



Monmouth Independence Rotary Club Weekly

Thursday, September 24, 2020 ~ 12:00 noon

Club Officers

- President: Ramon Martinez
- President Elect: Barbara Hogan
- Past-Past President: Ben Meyer
- President Nominee: ??
- Secretary: Kati Weyer
- Treasurer: S. Newland
- Directors: A & J Oppliger
- Newsletter Editor: Janet Chenard
- PR News Releases: Al Oppliger
- Membership Chair: K.Johnson
- Exchange Program: Bob Archer
- Interact Club Leader: Patty Nevue
- Foundation Chair: Ed Dover
- Peace Program Chair: Bonnie Ross
- Sergeant at Arms: Ben Stenge
- Web Master: Jim Birken
- District Governor: Jo Crenshaw
- Assistant Governor: Doris Towery

Zoom M-I Rotary - Meeting Link Info

THIS WEEK'S LINK hosted by Jim Birken (on your iPad or PC or MAC):
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72434538979?pwd=Y3lBY2RTNnBqQVpaSWlFcUt5QlFWQT09>

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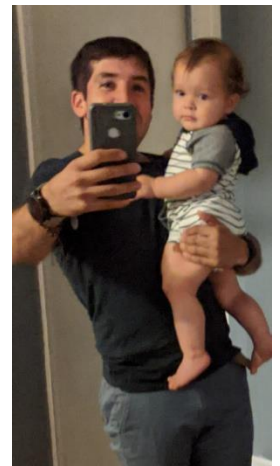
Quote of the Week

“Let us not have puny thoughts. Let us think on a greater scale. Let us not have those of the future decry our smallness of concept and lack of foresight.” Adolph Murie (1899-1974)

~ The first scientist to study wolves in their natural habitat, Murie was an American naturalist, author, and wildlife biologist who pioneered field research on wolves, bears, and other mammals and birds in Arctic and sub-Arctic Alaska. He went to work for the Wildlife Division of the National Park Service in 1934, and did clash with those higher in the bureaucracy over the preference for high-volume "industrial tourism" which the agency exhibited even then. Murie was instrumental in protecting wolves from eradication and in preserving the biological integrity of the Denali National Park and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Notable works: "Wolves of Mount McKinley" and "A Naturalist in Alaska".



President Ramon Martinez can not be with us this week as he is down in California looking after his Dad (see left pic) and playing with his nephew.



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



Bob Archer's trade talk involved his story of how he was born and raised on the outskirts of Vancouver Washington. His first experience with Rotary was as a student of the week for his high school at the downtown Vancouver Rotary club. As a self-proclaimed science nerd, the closest thing he had to a foreign exchange was going to West Virginia for the national youth science camp. After eight years at Washington State University in Pullman, he graduated with a BS in bio chemistry, a doctorate in veterinary medicine and surgery, and a wife who was an OSU veterinary student. They settled in the Monmouth/ Independence area so his wife Laura could finish her last year in veterinary school, and then never left! He worked in a mixed practice for three years, an emergency clinic for seven years, and then joined Laura at her practice. Little known piece of trivia, Bob directed handbell choir for 12 years. And now he is doing a bang up job of managing MI-Rotary's Youth Exchange Program among other volunteer efforts.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CAUSE – SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT (just when you thought we’d “run out” after covering our six causes – a seventh cause was recently announced on the Rotary International website – excerpts below):

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment. Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

(Learn more: <https://www.rotary.org/en/supporting-environment-becomes-new-area-focus>)

Related content:

[The Plastic Trap](#)

[Nature & Nurture](#)

[Why Climate Change is Rotary's Business](#)

What is Rotary beyond its SEVEN causes being discussed above in August through September?

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 Local Leadership:



Josephine Crenshaw
District Governor

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Rotary District 5100



--Doris Gene Towery,
Assistant Governor

<https://isrotaryforyou.com/>



Ramon Martinez, Club President
Monmouth-Independence Rotary Club

<http://mirotaryclub.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Monmouth-Independence-Rotary-Club>

20-21 THEMES: International = “Rotary Opens Opportunities”

M-I Rotary = “Unidos” [United/Together]

Polk County Fairgrounds Report Wildfire Relief Efforts

(thanks to Sandy Newland for providing the info below from the Polk County Fairgrounds Facebook Page – Sept.22, 2020)

Donations

The Polk County Fairgrounds Emergency Operation Day Center has received \$9,046.50 in gift card donations and \$3,500 in cash and online donations. Nearly all of these donations have been used to support those who were displaced by fires. The day center has also received thousands of household items including paper products, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, clothing, bedding, baby products and food.

People Served

More than 550 people have been served at the Day Center in the last 7 days, representing the following affected areas: Mill City, Gates, Detroit, Idanha, Lyons, Otis, Lincoln City, Grand Ronde, Eugene, Clackamas, Estacada, Molalla, Silver Falls, Medford, Northern California.

