

Rotary



Club of Medford Rogue

July 5, 2023 Communicator

Medford Rogue Rotary: Chartered April 20, 1977

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*note the names of Involved Rotarians or program topics may not be available or may change at anytime.

MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Rogue Valley Country Club at 2660 Hillcrest Rd. - ballroom on upstairs level

Time: 12:10 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

zoom link info will be sent around 9 am on Wednesday - sorry for any inconvenience.

Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Brian Watkins

Sergeant at Arms: Larry Hildebrandt

Greeters:

Attendance: Carol Neil

Technology: John Van Sickle & Scott Morris

Meeting Information:

July 5

-Program Title: Blood Diamonds

Speaker: Allen and Marjo White

LATER IN THE DAY

Jan & Larry Hildebrandt and their guest speakers will be at the Hummingbird Estates Winery (1677 Old Stage Rd Central Point) from 3-5ish p.m. Please stop by if you would like to learn more about Justice for the Blood Diamond victims in Sierra Leone.

This will be a no-host event and no RSVP is necessary.

July 12

-Program Title: Valley of the Rogue Park

Speaker: Nathan Stable

July 19

NO CLUB MEEETING - CANDYLAND PROJECT

July 26

-Program Title: Housing Shortage

Speaker: David Wright

Fellowship

.Wait to see what our amazing fellowship committee has for us next

World Community Service

District Grants Meeting July 8, 9 am

The 1st District Grants meeting for 2023-24 is on Saturday July 8 at 9 am. It will be on Zoom (not in Bend as previously announced). Check the District Calendar in DACdb; here is the link:

<https://us02webit.zoom.us/j/82331840851>

District Grant Approvals

We have received preliminary approval for our two district grants submitted in May. There are a few more steps to finalize during the summer including RI input and approval. We expect to receive District Matching funds in the amount of up to \$4,000, which will become available in the fall. This will be split among two projects:

1. Educational student support program in Retalhuleu, Guatemala, allowing 20 students to continue education beyond elementary school. Club members may contribute individually to support additional children at a cost of \$200 per child annually.
2. Clean water filtration systems in **Puerto Rico**.

Importantly, this will be a rotary travel opportunity and **the project work is scheduled for the week of March 10, 2024** in coordination with Woodland Charities who successfully lead club projects in Guatemala for a number of years. Contact Tim Chesley or Linda Brown for additional information.

Tiger Den Project - Central High School

School is getting ready to wrap up for the summer.

For more information contact Marisa Poling @ marisaapoling@icloud.com

Community Events

Pickleball Tournament-The date is set for September 8-10, 2023

This is our club's signature fundraising event. It's a great way to raise money and it brings a means of fellowship to our members. Let us know if you would like to join the steering committee or be part of one of the smaller subcommittees. Everyone is welcome to join this committee. It's a great opportunity to learn new skills and offer skills that others might not have. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Cheryl Dyer at cherylddyer@yahoo.com

Winter in Candyland 2024 This is a community event where families will create "sweet" memories while walking through a life-sized Candyland village. As you enter the Candyland Village, you will visit **Nana's Nut House, Gumdrop Mountain, Peppermint Forest, Licorice Lagoon and Chocolate Swamp!** This will be a free event for community families.

Board of Directors News: note date and time change

.Board of Directors meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30pm via zoom. If you have an agenda item, please contact President Ian. The meetings are open to all club members. Contact Debbie for the meeting link or

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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 members into our club.
