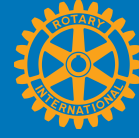


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## Club of Redmond

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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FOR MEMBERS - BY MEMBERS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So there I was, minding my own business when someone asked if I knew how many people donate blood to the American Red Cross (ARC) each year.



Go ahead.....guess.

To be honest, I didn't know either. I also didn't know how many pints of blood per day are collected by the ARC. If you guessed somewhere close to 13,000, you probably read the same flyer I did. You also would know, then, that each day, there is an average of 520 blood drives held to collect those 13,000 pints. Every

year, about 2.4 million people donate blood that meet that volume.

As a former EMT, the statistic that makes *me* want to roll up my sleeve, though, is this: every 2 seconds....TWO SECONDS!!!....someone needs blood here in the US alone. Accidents, surgeries, baby deliveries, transfusions due to disease. These all trigger the need for timely and safe blood.

It just so happens that our District Governor Gerry Kosanovic wants all D5110 clubs to step-up-to-the-plate by taking action by April 28<sup>th</sup> to boost the pints and drives numbers. The **District Drives to Save Lives** Challenge is in partnership with ARC. Click--> [DG VIDEO MESSAGE](#)

All it takes is a little time to reach out and make an appointment to donate blood. Or, if you're not able to donate blood, you can enlist help from friends, neighbors, anyone to donate drops (blood) or dollars. Every blood drive costs an estimated \$3,700.

Right now, our country is in critically short supply of blood. As Rotarians, we often give of ourselves in both effort and in writing checks. This time, DG Kosanovic is asking us to literally give life to someone who needs a pint. Please join me in representing the club by taking action before April 28<sup>th</sup>. Details of how to do that and make sure our club gets credit for your donation can be found in the email I sent out earlier, as well as the related article in this newsletter. Don't forget that link when scheduling your donation.

*C'mon, let's roll!*

~ President Tyler

## WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

March 31<sup>st</sup> – **NO MEETING** - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid  
Monthly Business Meeting

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid  
Speaker: Damon Runberg, OED Economist

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid  
Speaker: Dr. Audrey Haugan, Redmond HS Principal

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid  
Speaker: Kate Soliz, Ridgeview HS ASPIRE/AVID

## IT'S F-R-E-E FRIDAY

This is no April Fool's joke. Our quarterly Fireside/Social is happening this Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 – 6 PM. We will be gathering at the High Desert Music Hall (corner of Forest Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street), where club members, spouses, partners or a guest or two will have a couple of drink tickets and pizza at no cost. This time around, the pizza will come from Grace and Hammer, a local pizzeria located at Cascade Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

This 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday event (held each Friday that follows the fifth Thursday in a given month) replaces that week's lunch meeting – so don't show up at The View at noon Thursday - and provides more social time to relax, get to know each other, and talk up your favorite reasons for being part of a great Rotary club. **See you at the Music Hall this Friday!**



## Member Milestones

In this newsletter's first shot at honoring life achievements, like anniversaries, birthdays and special business events, **GUESS "WHO" TURNED 70 ON**

**MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>?? This editor will donate \$5 to the PolioPlus fund for every member who sends her a guess via email by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 PM.** It doesn't even have to be the right guess. **NO FOOLING!!!!** (see last page **Milestones**)



## Scholarship Committee Gears Up



Committee Chair Butch Henry updated members at last week's luncheon on efforts to launch this year's scholarship awards process. All schools in the Redmond School District have applications on hand for students to complete.

Meanwhile, there have been significant donor contributions in the past year, some targeted to specific fields of study. The committee will coordinate with the donors in details on criteria for who's eligible and participation in the selection process if desired.

More details will become available in the next few weeks. Club members interested in serving on the scholarship committee, including participation on the interview panels when scheduled, should contact Butch at [butchhenry47@gmail.com](mailto:butchhenry47@gmail.com) or 360.431.3724 (cell).

## D5110 Blood Drive Challenge

Calling all members to **step up to the plate** and help save lives through a virtual blood drive going on through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Members were sent info by email earlier this week that includes a link to use when scheduling to give blood. Using the link assures credit to the participating club. The club's link may be accessed [here](#). Review the flyer and letter (pdf attached to the email sent with this newsletter) for more background information.

Many individuals are not able to donate blood, but **anyone can participate** in this challenge. **Help spread the word, and more importantly the IMPACT of this humanitarian action by sharing this link with friends, family and colleagues.** For every pint of blood donated, the Red Cross estimates **three lives are saved.**

In partnering with the Red Cross, this **District Drives to Save Lives** can truly be considered a global gesture with meaningful impact. The Red Cross tracks all donations made throughout the blood "journey" through testing, storage and eventual destination. Their system assures a safe blood supply that can be responsive anywhere in the world....but it takes donors to make that happen.

Let's show our D5110 clubs how Redmond Rotary is *still* the best (medium-sized) club in the district. We may be "medium-sized", but our hearts are huge. Schedule your appointment today using the link provided, share the information in the documents attached and help save lives!



## District Conference

If you haven't yet registered for the District 5110 Celebration Conference, it's **NOT TOO LATE**. If you have registered for the event but have not yet made reservations for where to stay while in Corvallis, it may not be too late...but you may have to drive farther than you'd prefer, as lodging options are not centralized near the event site. All meeting sessions and meals will be held at Oregon State University's ("our" OSU) CH2M-Hill Alumni Center.

The event kicks off on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> with a golf tournament scramble on the OSU Trysting Tree course, then the official welcome/breakfast and plenary sessions for the assembly on Friday.

Friday night offers downtown Corvallis as the place to celebrate at the D5110 Rotary Street Party, then Saturday's conference concludes with the evening banquet.

For speaker and session info, see the [D5110 website](#).



## DDD Update

The committee reports that sponsors are almost finalized and therefore the flyer is near ready for production to kick off the ticket sales campaign for this signature event for young ladies grades Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade (extended due to last year's cancellation).



The theme, **Denim and Diamonds**, portends event-goers will be treated to some pretty fancy blue jean outfits, and there will likely be no such thing as not enough bling.

The other focus for committee members right now is getting the contact lists and method of payment coordinated with the ticket sales data required for tracking.

Our club missed having the funds from not having the event last year. Previous years, the revenues generated from this event enabled us to fully fund more projects. The losses were partially backfilled with the first Sip for Soles fundraiser last year.

Members should mark your calendars **for May 21<sup>st</sup>**, as volunteer shift sheets will be circulated once ticket sales are underway.

Stay tuned for details as they become available.

## DDD Committee

Contact Shelby ([shelby@mortgagecouch.com](mailto:shelby@mortgagecouch.com)) or Keever ([keever.henry@gmail.com](mailto:keever.henry@gmail.com))

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK  
24-30 April 2022 [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) | [#endpolio](https://twitter.com/endpolio)



## Jerry Wheeler Featured Profile

It takes some coaxing to hear about it, but Jerry Wheeler has a wealth of experience to share that explains his value to our club, both in his service as one of the at-large directors of the club's board and in his life's work as a construction management professional where he honed skills that he built on throughout his career.



Born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, Jerry attended Washington State University where he studied his chosen field. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree and gained a wife, Joann, two early success stories in his life.

His first job after graduation meant a move to Portland, Oregon, working for Owens Corning Fiberglass as an estimator. Still in training with the company, they moved to Clinton, IA for a few weeks before being relocated back to Portland, then San Jose for a time. Jerry was ready to be his own boss by then, and bought a small lumberyard in Enterprise, Oregon where Joann's father had a cattle ranch. Enterprise is where they raised their two daughters, Wendy and Cari, and where Jerry became involved with Rotary.

There was no Rotary club in the area when Jerry first moved to eastern Oregon. In 1978 he became a founding member of the Wallowa County club that eventually grew to around 40 members. He served as President of that club during 1984-85, putting his business skills to good use in helping stabilize the club's finances and improve their project planning and implementation. A gazebo project built during his tenure as president still stands on the courthouse lawn in Enterprise. Jerry also noted that the club was one of the first in Oregon to induct a woman member shortly after membership was opened up to them around 1987.

After 17 years in Enterprise, Jerry and Joann moved to Spokane, where Jerry hired on with a construction materials supply company, BMC West, that served contractors in the western states. He held a variety of positions during his 13+ years with that company, and was stationed in Salt Lake City when he decided it was time to slow down a bit.

Jerry and Joann moved to Redmond in 2003, where they could be close to the two granddaughters, Riley and Bradi, and parents Cari and Jon. Wendy and Jake later moved to this area, so he and Joann feel blessed to have the whole family nearby.

He was working at Parr Lumber when a Redmond Rotarian stopped by and sold him some roses, a fundraiser for the club. Jerry had visited some area clubs by then, but found a friend, a club, an accountant when Craig Brooks sold him those flowers. The search was over, and Jerry has been a contributing member of the club ever since he joined in 2004. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, and was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2012 for his many contributions to the club.

Through most of their years together, Joann has donated countless volunteer hours to her own service club of choice,

the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). Dedicated to the same desire for improving communities served, Joann devoted efforts to strengthen the organization's presence wherever they moved, including some founding work of her own. Her other interest is a booth located in the Redmond Antique Mall, where she sells treasures found during their travels.

These days, Jerry works at the Terrebonne Hardware store just often enough to give Joann a break, which gives him plenty of time to take their dog Suzy out to chase balls in the sagebrush. Then they're ready to travel some more back roads, trailer in tow.

Jerry enjoys the Redmond club's social times and is happy the in-person meetings have resumed. From a lifetime of building sales for other companies, a business of his own, and a family, Jerry has managed to build a pretty good life serving others, often through hands-on projects that meet a particular need, but also allow time to get to know new members and vice versa. Leave it to a guy who is handy with woodworking tools to know what it takes to forge strong connections that stand the test of time.

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### DACdb Made Easy

For members who are more comfortable using their smart phone than messing with more traditional tech devices, the new DACdb mobile app may be just the thing. From the comfort



of one's fingertips, you can access club data including member listings, check out our district's latest news and back issues of Mike Corwin's e-newsletter, or find out where and when any club on the planet is meeting, search parameters by distance or by address.

Available for iPhones and Android devices, you can catch up on the latest "stories" through an easy +/- menu format. Want to know what events are going on around the District? Access the Events Calendar. Want to access our club's website (and NOT the Redmond Washington's website by accident)? It's easy from our club's menu.

There's even a Member map that enables you to see who in the club lives near you! That's another good reason to make sure your own information is current, including contact numbers, birthdays and anniversaries. Yep, it wasn't just Louise who had a birthday in March.

Download the app today and explore how mobile your Rotary experience can be!

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### Save the Dates

**April 1** - Fireside/Social at High Desert Music Hall

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

**May 12** - Sip for Soles Virtual Wine-Tasting Event

**May 21** - Daddy Daughter Dance, Ridgeview HS

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

**June 17** - Desert Rose Invitational, Juniper

## DG Recognizes Impact

During his club visit last week, DG Gerry Kosanovic presented Treasurer/Membership Chair Marv Kaplan with a certificate for doing his part to meet the DG's motto/challenge to **"Step Up to the Plate"** this Rotary year. Who was surprised to hear



Marv's name? 'No one' is likely the correct answer.

Marv's contributions continue to rack up successes for the club in the form of guiding and communicating financial activities in his role as Treasurer, and leading efforts

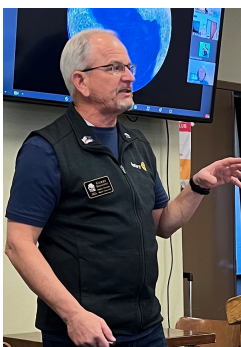
through the Membership Committee to retain and recruit new members. The club's growth and systematic grooming of strategies for gaining sponsorship support from local businesses and regional institutions for various projects can be traced many times to his hands-on efforts. Writing up grants and networking with community liaisons at all levels are among his secrets for how he serves the club behind the scenes.

So it was indeed no one who gasped at the announcement last week, but all who applauded the selection. Thank you, Marv, for your willingness to step up to the plate on our club's behalf!

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## District Governor Visit

The Rotary Club of Redmond is one of the 60+ clubs in Rotary District 5110. Throughout the course of the year, the District Governor attempts to visit each club to inform, motivate, and inspire. DG Dr. Gerry Kosanovic accomplished all three objectives with his compelling presentation during Thursday's noon club meeting.



With personal stories, including being born as an identical triplet, Gerry provided early examples of 'service above self' that influenced his upbringing. Raised in Pittsburgh, he admired Pirate ballplayer Roberto Clemente who tragically died in a plane crash at the age of 38 while delivering aid to earthquake victims in Nicaragua. Gerry described how his Father, a veteran of WWII, influenced Gerry and

his four brothers to enlist in military service as a sense of duty to the country and service above self.

**Membership:** Gerry stated that all members belong to the Membership Committee, as membership is a club-wide

responsibility. *"We're not letting the pandemic stop us from moving forward as an organization"*.

**Polio Plus:** Gerry highlighted the encouraging drop in active virus polio cases and his optimistic projection that polio will be eradicated worldwide in the next five years. He displayed emotion telling the story of his son Jared, raising \$18,000 by biking from Portland to Washington DC in a Polio Plus fundraiser. *"That's my boy"*.

**Rotary Foundation:** Gerry reviewed seven major areas of focus; Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development, and the environment. *"We do good in the world"*.

**Four areas of Focus:** *"This is the fun part I want you to embrace"* He certainly proved his point by removing his vest to reveal the first area of focus, "Increase our Ability to Adapt" printed on a dark blue tee shirt. *"The world is changing and we must be prepared to change with it. Bring in new ideas."* That tee shirt was removed revealing the next area of focus; "Increase our Impact". *"What is your individual legacy and the legacy of this club?"* Next, a red tee shirt appeared; "Expand our Reach". *"Are there any new audiences out there that you can share the values of this club?"* The final priority, on a yellow tee shirt, was; "Participation and Engagement". *"Rotarians embrace the opportunities to get involved"*.

As a former school administrator, Gerry recommended going to Rotary's website to explore the teaching and learning components offered. *"We want to take these priorities into action"* Then he explained how.

Gerry provided a template for our club to identify measurable action items dealing with each of the four priorities. *"All of us are smarter than any one of us"* *"As a club, work on this and we'll all be rowing in the same direction"* *"Good luck and Thank You"*.

**Note:** See portions of Gerry's presentation on this [VIDEO](#)

### **MILESTONES, please help these members celebrate:**

**April 1:** 6-year Member Anniversary - **Andrew Fitch!**

**April 4:** Happy Birthday - **Ryan Sale!**

**April 8:** 1-year Club Member Anniversary - **Jessie Evans!**

**April 9:** Happy Birthday - **John Nielsen!**

**April 9:** Happy Anniversary, **Tara & Kendall Messner!**

**April 12:** 1-year Club Anniversary - **Judy Corwin!**

**April 12:** 1-year Club Anniversary - **Larry Wilkins!**

**April 16:** Happy Birthday - **Tom Nichol!**

**April 28:** Happy Anniversary - **Mike & Patty Larson!**