Volunteers

More than 350 community members have joined the Day Center Volunteer Interest list, offering to donate their time. More than 1,099 volunteer hours have been recorded, valued at \$14,535.39 since the day center opening on September 9th. The Family and Community Outreach & Behavioral Health Departments have contributed 650 hours.

The Impact

During the first week of operations the Day Center distributed the following: 250 boxes of household goods, 500 cases of water, 300 bedding sets, and thousands of hygiene products and other household items.

Bonnie Ross provides info on a webinar of potential interest and some other timely political stories following the death of icon Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg:

REGISTER NOW!

Nicholas Kristof with Madeleine Brand

A Ray of Hope in a Grim Time

TOMORROW, September 23 at 5 pm (PDT)

register [here](#)

Here is an easy-to-use zoom link for the September 23 program at 5 pm PDT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84963227204>

YOU CAN ONLY GET INTO THE PROGRAM BY USING THIS ZOOM LINK!

At the current time, most of us can use a "Ray of Hope in a Grim Time"! That is the topic of **tomorrow's** program with two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Nicholas Kristof who will be in conversation with KCRW's Madeleine Brand. Hope you will join us! Use the ZOOM link provided above.

1. [This article by John Cassidy](#) in **today's New Yorker**, analyzes the impact of the current battle over replacing Justice Ginsburg on the presidential election. In essence, Cassidy concludes that he does not believe it will make much of an impact. Because it seems clear that "most voters have made up their minds about this President a long time ago, the untimely death of Ginsburg seems unlikely to prove decisive. But what a delicious outcome it would be if Trump's effort to exploit it ended up coming back to bite him."
2. In [this column](#) from **yesterday's Washington Post**, Jennifer Rubin writes about Biden's speech delivered **Sunday** in which he spoke about Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the GOP's rush to fill the vacancy on the Court. Rubin writes: "Biden managed [in this speech] to appeal both to the left and the exhausted middle of the electorate. He framed the issue as one of fairness and of the ACA's survival. And he made clear that responsibility for further destruction of our system rests with Republicans, who can choose to pull back. In many ways, it was the most intricate and multilayered speech of his career. It certainly was the most presidential."

What it's like to survive through two pandemics

By Paul Engleman Illustrations by Fien Jorissen (excerpted from Sept 2020 - Rotary Magazine)

Sixty-five years ago, in 1955, I was diagnosed with polio. I was two years old, so I was unaware of what it meant to have been infected with the poliovirus, but I became more aware of it in subtle ways as I got older. And at some point, I understood what my mother meant when she said I was “one of the lucky ones.”

My mother ... was a woman who could take things in stride, the quintessential “tough cookie.” But there was one recollection that could unravel my mother like no other — the one that involved her youngest son being diagnosed with polio and the palpable fear that stalked parents across the country during the summers of the early 1950s. She could not stop her voice from cracking when she spoke about that time. That, along with her warnings about staying out of “polio puddles” after it rained, shaped my awareness of how frightening the epidemic had been.

Among my childhood memories, getting the oral polio vaccine is as vivid as the classroom drills that taught us to seek safety under our desks in case of a nuclear attack. While I can now joke about how sturdy school desks must have been back then, there's no amusement in my recollection of lining up outside the local firehouse for the Sabin sugar cube — that was serious, important business. I knew it then, and I know it now.

My appreciation for having survived polio faded away over time, but returned in force about 12 years ago when I began writing for Rotary magazine. I had assumed polio had been eradicated — or, more accurately, I didn't think about it. I have since had the opportunity to get to know, and be awed by, some of the Rotarian volunteers who are working to achieve that goal.

Now, as the novel coronavirus makes its way across the world, I feel a renewed gratitude for what it means to be one of the lucky ones — and a deeper understanding of how terrifying life was for many people six decades ago. As a 67-year-old former smoker, I'm among those now considered vulnerable — I have two adult children to keep reminding me of that — but I'm also among the privileged. My wife and I are able to work from home, we live in a single-family house with creature comforts, and we can afford to practice social distancing with little sacrifice.

Although adults were not immune to polio — President Franklin D. Roosevelt famously contracted the disease at age 39 — most of its victims were young children. Today, COVID-19 appears to pose the most danger to people over 60 — that is, the same group that polio targeted 65 years ago. “There was a high level of fear in the country then, very similar to what we have now,” says Cort Vaughan, a member of the Rotary Club of Greater Bend, Oregon, and a past End Polio Now coordinator. Vaughan and his wife, Tonya, returned just before April from participating in a polio vaccination campaign in India.

Vaughan doesn't remember contracting polio at age two in October 1954, but, he says, “I have clear memories of my parents relating stories about it, and I could feel the emotion in their voices about what they went through. Their stories were so vivid, so palpable, they almost became my own memories.”

The darkest story starts with his mother discovering one morning that her toddler was suddenly unable to walk, calling the doctor, and rushing him to the hospital. “If you had to go to the hospital, there was a high probability of being crippled for life,” Vaughan says. “Once my parents took me there, it was out of their hands.” At that time, polio wards restricted visitors, and Vaughan's mother was desperate to be with him. “She discovered a women's group that was sending volunteers to hospitals. She joined the Junior League primarily to get to see me.”

Vaughan's illness paralyzed his right leg from the knee down, requiring him to wear a brace and sentencing him to a childhood in which frequent trips to the hospital for physical therapy replaced playing outdoors with friends. “I didn't feel lucky then, but looking back, now I do,” he says. He also believes that the knowledge that comes from living with the scars of polio has heightened his grasp of what is required to overcome the current pandemic. “I know what it's like to face a hidden threat, and I understand the need for people to stay vigilant and work together to prevent the spread,” he says. “I was defending the stay-at-home order in Oregon early on, when [others thought] it was not really serious.”

When Jonas Salk announced the success of his historic vaccine trial in April 1955, there was widespread acceptance of the need for mass immunizations. At some point in the future, a modern-day Salk or Albert Sabin will emerge to announce a vaccine to control the spread of COVID-19. But it's anyone's guess how widely accepted that vaccine will be. **{ To read the rest of this very interesting article: <https://www.rotary.org/en/what-its-like-to-survive-through-two-pandemics> }**

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

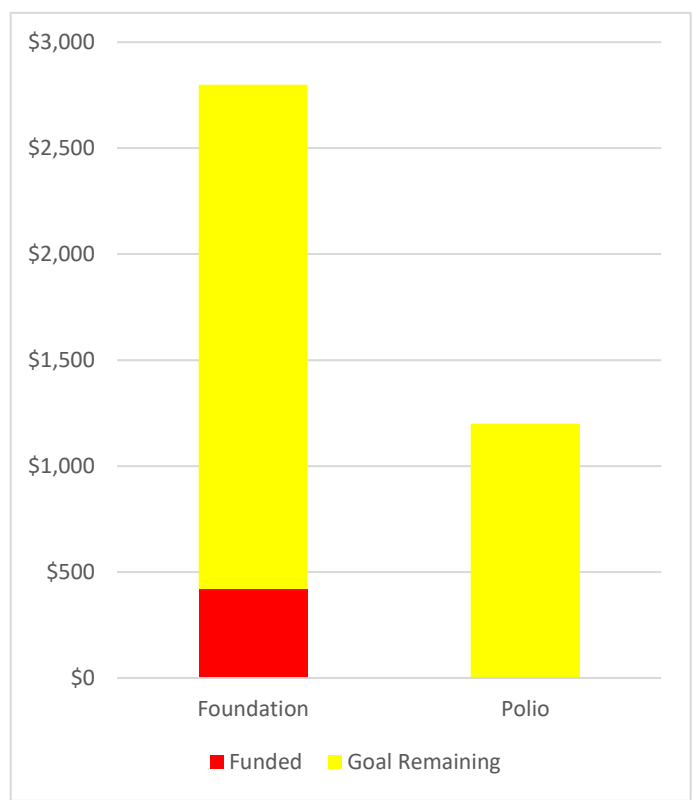
Go to the Rotary International website (Rotary International <https://www.rotary.org/>) for more info on how to grow our club.

Rotary International Foundation 2020/21 Annual Goals

25 Members giving an average of \$100 per member equals \$2500 per year.

Received as of September 24th: \$420
Average per person ~ \$15

Rotary Foundation Stars 2019/20	Rotary Foundation Stars 2020/21
John Hasbrook	John Hasbrook
Karin Johnson	Karin Johnson
Sandy Newland	Sandy Newland
Ram Sil	Ram Sil
Ed Dover	Patty Nevue
Janet Chenard	
Al Oppliger	
Jayne Oppliger	
Morris Johnson	
Bob Archer	
Ben Stange	
Paul Sieber	
Jim Birken	



Polio Plus 2020/21 Goal

Goal: ~\$1,200
YTD = \$18/Avg per person= \$0.64
Polio Plus Stars

Laurel Sharmer

Peace Program

Year to date = \$0

Serving Our Club in the coming weeks

Date	Trade Talk and/or Programs	Flag Salute (?)	Invocation (?)
Sept 24	Bonnie Ross-Justice Conversation	Jim Birken	Paul Doellinger
Oct 1	Ben Meyer – Trade Talk	Ben Stenge	Bob Archer
Oct 8	TBD / Chuck Thurman - Trade Talk?	Morris Johnson	Ramon Martinez
Oct 15	TBD / Ed Dover – Trade Talk?	Sandy Newland	Paul Doellinger
Anytime		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

August 2020	Chuck Thurman
Sept 2020	Chuck Thurman
October 2020	
November 2020	Paul Doellinger
December 2020	
January 2021	
February 2021	
August 2020	
Sept 2020	
October 2020	
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