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A 2021 Salute to the Newbies

It has been an amazing year for the club regarding new members. While many of those inducted in 2021 are a result of in-migration, mostly from other parts of Oregon or the West Coast, others have been in Redmond for years.

It's our 40th edition showcasing our eighteen Redmond Rotarians "minted" in 2021.

"We welcome you all, and dedicate this special Holiday edition of the Four Way Flyer to you!"



Susan Busch 2/2/21



Susan was born in Texas, but spent much of her time in Canby, Oregon before moving to central Oregon. She works for Mann Mortgage and has a passion for helping everyone become homeowners. Susan was featured in our 32nd edition of the Four Way Flyer. Click [here](#) to find out what Susan would love to do as part of her love of the outdoors!



Nicole Gee 3/3/21



Nicole is a professional photographer who relocated from California to Redmond a couple of years ago. She was featured in our 30th edition of the Four Way Flyer. Click [here](#) to read all about Nicole and her sidekick named Walter, who is the unofficial but lovable 'Mayor' of Creekside!



Jake Waardenburg 3/3/21

Jake grew up in Klamath Falls, but travelled a bit during his baseball-playing college days. He found his wife Mandy in Kentucky, who also played college sports. Jake has his own State Farm agency here in Redmond, and was featured in the 34th edition of our Four Way Flyer newsletter. Click [here](#) to find out if Jake really wears khakis to the office every day!



Jessie Evans 4/8/21



Jessie grew up in Bend, where her parents worked as foresters. Jessie enjoys opportunities to mentor young students interested in international affairs, speaking with local high school classes (especially Lava Bears) when she can about her work. Jessie and her partner Chris bought a property adjacent to the Smith Rock State Park, where they host vacationers and occasional groups (the club's annual BBQ was held there this summer). Jessie enjoys the chance to spend time with family and friends whenever she's stateside. Jessie holds degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Occidental College in LA, and currently works for the US Department of Defense, working with foreign military and defense leaders across Africa. Prior to that, Jessie served the State Department after working on international health and human rights at the Harvard School of Public Health on international health and human rights. Extensive work-related travels limited her involvement in local organizations until the pandemic helped broaden her chances to work from home for stretches of time. She joined the club to develop more local relationships and do good here and across the globe.



Judy Corwin 4/12/21

Judy Corwin has had her feet in central Oregon for many years. While centered in Corvallis for over twenty years, she and her husband Mike (also a Rotarian) have owned their Eagle Crest home many years. It became their primary residence this year, but it will be awhile before they are no longer spending time in Corvallis. Judy and Mike have three adult children and a beagle. Judy's interests include singing (an alto, she recently performed with the



Central Oregon Master Singers) and gymnastics (she is a rated official for interscholastic gymnastics).

Judy has more than twenty years of experience as a professional marketer, and currently does part-time teaching in marketing and public relations for multiple institutions including COCC.

Her Rotary involvement is extensive at both the club and district levels. She was a member for more than 20 years and past president of the Greater Corvallis club prior to joining our club. She is a Paul Harris Fellow (PH+2). As a District 5110 officer, she chairs the District's Public Image Committee, and teaches Rotary branding guidelines at PETS (President Elect Training) and RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute). She is responsible for the D5110 website, website news and carousel, and social media for the district on its Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages. She and her husband produce the weekly In Action eNewsletter.

Heather Haworth 5/6/21

Heather and her family have lived in central Oregon for 15 years and have a 13-year-old son. She enjoys playing softball and spending time outdoors with her family and two golden-doodles.



Heather began working in the banking industry shortly after moving here, and has worked for OnPoint Community Credit Union for 10 years. She is currently the Redmond Branch Manager.

This is Heather's first Rotary club as a member. She is familiar with service organizations generally, and was a member of the Lions Club before joining Redmond Rotary. She is excited about becoming more involved in the community.

Walter Nelson 7/8/21

A fifth generation Californian, Walter and his wife moved to Eagle Crest last year. They have two adult daughters and three grandchildren.



Walter spent much of his career in the food services industry, representing various industrial food manufacturers to wholesalers through ten western states. Extensive travel was required. In 2005 he

decided to try something more local, and got his real estate license. He worked first for Prudential, then for 16 years with Coldwell Banker as a residential real estate agent.

About the same time as he started in real estate, Walter joined the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary club in northern California, serving as the club president in 2010 and active in many events and projects throughout his membership.

Walter is happy to find a local Rotary club to continue his service.

Linda Levinson 7/8/21

Linda was born and raised in California. She and her husband Gary moved to Redmond a couple of years ago to be close to one of their adult children (youngest of five). They now boast eighteen grandchildren and six great grands! Her interests include foreign travel, which led at one point to her living in England a year, followed by several months each in Spain and France.



Linda began a career in banking, and was hired as the first woman

operations officer for Montecito Bank and Trust. She continued in the banking industry for 20 years before heading "across the pond". Returning to the US, she changed career fields and moved to San Diego. Working as an administrator for PsychCare, she discovered a deep interest in mental health and addiction. She eventually formed her own company offering EAP (Employee Assistance Programs) to businesses and spoke about addiction and drugs in the workplace as part of her services.

