

# Rotary



## Club of Medford Rogue

### September 16 Communicator

Medford Rogue Rotary: Chartered April 20, 1977

**Presiding - Paul Robinson, President**

**Zoom Meeting Link - [To Join Meeting Click Here](#)**

#### **Involved Rotarians**

Inspirational Moment: Julie Gillis  
Sergeant at Arms: David Wilkerson  
Greeters: Ben Kalina  
Attendance: Shaun Franks  
Technology: John VanSickle

#### **Song for Today**

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

[YouTube performance by Celtic Woman](#)

*Thanks to Frank Pulver*

#### Lyrics

When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of the storm  
Is a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark.  
Walk on through the wind,  
Walk on through the rain,  
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on  
With hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone,  
You'll never walk alone.

Today's Speaker ♦ September 16, 2020

#### **Forest Health and Forest Under Stress**

Speaker: Rachel Hall

Introduced by: Frank Phillips

Program description: A focus on the Rogue River/Siskiyou National Forest areas. Covers the smoke in the valley and reasons why there is smoke. Also, the "Mega Drought Southern Oregon 2020."

**Next week's topic:** Candidates' Forum--Jackson County Commissioners

Speakers: Dave Dotterrer and Terrie Martin

#### **Summary of last week's topic (September 9 2020)**

- Arlo Todd of the Medford Water Commission (MWC) spoke in place of scheduled speaker Brad Taylor.
- Medford's source water comes from Big Butte Springs and the forested lands of the southwestern Cascades, which drain a watershed of 1 million acres. MWC owns and manages 3,600 acres and Arlo is a Watershed Quality Technician, responsible for everything above the water intake.
- There is not much industry above MWC's water intake, and the forest acts as a sponge and filter for our water supply. MWC works to manage the forests to support a consistent flow of cool, clean water, increase the resiliency to wildfires, and promote revenue-generating activities in the watershed.
- Arlo reviewed the 15 principles that guide MWC's watershed stewardship, including practices that create a mosaic of forest habitats, and protecting the critical infrastructure which includes Willow Lake and the MWC reservoir.
- MWC partners and collaborates with timber companies, the Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative (SOFER), and the

US Forest Service.

- MWC has currently suspended its popular tours due to the pandemic.

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