

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The decision to move back to Zoom meetings was not an easy one. The board of directors discussed it at length and came to the determination we had to do something. Not that we thought individuals weren't capable of making their own decisions about potentially being exposed to COVID but we felt that we had to protect our club's image and reputation in addition to the potential impacts to guests and members.

The board nearly canceled all future meetings until president-elect Joe came up with the idea of having in-person meetings when the daily new case number is less than 100. This made the decision to return to Zoom-only meetings easier. With this method I feel we will get back to in-person meetings sooner.

Our club has shown its ability to not only survive but thrive while wrestling with all kinds of challenge thrown at us. **Look at us!** We are growing in membership, our financial condition is healthy, and we know that every day that passes we are another step closer to fulfilling our goals. So stay connected.

We'll resume the luncheons as soon as we can. Meanwhile, join us where you can, when you can. Our community needs our support, and we'll be there to help.

*See you in the gallery.* ~ President Tyler

## WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speaker – Ken Kehnma, Redmond Fire Chief

**January 20<sup>th</sup>** Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speaker – Katie Hammer, RAPRD Executive Director

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speakers – Stacie Witte and Rick Russell

REACH Safe Parking Project

**February 2, 2022** Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Monthly Business Meeting

## StepUp Recap

It took more than a dozen volunteers, a case of boxed egg whites, ten or so skillet and hot griddles and an hour and 10 minutes to prepare the annual Teachers Appreciation Breakfast at StepUp, the alternative school located at Brown elementary.

Students and teachers were all smiles as they lined up to receive orange slices and juice, eggs, hash browns, sausages and pancakes. The sunshine streaming through a kitchen window and the fact that it was on a Friday added to the gratitude on display, whether spoken or reflected in the eyes of each participant.

Our videographer went quickly to his work, and members received a link to Joe's video that is already posted to the club's [Facebook page](#) and our [Redmond Rotary website](#) page! Help tell our Rotary story by liking on Facebook and sharing the link, and direct folks to our website which boosts the impact for all our community efforts.



## SAVE THESE DATES



**February 10, 2022** - State of the City Speaker Panel

**April 1, 2022** - Wild Ride Social

**April 28 - 30, 2022** - D5110 Celebration (Corvallis)

**May 12, 2022** - Sip for Soles Virtual Wine-Tasting

**June 4 – 6, 2022** - June RI Convention (Houston, TX)

## Zooming By

The club received news from the board meeting last Thursday, and updates included another tough call about pausing in-person weekly gatherings for now.



Beginning immediately, there will be no in-person venue for our weekly gatherings. All leaders are hopeful this will be a shorter stint than the one that began in 2019, but it will all depend on the numbers.

The main factor was the need to protect those most at risk, including members, guests, and servers. With Deschutes County currently leading the state's counties for the highest numbers of new cases, leaders will be monitoring the data to determine when the case counts drop to an acceptable level. If experts are correct, the omicron variant driving the current spike will peak in the next few weeks. When the 7-day average count report returns to levels similar to those prior to omicron's surge, the plan is to resume in-person lunches. [Deschutes 7-Day Average Report](#)

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## Thanks to a Couple of Fellows

The Rotary Foundation has a new Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), and her name is Ann Langford. Ann was awarded the PHF at the club's December 16th weekly gathering in recognition of her generous support to our club's foundation. The Redmond Rotary Charitable Corporation (RRCC) funds are how our club provides scholarships awarded each year to high school seniors in the Redmond School District.



There have been contributions by an anonymous donor to the club's scholarship funds for several years. When it became known who the donor was, it seemed appropriate to recognize her with an award that symbolizes what she and Rotary do—help others. The board of directors and foundation chair concurred.

The club is deeply appreciative of Ann's interest in supporting the RRCC. Her commitment to continued contributions, particularly when added to the growing donations from members and local businesses, truly provides the financial foundation to support students for years to come. Redmond Rotary is grateful for Ann's support.

Ann wasn't the only person awarded a PHF in December. Congratulations to iPresident Keever, who won the 'instant' PHF award by purchasing the winning square.

