



## END OF THE ROTARY YEAR COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

### (Almost Past) PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A couple of weeks ago, while I was under my Bronco trying to get it ready to go for my Moab trip, I reflected on this past year as your president. As many of you know this was my second term and I was asked to fill in when the president-elect had to back out. I was happy to do it and I feel it was a successful year. None would have been possible without the help of the board and all our great members. I must give Marv a special thank you for all his help and guidance.



I am very happy that we were able to meet in person for the majority of the

year. Zoom meetings just don't have the same appeal as in-person meetings. There is something great about seeing all the smiling faces. Don't get me wrong, though. It's nice to have options for members to attend virtually, so keep that Zoom link handy.

I'm very proud that we passed the 60-member threshold during my tenure that will catapult us into the large club category. 60 members is a record for our club! When I'm asked how we attracted so many new members, all I can say is it's our membership. All of you have such great energy and excitement. Everyone gets involved when and where we can to make our events really successful.

My favorite event this last year, as well as every other year, was the Daddy Daughter Dance. It is so wonderful to see all the dads dancing and just hanging out with their daughters. I have wonderful memories of taking my own daughter to these dances. The dance is a lot of work by all of the members and it shows. The event nearly goes off without a hitch. *Nearly.*

As the sun sets on my presidency, I'll leave you in the very capable hands of President Joe. He is freshly back from the Rotary International Conference ready and excited to take over with great new ideas and an excellent understanding of our club. Check out his video on page two if you weren't able to make our Year End awards party Saturday night. I know each of you will continue your support and enthusiasm under his leadership.

Sadly, the Bronco didn't make the Moab trip. There is something wrong with the engine that will require deeper

surgery that I just didn't have time for before leaving. Oh well. Next year...

I'll see you in the trenches.

Lame Duck (🦆) President Tyler

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022** Weekly Gathering / Hybrid  
Speaker: Todd Dickerson, Redmond Senior Center

**June 30, 2022** NO MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

**July 7, 2022** Weekly Gathering Hybrid  
Monthly Business Meeting

### Berries Biding Their Time

Berry sales may be over, but the final step of delivering them to customers is still in process. Due to this year's cooler weather, the berries are taking their time to ripen.

A final delivery schedule hasn't been arranged, but will likely fall on a Friday, either July 15<sup>th</sup> or July 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Club volunteers are ready to set up at the Bend and Redmond locations when the date is set, and member

Ryan Sale is ready to make the trip to Salem as soon as details are set.

This year's sale looks to be the best ever, with some enthusiastic support from the sale beneficiary organization, Stroke Awareness Oregon.

**Stay tuned for final deets!**

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.



## PHF PLUS

This month's winner of the big 50/50 raffle pot was quick to "pay it forward", as Rotary Foundation (TRF) Chair Rocky Johnson presented Ken with a Paul Harris "+1" pin and certificate during our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The +1 jewel added to the new pin reflects Ken's second \$1000 contribution to TRF.



This year marks the club's best-ever contribution levels, according to Rocky, with strong membership growth and

generous members credited for the increase. As of April 2022, individual club members had donated a combined total of more than \$21,000 to TRF this year. Members who contribute at least \$1000, all at once or over time, become Paul Harris Fellows, with various recognition levels based on annual and cumulative giving.

It's never too late to donate at least \$25 this year, which is the minimum goal established by Rotary International for "Every Rotarian Every Year" (EREY). Details for options on how to pay online, set up regular donation amounts and a description of the recognition levels can be found on the Rotary International website.

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## Awards Recap

There was plenty of buzz among the club members and guests who gathered last Saturday evening to celebrate this past Rotary year's successes. There was no shortage of things to cheer, as outgoing President Tyler's opening remarks noted. For the second time in three years, our club garnered recognition by D5110 as the Best Medium-Sized Club, along with other awards previously covered.

Among Rotary accomplishments during his year, President

Tyler recapped some highlights, like the return to in-person meetings and fundraisers, a banner year for scholarship awards to local students, and establishment of a committee to lead the club's efforts on addressing issues surrounding homeless in the community. Globally, he shared statistics on the fight for a polio-free world.