Linda was a member of the Palm Springs Rotary Club and served on its board. She volunteered with a number of local organizations while living in California, including Special Olympics, AIDS support group, and committees related to homeless, health care services, and food services.

Stacie Perkins 7/8/21



Stacie moved from northern Nevada to Redmond last year with her husband Gary. They have two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. Her family hobbies include rock hounding, kayaking, camping and floating in rivers, but her personal favorite pastime is ballroom dancing.

Stacie works in the insurance industry, and opened A & H Insurance where she is the owner and commercial broker, while Gary runs their electric motor service business (Waddell).

Stacie was active in the Sparks, Nevada Rotary club for five years before moving to central Oregon. She enjoys the many ways she is able to contribute and get to know her community.

Kendall Messner 8/5/21



Kendall is a graduate of Bend High School, and has lived in Redmond for the past twenty years. He enjoys spending time with Tarali (Tara, also a club member who serves on the board) and their children, fly fishing, golfing, music and traveling.

Kendall's first career was as a stand-up comedian. Really! After ten years of that, he went into recruiting for the tech

industry, first as a lead recruiter for a couple of firms (one local, one global). Nowadays he serves as the Global Head of Strategic Recruiting at UST, a digital platform company based in southern California.

Kendall learned much about Rotary through Tara's activities leading our Gift of Literacy project the past couple of years, pitching in to help with logistics support. He looks forward to being more directly involved with the club.

Kari Nelson 8/5/21

Kari was born and raised in Oregon, and enjoys spending time with her husband Michael and three Corgis, travel, painting, music and golf. She has a passion for people, dogs, and helping the elderly, as well as supporting people in recovery from addiction.



Kari owns Testimony Wine here in Redmond, a wine bar that offers wine "by the glass, bottle, and fun experiences". She enjoys working with others in a collaborative

manner to help others or solve problems.

Kari's passions include working with individuals who are mentally handicapped, in recovery from addictions, and the elderly. She volunteers at Giving Table in support of those who have extra needs.

This is Kari's first Rotary club as a member, and she looks forward to contributing to the club through chairing the Social Committee, with an interest in helping with foreign exchange programs.

Ryan Sale 8/5/21

Ryan spent a majority of his life on the family walnut farm near Red Bluff, California, and the past 50 years married to his wife Cindy. They recently moved to Redmond to be near their children, after selling the farm that had been in the family for 105 years. Cindy and Ryan both graduated from the University of Portland. Ryan enjoys being involved in community service activities, and has a lot of experience doing just that.



Ryan retired from the US Army after 26 years of service. He followed that with twenty years on the Red Bluff City Council, including four stints as mayor. He plans to continue his role as a volunteer in charge of vendors for the Red Bluff Roundup, something he's been doing for twenty years.

Ryan was extensively involved as a member of the Red Bluff Rotary club since he joined in May 1980. He is a past president of the club, a Paul Harris Fellow, served on the board and chaired many fundraisers for his former club. So he has "hit the ground running" as a new club member, but not a new Rotarian!



Angela Saraceno 8/5/21

Angela was born and raised in Oregon, and has several nieces and nephews she likes to spend time with when she's not hiking with her dog or reading the latest pick from Reese Witherspoon's book club selection.



In her professional life, Angela has spent the last 10 years in the nonprofit sector in the areas of fundraising and community engagement. Through her work, she

has been able to connect individuals, corporations and foundations with non-profit organizations who are addressing large-scale community issues around early education, child abuse prevention and healthcare innovation.

She is currently working at St. Charles as their Community and Philanthropy Advocate, no doubt drawing on skills developed over the course of her career.

Angela has no prior Rotary experience, but is excited to have another avenue in which to give back to her community.

Ashley Bessie 11/11/21

Ashley considers herself lucky to have grown up on a family farm near Tumalo, complete with horses, lambs and hogs, before moving to Redmond years ago. The family passion growing up was horses and rodeo. Ashley earned her Associate's degree in Occupational Therapy from COCC, then became a certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor through OSU Cascades. Ashley is a single mom with two teenagers who attend Ridgeview High School, and a 4-yr-



old daughter in preschool.

Ashley and a partner spent several years building a painting and construction company together. After her youngest daughter was born, Ashley pursued getting her real estate broker license. She now works as a realtor with West and Main Homes, and enjoys the opportunities her work provides in making connections with folks new to the area and those who have been here forever. Last summer, she helped the local realtors group with their annual Golfers for Scholars golf tournament and found it really rewarding.

Ashley has no prior Rotary experience, but looks forward to devoting her positive energy into the club and having fun doing it!

Shelby Bishop 11/11/21

Shelby grew up in the Northwest, then made a move south to California about ten years ago.



She returned to Oregon with her soon-to-be husband Matthew Couch (also a new club member) and teenage son. They love camping and white water rafting, so the move from Ventura, California a couple of years ago was a easy call. Self-described as a "people person", it's easy to see

how Shelby can network effectively to accomplish her business and volunteer goals.

Shelby began her career in the mortgage industry in Milwaukie, Oregon. She became involved in professional groups early, serving in leadership roles for chamber and real estate groups, including her roles as Secretary for the Woman's Council of Realtors in Portland. She co-chaired fundraisers and events in Oregon and later California along the way.

After moving to Ventura where she met Matt, they teamed up to develop MortgageCouch, a real estate brokerage company. After their move to Redmond, they continued the partnership and took on renovation of the Redmond Spokesman building for conversion to executive offices.

Shelby is eager to continue her volunteer work through the club, having developed lifelong friendships in previous organizations.

Joe Rygg 11/11/21

Joe grew up in La Grande, graduated from University of Oregon with a degree in Finance (and holds season tickets for Duck football). He moved his



family to Bend in 2002, looking to possibly move to Redmond someday with his wife Cindy. Interests include hiking, biking, kayaking and golfing, and spending time with their grown-up kids, one son and two daughters.

Joe has spent his career in banking, first as a bank examiner with the

FDIC in their Portland office, then as a commercial lender for US Bank. He currently works for First Interstate Bank here in Redmond.

Joe became a member of the Greater Bend club in 2020 before transferring to Redmond earlier this year for work logistics. But he has known of Rotary for many years, in part through friendships that include current club members. The timing was right, and Joe's happy to be with our club.



Matthew Couch 11/11/21

Matthew and his fiancé, Shelby (also a new club member), arrived from California a couple of years ago, along with their teenage son. They enjoy camping and whitewater rafting, so central Oregon seems like a great fit for them. Matt holds a business degree from the University of Phoenix, graduating with honors after first serving in the Coast Guard.



His choice of military branch seems it must have been an easy one. He represents the fourth generation in his family to serve in the USCG. He was stationed aboard a 378' high endurance cutter, and sailed from the Aleutian Islands to the Panama Canal (not in the same trip) while stationed in San Diego.

Matt went into real estate after school, eager to start his own mortgage banking business, MortgageCouch. Teamed up with Shelby, the company received recognition and praise from the Ventura business community, clients and lenders. Today, they work together on converting the Redmond Spokesman building into executive office suites. During the pandemic, Matt acquired his General Contractor's license, and works on the commercial building as well as projects at their 2.5-acre ranch in Tetherow Crossing.

This club is Matt's first Rotary experience as a member, but he's a veteran of more than military service, having worked with many service organizations and non-profits focused on making a difference in the community.



Diana Barker 12/2/21

Diana is an Oregon native and graduate of Redmond Union High. She has lived in Redmond since 1957 except for a decade after high school, returning with her young family in 1976. Diana has two 'fantastic' sons and two 'perfect' grandchildren. She enjoys golfing and training her dog in her spare time.



Diana entered into the real estate business over 40 years ago, now working with Windemere as part of a team, where she's able to devote more time to her many volunteer roles.

Diana has no formal military service, but she was part of Redmond's "Ground Observer Corps" with her mom and other volunteers in the late 1950's.

Her involvement in local efforts to serve Redmond reads like a Who's Who list, and includes past leadership roles with core organizations like Redmond's Chamber of Commerce,

and the city's Committee for Arts in Public Places. She currently serves on four other boards: Redmond Housing and Community Development, Redmond Community Concert Association, Redmond Proficiency Academy and Redmond Senior Center. Notable accomplishments include her leadership contributions in helping Deschutes County Extension Service successfully pass a tax base measure in the early 1980's that assured sustaining financial support to 4-H and Extension programs. Diana was recognized as Redmond's Citizen of the Year for 2017 in honor of her decades of serving the community in many key roles.

This is Diana's first Rotary club experience, but has followed the club's activities while serving in her voluminous list of other community service roles.

2021 Christmas Party 🎄

Thanks to Kari Nelson and everybody who helped plan and setup our wonderful year-end celebration. Some of the White Elephant gifts were especially humorous, especially when traded around the room. Paul Spain entertained with witty holiday humor.... for example;

- Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?
They always drop their needles.
- What's an elf's favorite sport? *North Pole-vaulting.*
- Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card?
Because he went down in history.
- What do you call a greedy elf? *Elfsh.*
- Why do Donner and Blitzen take so many coffee breaks?
Because they are Santa's star bucks!
- What kind of music do Elves like best? *Wrap music.*
- What's the difference between a Christmas alphabet and a regular alphabet? *The Christmas alphabet has Noel.*
- Please note: Christmas is canceled. Apparently, you told Santa you have been good this year ... he died laughing."

Special thanks to Publisher and President-Elect Joe for putting together the video of this year's holiday party. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out --> [HERE](#).

*May your Christmas sparkle
with moments of love,
laughter and goodwill.
And may the year ahead
be full of contentment and joy.
Have a Merry Christmas !*

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