RI Foundation Chair Rocky Johnson revealed Keever the winner during a weekly gathering after Oregon defeated Oregon State to provide the score numbers needed. Members purchased squares at \$5 a pop, and the club matched sales proceeds with the additional \$500. PHF funds go to the Rotary Foundation and return to the club in later years in the form of District project grants. That means our entire club was really the winner in the game board challenge. YAY!



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## Janice Burges Inducted

Janice grew up in Prineville, and she is no stranger to serving her community. Some of her past volunteer experiences include being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a SMART Reader at her daughter's school, most recently as a member of the local nonprofit, Central

Oregon Patriot Pin-ups. She believes it is important that her children see how rewarding it is to give back through her volunteer efforts that included organizing a coat drive.



Janice and her husband Kyle have four

children. The oldest works with them at the Allstate agency they recently purchased, one is a student at OSU (GO Beavers!), a freshman in high school and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. They enjoy camping all across Oregon in the warmer months, concerts - both big and small, road trips, dive bars and happy hour!

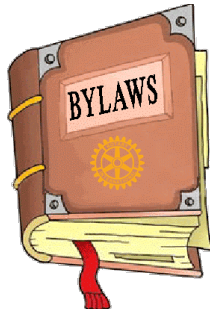
Janice started her career at Allstate 21 years ago, and she and Kyle are excited to take the helm as new owners. They are delighted to be able to provide a service to the community through their insurance business. Allstate provides tools to agency owners to help sponsor classrooms, hold a coat drive, and a clothing drive for victims of domestic abuse. The Burges's intend to use them to support the community that is an important part of their goals, along with forging new friendships and relationships with like-minded individuals here in Redmond.

Kyle was in attendance at last week's club meeting to see his wife be inducted into our club. He did a great job of pinning Janice's new Rotary pin on right before attending members took turns in welcoming our newest member.

*Congratulations, Janice!*

## Club Bylaws Adoption

It's no secret that the legalistic language and dry subject matter that are the main content in any organization's governing documents makes it hard for most readers to chew through all the "whereas" and "be it known" references. Even with more plain language incorporated, the fact that these documents talk about processes that largely occur no more often than once a year gives it a feel of absolutely NO urgency. Never mind that these documents, whether in the form of Articles of Incorporation, Constitutions or Bylaws, are critical tools in sustaining a viable organization like our club.



Well, **be it known** that our club adopted a new set of bylaws at the regular Thursday meeting last week! **Whereas**, there were at least 33 members at the meeting that met our requirement of one-third of all members in attendance as a quorum, and **whereas** a member moved to adopt the new bylaws, another member seconded, and at least 22 members raised their hands in approval, our existing bylaws amendment process was validated. 👍

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## Being an Active Rotarian

Our club's growth, coupled with the turbulent and challenging meetings environment of the coronavirus era, finds our club's future less certain when thinking in traditional terms. As humans, we generally take comfort in knowing what's ahead. Surprises are typically thought of as "fun" only for things like birthday parties or winning the lottery.



Neither of those events are on tap for our club, but that doesn't have to mean uncertainty is scary. Far from it, our club is positioned to achieve new heights as we harness the power of generous and industrious club members

with a common desire to help our community close by and across the globe.

That all sounds grand, but what can we do as individuals, especially right now in the "pause" mode, to be an active part of creating that future? So glad you asked!!

Here's a New Year's list of suggestions for how to plug in, stay connected, and take action to be the best Rotarians we can be.

Stay informed. You're reading this newsletter, so that's great! Did you know there is a weekly District newsletter and monthly international magazine, as well? They are all available on digital form, although you must subscribe through the MyRotary site if you want the link to the magazine emailed to you automatically.

Visit the club's Facebook page and website regularly. Bookmark them and set aside time weekly to review. Select to "Follow" the FB page, and post/like/share content through your business or personal pages when you think it's appropriate.

Smile at Amazon. No, really. The club receives 0.5% of funds from purchases made through Amazon's Smile program. Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). It will lead you through your selection of charitable entities from which to choose. Look for Redmond Rotary Charitable Corporation (supports our scholarships). Fiscal YTD earnings through this program is \$489. For shopping!!