Tyler then wasted no time in running through the list of thanks and honors (summary next page). But wait! Before the exchange of presidential powers really kicked into high gear, incoming President Joe thought he was seeing an illusion when District Governor Gerry Kosanovic showed up at The Falls Clubhouse as a surprise to his brother. Straight

from RYLA at a camp outside Cottage Grove where 78 students from around D5110 gathered. DG Gerry offered older brother (by 2 minutes) Joe his very large gavel, among other expressions of confidence and support.

After some fun early photos of the Kosanovic threesome, President Joe shared his video from Houston's RI conference and shared his appreciation for what our club does in the name of Rotary. He concluded his remarks with the unveiling of the new year's Rotary theme "Imagine Rotary" and interpreted the image chosen by incoming RI President Jennifer Jones.

Whether the **very large gavel** comes with our new President's accoutrements remains to be seen. 😊

*Watch Joe's Video of the Party— — —> [VIDEO](#)*

## President Tyler's recognitions for 2022-23

- Treasurer **Marv Kaplan**, also Membership Chair and unofficial perennial MVP
- Outgoing Board Members **Lonn Johnston**, **Ryan McNulty**, and **Jerry Wheeler**
- Secretary **Trish Pinkerton** for her ongoing support behind the scene
- Publisher **Joe Kosanovic** and Editor **Becky Lu Hummer** for the Four-Way Flyer
- Communications Chair **Joe Kosanovic** for web and social media work
- Outgoing Past President **Keever Henry** for his leadership service
- Incoming President **Joe Kosanovic** for his willingness to serve
- **All Committee Chairs** for their commitment to the Redmond Rotary Club
- Rotarian of the Year **Becky Lu Hummer** for newsletter editorial excellence, particularly ghost-writing
- Foundation Chair **Rocky Johnson** presented Tyler with a Paul Harris Fellow +1 pin for his presidential performance

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## CAMP'S A GO!

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) resumed its annual activities this week (June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup>) after a couple years' in-person hiatus due to the pandemic (last year was a virtual camp where four students were sponsored to attend online). Our club sponsored four students from Ridgeview HS this year, including one student co-sponsored by the Sisters Club.



Preston Sleeth, Luke Smith, Brisa Ramirez and Angelena Hamill-Kanski are attending the event at Grove Camp in Dorena, Oregon – it's a rustic, forested environment with a traditional lodge and cabins that are simple but comfortable. (Continued next page)

For 5 and a half days, students live and work collaboratively with each other in an inclusive, supportive, and safe place that is designed to help them grow as individuals and team leaders. RYLA is often described as “life-changing” – but it's also engaging and fun!

RYLA events vary from District to District, and target students between 14 and 30 years of age. D5110 holds a week-long camp designed to develop leadership skills among high school students approaching their sophomore or junior years. Our club sponsors two+ students, generally, and this year was able to provide opportunities for this intensive experience to some great local students. Thanks to our club's RYLA Coordinator Dave Brenneman for leading this year's successful application and selection process!

## DRI Results

A total of 156 people played in the club's Desert Rose Invitational (DRI) golf tournament last week. Club Chair Andrew Fitch reported that the winning teams were as follows:



**1<sup>st</sup> Gross** – Povey and Associates

**1<sup>st</sup> Net** - On Course Insurance #1

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gross** – On Course Insurance #2

**2<sup>nd</sup> Net** – Oregon Ducks

**3<sup>rd</sup> Gross** – Parscription Golf

**3<sup>rd</sup> Net** – Central Oregon Trucking

Andrew expressed appreciation to all the volunteers, Juniper staff, players and sponsors for making it another successful event despite a few raindrops right at the start. Thanks also to presenting sponsors Central Oregon Trucking and Safeway.

Final numbers will be shared soon. Proceeds from this event go toward the club's support of the Rotary Fields for the Redmond School District. See Joe's photos —> [VIDEO](#)

## New Member Bios

### Anna Contreras



Anna Contreras currently serves as the Events and Development Specialist for St. Charles Foundation. Her job is to plan and organize the logistics related to hosting events and fundraising and support the

Foundation's Community Advocates and Philanthropy Officers with planning and hosting meetings, tours, receptions, etc.

For several years, Anna worked for St. Thomas Academy (STA), where her children were enrolled beginning in 2011. Anna's culinary background provided her opportunities at STA to grow the school's culinary program through her volunteer role as Executive Chef through development of

comprehensive operations and business curriculum as the Culinary Services Director. The program ended due to the pandemic that forced many shut-downs.

Anna then joined NeighborImpact as a Food Service Assistant before being hired at St. Charles Foundation. Welcome, Anna!

### Marlene Conway



Marlene was born in the Midwest and grew up in a military environment as the daughter of a sailor. That meant several moves, but Marlene's family eventually settled in California. She has five now-grown children, three of whom served in the U.S. Armed Services, and five beautiful grandchildren. Marlene was heavily involved during her family's younger years in volunteer efforts from coaching swim and baseball teams to serving as PTA treasurer and volunteering with Special Olympics.

Her professional career began in the culinary world, graduating from California Culinary Academy in 2004. Since then, she has expanded her diverse background that added event planning, administration and operations to her skill set.

In 2018, Marlene moved to Central Oregon to assist the PLUS Property Management team. Her volunteer experience with Stroke Awareness Oregon is among her most recent community service efforts. Welcome, Marlene!

### Tim Trainor



Tim is a new resident of Redmond. He moved from the Klamath Falls area after being hired as editor and general manager of the Redmond Spokesman newspaper. Tim grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and has worked at small newspapers throughout the west for more than a decade. He was a member

of the Klamath Basin Sunrise Rotary Club from 2020-2022 and has spent years as a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and ASPIRE. His passions include fly fishing, backpacking, road trips, novels and the Kentucky Derby. Welcome, Tim!



## Board Business Highlights

Every year, the month of June is a busy one in Rotary as clubs focus on completing year-end tasks at the same time the new year's business ramps up for the July 1 fiscal year start. 2022 was no exception. Among the board actions and committee reports:



**Youth Committee** – Chair Tara Messner reported that recent efforts to recruit students interested in being involved in Interact at Ridgeview next school year appear to be successful. Five students participated in an informational meeting last month. While some of them are college-bound, there was interest in learning more about Rotary and future opportunities wherever they planned to attend. Tara is working with a Ridgeview student who will be a senior in the fall to identify more students to work with next year.

**Youth Exchange** – Tara confirmed the club will partner with the Bend Rotary Club to host a male student from Taiwan during the next school year. Details are still forming, but the student will stay with Redmond club members Ryan McNulty and Tara/Kendall Messner for three months each. A third family is sought for the remaining three months.

**Club Budget** – Treasurer Marv Kaplan presented the club's proposed 2022-23 budget, which was adopted by the board at its June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting with minor modifications. A dues increase of \$10/qtr was approved that reflects the higher costs of meals at Juniper. It was noted dues have not increased for at least four years. Members who wish to receive a copy of the budget may contact Marv or incoming Treasurer Becky Lu Hummer.

**Houseless Committee** – John Nielsen was named as the new committee chair.

**Wild Ride/MX13** – Member Justin Homan asked for club feedback on possible beneficiaries for this year's motorcycle jump event held each summer in partnership with Wild Ride Brewing and Justin, who performs thrilling jumps and mid-air maneuvers to the delight of attendees who get to watch the whole thing for free. **Sponsorships are the key, and Justin asks any members willing to help him solicit sponsors to contact him.** Meanwhile, the club recently voted to recommend Central Oregon Veterans Ranch as beneficiary. The final determination will be made in collaboration with Wild Ride Brewing. Details to follow.

## Flag Facts

If you've ever found yourself wondering why our club takes quite a bit of ownership in Redmond's Flag City USA status, some historical context and information may be in order. Besides the support provided through our nonprofit assistance in the purchase of all flags, our club has a long history of offering hands-on help, and



remains the designated group responsible for placement of the flags for display each Labor Day.

*The following information was provided by member Jeff Casserly, who serves as the Downtown Flag Committee's Chair:*

In 1991, 200 flags were placed in the center of the city to welcome the returning troops from Operation Desert Storm. This initial act of recognition and love for our nation's service members spurred the community to repeat that action over the past 31 years. Today 1700+ full size American flags with an honored individual's name embroidered on the hem grace the streets of our city on major holidays.

Redmond Rotary has been an active supporter of the Downtown Flag Committee and the Flag City USA project for many years. Rotary initiated the purchase of the small trailer concept to replace the '20 semi-box trailer. Today we field eight smaller trailers with designated and route-vetted drivers.

The City of Redmond has embraced the "Flag City USA" moniker and identified itself as such with its multiple flag poles at the grand entrance to the city, collaborative design, and approval of a FCUSA logo. Every day the FCUSA flag flies in concert with our American, Oregon State and POW/MIA flags.

Flag City USA is a community-based operation that requires people power. Civic and community service-based groups, religious and fraternal organizations, Police/Fire/First Responders, students, retirees, moms/dads, and families. The entire community of Redmond is the backbone that makes it work.

And the purpose....Our way of saying *"Thanks to the Country we love and people who make it great."*

## IMAGINE ROTARY

*Imagine Rotary* is the 2022-23 presidential theme that RI President-elect Jennifer revealed last January. She is asking Rotary members to dream

big and take action: *"We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference."* There is, of course, a deeper meaning behind each element of the design. The circle in aboriginal culture for instance, signifies our connections to one another. The dots around it represent people and there are seven because of Rotary's areas of focus.

The circle and the dots together become a navigation star – our guiding light. The solid line underneath is what is referred to as a digging stick and it is used when doing hard work. And since Rotary members are people of action – it represents a tool for getting things done.



## Signing Off

It's been a whirlwind of Rotary roles for me lately, trying to wind down from editor duties to getting trained up as incoming club treasurer, not to mention a few plain old volunteer duties thrown in. As most of you know (partly because I've talked about it frequently to anyone within hearing range), this is my last gig as Editor of the Four-Way Flyer. July 1 marks my first official day as treasurer.



For me, each role represents important support functions to the club, so the lure to serve is simply that: there is something that needs to be done, so I'm willing to do it. The skills needed for each role are different, however, and it was time for a change for me personally. Writing for me is a labor of love, but the emotional energy that makes it so also comes with its own roller coaster effect that requires a break.

I will miss the excuse to pester members about your lives and see if I can rise to the challenge of encapsulating decades into a few paragraphs that bring meaning to other members.

It was an honor to help stand up the newsletter some 50 editions ago. At the time, then-President Marv was looking for ways to keep members connected after initial coronavirus impacts found our group isolated in our homes or on the front lines for yet-unknown spans of time. While the newsletter has always been produced virtually, it's funny how old-school the concept of sharing through written word really has become in today's world. It just goes to show that going retro on other fronts could suddenly become a survival tactic in response to future events.

Because of the transition taking place with the next edition of the newsletter, I take this opportunity to offer a bit of editorial commentary on the challenges our club faces. In all past editions, my main focus has been to report club activities and offer educational and information resources. Luckily, our club has had a string of successes that seems likely to continue, with sustained membership growth, healthy financial reports and solid, generous donors.

My plea to all members is this: don't take any of these strengths for granted. Just as our community itself struggles with issues surrounding the rate of growth, so will our club. Balancing traditions with new ideas is important, not for the details debated so much as the process of involvement along the way. While we encourage new members to bring their passions, new members need to learn about the club's history and processes. That requires open and transparent discussions about the club's inner workings, so that all have a common understanding of the impacts and effects, both positive and negative, when considering changes that affect the club. Seasoned club members play an important role in those discussions, which requires continued engagement. When there is conflict, there needs to be resolution embraced by all.

My main point is this: ***how a club functions with less than 20 members is different than how a club functions with 60.***

As we look forward, I encourage each of us to simply remain aware of the growing pains we can expect to face, practice patience as the club finds its new footings, and remain committed to 'