

## ROTARY CLUB OF REDMOND DAY - APRIL 14, 2022

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is planning to attend this week's meeting. It's not every day that a whole town celebrates our club's anniversary. But that's exactly what will happen tomorrow (Thursday), as the Redmond City Council declared April 14<sup>th</sup> to be **Rotary Club of Redmond Day** in honor of our club's formation 70 years ago. (see Proclamation last page)



Seventy years ago, gas cost 25 cents a gallon and there was an epidemic still raging. Unfortunately, polio was a headliner in 1952, disproportionately affecting children. It would be another three years before the vaccine becomes available in the US.

Besides Rotary's global fight against polio, it's amazing to think of all the good things our club has contributed locally and globally over seven decades of service. As someone who wasn't here back then (or anywhere, yet), I'd be interested in hearing about some of the events that shaped the club's early years. I bet you would be, as well.

Rumor has it that we will have a special guest or two that can help us out with that. The club's first president, Bill Pierce, is no longer with us, but his son Jim (also a past president) is planning to join us for lunch. I'm told we may expect Jim to share a story or two about the good old days. Please help me thank Jim for coming to visit.

Our scheduled speaker is Damon Runberg, who always has interesting information and insights about our local economy. And who knows, maybe someone will pull out the white marble this week!

Please join us for this very special occasion!

~ President Tyler

### Rotary Family Addition



Congratulations to John and Kristen, and welcome to **Paxton Neil Meyer** born 3/20/2022, weighing in at 7 lb. 10 oz., 21" long. A good start...just another 60" and he may get as tall as his dad! A beautiful family indeed.

### WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid**

Speaker: Damon Runberg, OED Economist  
**Rotary Club of Redmond Day!!**

**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

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Weekly Gathering / Hybrid**

Monthly Business Meeting

### Central Oregon Mastersingers

Earlier this week, club member Judy Corwin performed as part of the choral group who offered "a concert of healing" free to the public. Two concerts, to be specific. The piece presented by the group, Brahms's *Requiem*, was chosen to uplift and support all in our region who experienced particular losses or challenges during the past two COVID-



dominated years. Individuals were invited to submit names and photos of people in honor of someone they lost or who were significantly impacted as frontline responders. Thankfully, no Redmond Rotary club members were among those memorialized, as no members were lost during the pandemic.

The two concert performances were sponsored in part by D5110 and some area Rotary clubs, including Redmond. The group includes several Redmond singers who work in the local school district or are active in Redmond-based organizations the club supports, as well.

According to Judy, a recording of the concert will be available on the [Central Oregon Mastersingers website](#) soon. *Thanks, Judy, for offering your voice in tribute!*



# BE AWESOME TODAY

## HAPPY HOUR SOCIAL SUCCESS

From all accounts, our quarterly Rotary social evening held April 1<sup>st</sup> at the High Desert Music Hall (HDMH) was a great success. Attendance was strong, the venue was fun and enjoyable, and the pizza and beer were popular.

This new bar-and-stage business offers an in-house 100% plant-based menu and beverages – including kombucha and Rocky Mountain Sodas among the non-alcoholic offerings – and is open six evenings a week. Performances run the gamut from funk and jazz to comedy and classic.

Our Rotary social included pizza brought in from Grace and Hammer, another local restaurant/pizzeria just down the street from the HDMH. A special treat was getting to see the Meyer family, now five members strong (see picture on first page), and many of our newest members.

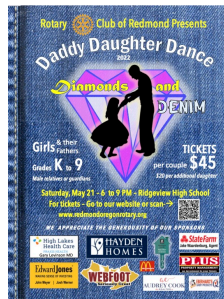
When do we get to do this again? The next month with five Thursdays will be June, so be watching the calendar for our next happy hour at the HDMH !



## DDD Ticket Sales On

Posters are up and the PayPal/Constant Contact system is running! Committee members are focused now on planning the logistics for registering, feeding and cleaning up after several hundred dads and daughters decked out for the evening of fun.

Maybe you haven't signed up yet for a volunteer shift. Maybe you're out of town that weekend. No worries...help spread the word among any K-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls in the area by sharing our club's FaceBook page or website where the posters may be accessed and online tickets purchased. Or maybe you have the opportunity to thank some of our sponsors personally for their participation. There are many ways to support this important fundraising event, and there are more volunteering opportunities ahead.