Participate in the Rotary Business Network (RBN). While Rotary clubs focus on "Service Above Self" rather than business promotion, there's no question many Rotarians would prefer to do business with other Rotarians. Formerly called the "B2B" or Business To Business Network, the RBN exists to help members identify Rotarian-owned businesses in District 5110. General listings are free, with upgrade options. To see who in our club already belongs and to add your free listing, log onto DACdb, search for RBN and follow the links!

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## RBN "Superstar" Judy!

If you haven't yet read the District's Rotary Business Network (RBN) January 3<sup>rd</sup> article featuring our own Judy Corwin, do it now! The article rightly refers to Judy as a "superstar" in performing her roles for District 5110 that include managing the district eNewsletter and website in partnership with her Rotarian husband Mike. Her Rotary service doesn't stop there, as she is known as a generous supporter of the Rotary



Foundation and contributes her professional skills as a session facilitator for club presidents-in-training, among other efforts.

JayCor Marketing Communications assists organizations promote their business through online marketing tools such as social media, websites, and digital marketing. Be sure to visit the RBN website, either through DACdb login or directly at [www.rotarybusinessnetwork.org](http://www.rotarybusinessnetwork.org).

## DDD Update

It was another hard call to make, but the Daddy Daughter Dance fundraiser set for February 19<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled again due to the potential impacts from COVID 19. The committee is working hard to come up with a potential alternative event that could be held outdoors later this year. Stay tuned for status reports.



## 4-WAY FLYER NEEDS YOU 🙌

Ever notice the little byline on our club newsletter header? “For Members – By Members”.

This edition marks the forty-first time members have received a newsletter delivered to your inboxes, full of info, news, and member profiles. If you’ve ever asked yourself the question of how or why this happens, read on.

**Caution** – when you read all the way to the end of this article, there’s a request for response. 😊



This newsletter is not a tradition steeped in history, with archives that date back to the club’s inception. There may have been earlier publications, but this one is not quite two years old, created as part of club leaders’ response to the emerging pandemic. Then-President Marv knew we needed tools to help members stay connected through what we now know was an extended absence for in-person gatherings. The 4-Way Flyer, so named from a naming contest submission by then President-Elect Kever, was born in March 2019.

Content at first was dominated by coronavirus news, but we received a great BBQ recipe from Butch that was published in our 2<sup>nd</sup> edition that started a good run of recipes shared ‘*by members – for members*’. Over time, there were other features added. To date, based on feedback received by this editor, the most popular feature has been what at first we dubbed the “4x4”, and is now labeled “Featured Member Profile”. It was a great way to learn more about each other without worrying about covid protocols.

A lot has happened since the first edition was published by Magic Joe Kosanovic with copy furnished by me, Marv and others. The club has grown, times have changed, yet here we are, back in lunchless suspension.

So, here’s the deal. I want to know what you will contribute to the flyer for the purpose of keeping us

connected. “By Members”....this implies participation beyond a select few. This is an invitation to suggest new features or content. Tell me what you like, what you don’t, what’s missing, and what you’d like to bring to the pages of our flyer. Here are some leading questions to get your brain storming:

- ✓ *How about some interactive discussion on chosen topics?* Future editions of the newsletter could present questions submitted by you for others to chime in on. Feel free to name a topic or two if this is of interest.
- ✓ *Member experiences with other aspects of Rotary (this is a Rotary newsletter, after all).* You could submit a brief description of your experience while visiting another club, or meeting someone who turned out to be a Rotarian.
- ✓ *Challenges* – Sure, you can submit a topic that you feel challenged by, but I am thinking more along the lines of “Hey, I want to raise \$50 for Polio Plus at next week’s meeting and will match members’ contributions to that cause up that amount.” But if you have a challenge you want to discuss, feel free to share.

Get the idea? Better yet, **have** an idea? Don’t be shy. All suggestions welcomed. They don’t need to be polished or well written. Just send them to me by email, phone call, text, or over drinks or during a walk. Let’s have fun with content that honors the byline! *Becky Lu, Editor*

