

Rotary



Club of Medford Rogue

August 18th Communicator

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NO IN PERSON OR ZOOM MEETING AUGUST 18TH

Our next meeting will be August 25th at the Rogue Valley Country Club or Zoom for those unable to attend the in person meeting

In Person Meeting RSVP Instructions

You **will receive an email** lunch reservation invite on **AUGUST 18th** for the **August 25th** in person meeting. Please complete it and **return by noon, Thursday, August 19th**. We need to give the Country Club advance notice for meals to prepare. Full meal cost is \$20 (included meeting room fee) or \$10 for meeting room fee. **RSVP IS REQUIRED** to ensure we have plenty of food and seating

The county club has a mask requirement. The only exception to wearing a mask indoors is when you are actively eating

Last Week's Speaker: Martin Majkut, Conductor, Rogue Valley Symphony

Summary of last week's topic: Making Music in Difficult Times

Dr. Bud Bergstrom introduced the speaker.

Born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia), Majkut earned his Ph.D. in conducting at the Academy of Performing Arts while serving as Assistant Conductor of the Slovak Philharmonic. Majkut came to the U.S. as a Fulbright scholar in 2003 and earned a D.M.A. in 2008 from the University of Arizona.

In 2010 he became director of the Rogue Valley Symphony. Since then the Symphony has experienced remarkable growth including a budget that is now 3 x larger when he arrived, as well as more staff, musicians, and spiffy new offices downtown Ashland.

He is very proud of their educational program which serves the 100♦s of children. During the pandemic a digital presence was the only way for the Symphony to keep in touch with audiences so they created 4 movies, each with a different angle. Additionally, their Fanfare Project has been very successful. He asked his wife, Chelsea, a composer, to write a Fanfare for a brass ensemble honoring Nurses. Subsequently, one was written for first responders to fires as a way to thank them. These can be found on You Tube and Rogue valley symphony.org and they were played at the Ashland Film Festival. An additional two Fanfares were commissioned from local composers and presented on Ovation TV, as well as the digital movies.

Last year they worked to get in touch with every one of their patrons calling 100♦s of people. In so doing they learned a lot about people that love their music. They raised more money than they did before the pandemic. They felt that they discovered a mental shift; lots of people realized anew that experiences make life meaningful and they miss what the Symphony offered

The League of American Orchestras predicts that 50% of subscribers return yet 85% of Rogue Symphony Orchestra renew. They will require vaccination from all staff, musicians and patrons and feel that they lost 5% of their patrons because of this. 70% of patrons in 2021/22 donated already purchased tickets back to them. They have received 77 brand new gifts this fall. This season they will have no single tickets, only subscriptions. It was decided in early spring to grow performances organically by starting the season with a smaller orchestra and no intermission. They are hoping that from January on they can perform at full force.

August 25:

Topic: Medford Rogue Rotary Youth Programs

Speakers: Committee chairs from Youth Exchange, 4-Way Test, Student Recognition and the Basketball programs will explain more on these programs and how our clubs upcoming Signature Event- Pickleball Tournament helps to support and fund these events.

September 1:

Topic:

Speaker:

August 25th Sergeant at Arms

Our club's exciting event is right around the corner on September 17-19, 2021. Sergeants will be dedicating the August 25, 2021 meeting to help raise funds for this event. The money raised will go towards the Medford Rogue Rotary youth programs. Sponsorship levels vary and, of course, donations are appreciated at all levels.

There are a variety of ways to support this event. Volunteers are needed to set up and to tear down, to work concessions, and, to simply work the event. You can register to play, or get your friends together to play, at the event. Players can register at www.pickleballtournaments.com

Feel free to contact Cheryl, Debbie, or George, to learn about volunteer opportunities. If you're interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Larry, George, Cheryl or Kelli, for more information.

Let the games begin!

New Member Applicants and Sponsor Responsibilities:

The Membership Committee has revised the mentor program for new members. Instead of the committee assigning a mentor, the new member's sponsor will now be responsible for that role. Sponsor/mentor responsibilities will include assisting the new member with finding the right fit for two committee assignments, accompanying the new member to a fellowship event, and also sitting with the new member at two or more of our regular meetings in order to introduce them to fellow Rotarians. We hope that these changes will help to quickly integrate the new member to our club.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Rotary YOGA

Join Sally Buck for Yoga! August 20th and September 17th

Bring your own Yoga mat, aids if desired, towel (for damp grass or hot tub/pool), and drinks (your choice on the definition). Third Friday of every month in Sally's backyard from 12-1 p.m. Plenty of room to social distance. **All skill levels welcome.** Music will be "spa" or "classical". Spouses, friends and kids are welcome as long as they can be respectful of those desiring meditation conditions.

Hot tub/pool available for post practice recovery.

RSVP is not necessary. Location: 2680 Country Park Lane in Medford. Questions? sbuckemail@gmail.com or 402-916-0047

Health Topic : Will return in September
