August 2019

Date	Greeter	Flag Salute	Inspirational Moment
August 1	Chuck Thurman	Bonnie Ross	
August 8	Bonnie Ross	Kati Weyer	Sandy Newland
August 15		Chuck Thurman	Karin Johnson
August 22	Ramon Martinez		
August 29	Chuck Thurman	Ramon Martinez	
Anytime	Paul Sieber	Paul Sieber	



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Program Coordinators

July 2019	Bonnie Ross, Ed Dover
August 2019	Ben Meyer
September 2019	
October 2019	Chuck Thurman
November 2019	Paul Doellinger
December 2019	Laurel Sharmer
January 2020	
February 2020	Karin Johnson
March 2020	
April 2020	Chuck Thurman
May 2020	
June 2020	

Upcoming Fundraisers

Rum Cakes in November



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