

# Rotary



## Club of Medford Rogue

### October 6th Communicator

Medford Rogue Rotary: Chartered April 20, 1977  
President Larry Hildebrandt  
Past President Host: Claudette Moore  
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**Location:** Rogue Valley Country Club at 2660 Hillcrest Rd. - ballroom on upstairs level

**Time:** 12:10 pm

**OR**

**Zoom for those Rotarians who are unable to make the meeting the zoom link will open at 12:00**

Zoom meeting link: [Click Here For Meeting](#) Link

Meeting ID: 860 5687 5497

Passcode: 943117

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### Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Linda Brown

Sergeant at Arms: David Wilkerson

Greeters: Paul Christy

Attendance: Steve Dickson

Technology: John VanSickle

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### In Person Meeting RSVP Instructions

You will no longer need to RSVP for meeting/meals anymore you can just show up. . Full meal cost is \$20 Including room fee) or \$10 for meeting room fee.

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

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**This Week's Speaker:** Lisa Molnar, former CEO of Ashland YMCA,

Project Manager for Camp DeBoer since July, 2019

Topic: TBD

### Last Week's meeting recap:

**Speaker:** Brent Barry, Phoenix-Talent SD Superintendent,

**Topic:** The Phoenix in the Phoenix-Talent School District: Rebuilding from the ashes.

Brent Barry, Phoenix-Talent Schools superintendent and Oregon's Superintendent of the Year, discussed the numerous obstacles the district was forced to overcome in the past year, with the Almeda fire coming on top of the Covid pandemic.

As the district prepared to deal with Covid and distance learning in September 2020, the Almeda fire swept through Talent and Phoenix, destroying the homes of 700 district students. Brent and his team of educators leapt into action and within a few days had

contacted the families of all students to determine their situations. Most of the 2,500 homes lost in the two communities were in mobile home parks and the families involved were often in low-income situations.

In the days and weeks following the fire, the school district helped organize donations to get the families through the immediate aftermath and worked with a large number of community partners to assist with longer-term issues such as housing. Those community connections were critical to the district's response. Working with Rogue Retreat they were able to obtain two dozen RVs for families to live in temporarily. Rogue Credit Union donated \$150,000 to put Chromebooks in the hands of students and the Eagle Point School District provided a building for services for the many P-T students who wound up in White City. By the time donations began to wind down, the district had received financial contributions amounting to \$2.2 million to be distributed to the affected families.

In the midst of all that, the district found a bright spot, opening its new high school and putting smiles on the faces of students and staff alike.

**October 13th NO Meeting**

**October 20th NO Meeting**

**October 27th**

**Speaker:** Dan Hilderbrandt, Delta Airlines Pilot

**Topic:** TBD

**Meeting dates can be found on our new website.** Click here for [Meeting Info](#)

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### **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.

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### **President's Message:**

**Vice President Nominations:** The club will have its normal opening for vice president in our December's election. If you have interest or want to learn more about the position, please contact president elect Ian Foster. The term of office begins July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. It is a great opportunity to improve your leadership skills and to make a difference in the club and our community. The vice president position is the first step in becoming club president.

**Board of Directors News:** Board of Directors meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:30 via zoom. If you have an agenda items please contact President Larry. The meetings are open to all club members contact Debbie for the meeting link

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**Pickleball Tournament:** Check out the pictures on our website

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