

# Rotary



# Club of Medford Rogue

## September 23 Communicator

Medford Rogue Rotary: Chartered April 20, 1977

**Presiding -Paul Robinson, President**

### Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Judy Basker

Sergeant at Arms: Ian Foster

Greeters: Ryan Robertson

Attendance: Shaun Franks

Technology:: John VanSickle

Meeting Link: [Click Here for Meeting](#)

### Song for Today

◆ Wind Beneath My Wings/Heroes

[YouTube performance link, by Bette Midler](#)

*Lyrics*

*It must have been cold there in my shadow / To never have sunlight on your face / You were content to let me shine, that◆s your way / You always walked a step behind / So I was the one with all the glory / While you were the one with all the strength / A beautiful face without a name for so long / A beautiful smile to hide the pain / Did you ever know that you◆re my hero / And everything I would like to be? / I can fly higher than an eagle / For you are the wind beneath my wings*

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Thanks to Frank Pulver

### Today◆s Speaker

Topic: Candidates◆ Forum◆ Jackson County Commissioner Candidates

Speakers: Dave Dotterrer and Terrie Martin

Introduced by: Bob Wise

### Next week◆s speaker

Who Tells Your Story?

Barbara Dellenback (Former Medford Rogue Rotarian)

### Summary of last week◆s topic

Speaker: Rachel Hall - retired Rogue Valley farmer, polymath, autodidact, Cassandra

Title: ◆ Forest Health and Forest Under Stress◆

- Smoke in our valley comes from three sources?
  - Lightning strikes??
  - Prescribed burns??
  - Distant smoke sources?
    - e.g., the Siberian fires of early summer 2020, or the Milepost 97 fires in 2019
- Signs of healthy forests?
  - Filtered sunlight reaching the forest floor??
  - Limited ◆ scaffolding◆ or dead trees and limbs that carry burns to the treetops??
  - Health tree roots◆ the underground transport engine that drives the forest??

- Moisture greater than or equal to the needs of the vegetative mass??
- Signs of struggling forests?
  - Brown trees and insect infestation due to stress from low moisture??
  - Vegetation-clogged understories??
  - Scaffolding to the crown??
  - Beetle infestation in stressed trees??
- What's causing our wildfires??
  - Lack of proper forest management??
  - Changing climate dynamics??
  - More intense urban-wildland interface ◊ That is, development encroaching on forested lands??

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