## SIPS FOR SOLES

Our second annual "Sips for Soles" virtual fundraiser is on May 12th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Spread the word far and wide to join us as we sip and fund-raise to support **Operation Warm Soles** with the goal of supplying 500 pairs of shoes and coats to local children in grades K to 6. Stoller Family Estate representatives will be assisting when you taste their Oregon Pinot Noir



and Oregon Chardonnay which will be shipped to your home prior to the event.

COST: \$100 Per Tasting Kit - Which includes 2 bottles of Stoller Family Estate Wine and access to a Zoom Virtual Wine Tasting Event with Stoller Family Estate Winemaker & Sommelier. Other than wine critics, you will be the first to taste the new Chardonnay, again rated 90+.

Deadline to register is April 30th.

Click here to ----> [REGISTER](#)

## THE POT GROWS

To be clear here, the 50/50 raffle "pot" is what we're talking about. No one has drawn the white/clear marble since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, which has caused this week's total to approach the \$5,000 mark. Half that total when there IS a lucky winner will go to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The other half will go to the individual whose ticket number is drawn and who then reaches in that bag and pulls out a marble that's NOT blue.

It's worth noting that all the winning "losers", those whose ticket numbers were drawn but then were unsuccessful in pulling out the correct marble, will be credited equally with the club's contribution to TRF. That means the associated points earned will be divvied up and posted to those winning-losers' accounts.

So, really, we all win by buying some tickets when you consider the TRF donations that return to the club in the form of grants. Get your pot-growing tickets each week, as *you can't win if you don't play.*



## Club Support for D5110



If you're looking for a way to support our District 5110 happenings but can't make it to Corvallis later this month, consider:

- Drive to Save Lives – It's not too late to donate blood or get someone else (they can live anywhere in the country with access to an American Red Cross donation site) to do so as part of the District's challenge. Be sure to share/use this special link so our club can get credit. [DONATE](#)
- Sharing our Rotary success story by forwarding or posting district e-newsletters, sharing our club's FB pages, etc.
- Register for ZOOM trainings or access District sessions once they are available post-conference to see what you missed.
- Planning to attend next year's district conference. It's never too early to set goals!

## Karl Kment Featured Profile

It's been a challenge for Karl to attend our club's weekly meetings lately, due to a schedule conflict with one of his accordion students. In this case, the student lives in a different time zone and has some scheduling constraints



herself, so he wants to accommodate. Karl currently instructs 14 students from afar (through Skype), from locations as far away as Hawaii and Alaska, a few more when you count the locals. Altogether, Karl estimates he spends 30 hours a week teaching about, practicing with, and performing on the accordion. He was practicing after our visit for a live ZOOM performance for the Southwest Accordion Association's conference held in San Antonio, Texas last weekend.

For newer club members, it's helpful to know that Karl is likely about twice the average age of members in our club, majored in physics and math in college, spent years in the music store business and later, real estate. He began performing on the accordion at age 12. Today, he is grandfather to 15, with two of his granddaughters living in nearby Terrebonne. For a more detailed background, [read this article](#) from Edition #14 of our Four-Way Flyer.

These days, Karl spends his time working on various music projects and working with mostly advanced accordion students. His reputation allows him to pick who he works with, often over a period of several years; his student "A" list includes virtuoso musicians and professionals, local and far flung, who became friends along the way.

At the top of his "pride and joy" list of students who eclipsed the teacher: Katie Eberhart. She picked up the accordion at age 59 without knowing much more than reading treble clef notes. Today, Katie plays professionally, herself an instructor as well as performer, and works with Karl on musical projects including formatting some of Karl's arrangements into musical notation. One of these pieces was "*Tango in D*," a 19<sup>th</sup> century composition by Spanish composer Isaac Albeniz, which Karl wanted to play due to his love of the composer's life story as well as the sound of the tango piece.

Given his active music career, it would be easy for Karl to let his Rotary life slip. While Karl is less involved with local Rotary projects these days, his support for Rotary and its causes remains strong, particularly the Peace Centers and Fellowship programs. When asked why that focus area as a priority, Karl succinctly stated that without peace, progress in the other areas (literacy, health, environment) isn't possible.

He makes a good point. According to RI's website, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution and human rights violations. When you consider that half of those affected are children, it's easy to see the



relationship of peace to the stability needed for communities to improve in specific areas.

Karl's generous support through his TRF donations isn't new but crossing the latest donor level threshold provided a great reason to thank him for his support in the name of peace. His eyes twinkled when he shared the crystal award he was given more than 10 years ago after reaching Level 1 status (\$10K - \$24,999). The crystal is engraved with his name, along with the etched doves of peace and Rotary International. There was no crystal, pin or other "bling" presented last week when his new level of donor status was announced, likely because Karl didn't request any.

According to RI's website, donors may request a crystal and special recognition pin whenever they reach a new contribution level. As the club's sole Level 2 contributor (\$25,000 - \$49,999), Karl seems content with the existing paperweight. The investment it represents in one man's



march for peace appears understated, but the simple symbolism speaks volumes. Just as with music, it's what inspires the soul that makes anything possible.

Members attending last week's luncheon meeting received a complimentary CD, Karl's "*Potpourri for Accordion*".  
*Thanks Karl !!*

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## Member Milestones

The last edition of this newsletter announced April achievements and included editor Becky Lu's challenge to members to identify "who" turned 70 in March. The deadline for responses was April 1<sup>st</sup>, and as reported, the joke ended up being on her. Not one member emailed Becky Lu with a guess. What ??? Wah wahhhh.

The word's out now that our club was formed seventy years ago. In the next edition, we will share some early history from that time in 1952 when some Redmond leaders got together and formed our club.

***If you have some memories you'd like to share, please contact Becky Lu by email or by phone no later than April 25<sup>th</sup>.***

The memories don't have to be from 70 years ago, and don't have to be from the perspective of being a club member. If you were in the community, or if you recall anything about what was going on in Redmond around that time, please share!

### ***While we're on the subject: A correction:***

In the last edition, one of the entries for "Member Milestones" indicated Larry Wilkins joined our club just last year. There was a digit missing, and Larry should have been given credit for all **fourteen years** he has been with our club. Apologies for the typo, Larry! Hope your recovery allows you to rejoin us at the weekly gatherings soon.

## Busy Business Meeting Recap

April 7<sup>th</sup>'s lunchtime presentation was full of news and information for members gathered at The View. In addition to the regular Treasurer's report and a few committee updates, the hour was barely long enough to squeeze in a gigantic announcement in honor of a member's recent Rotary Foundation achievement.

Foundation Chair Rocky Johnson led up to the individual's recognition by listing some important club accomplishments in giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Fiscal Year-to-Date numbers reflect strong performance, with the club averaging \$252 per capita and \$228K total since the club was formed. Rocky noted many members wait until the end of the year to make contributions....and took that opportunity to urge those members to consider making their donations by June 1<sup>st</sup> in order to be counted in the current business year that ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Rocky reported that our club currently lists four Level 1 donors (\$10,000 - \$24,999), and one Level 2 donor (\$25,000 - \$49,999). He then announced member Karl Kment was that Level 2 donor and introduced him amid spirited applause. For more on Karl's generosity and why he supports TRF, read his Featured Profile in this edition.



Earlier in the meeting, the group listened to Tim Trainor, new editor of The Redmond Spokesman newspaper, who described changes coming to the weekly publication.



Marc Horner, Redmond School District, provided a brief overview of improvements being made to the Rotary Fields Complex/David M. Jaqua fields. The club has supported development and maintenance of the fields for several years and will be invited to participate in a ribbon cutting event scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> (yes, the day after DDD 😊).



Congratulations for these Paul Harris Awardees



## Save the Dates

- April 14, 2022 – Rotary Club of Redmond Day – Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- April 28 - 30, 2022 D5110 Celebration (Corvallis)
- May 12, 2022 Sip for Soles Virtual Wine-Tasting Event
- May 21, 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance, Ridgeview HS
- May 22, 2022 Rotary Fields/David M Jaqua Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting
- June 4 – 6, 2022 June RI Convention (Houston, TX)
- June 17, 2022 Desert Rose Invitational, Juniper
- June 18, 2022 Rotary Year-End Picnic/BBQ

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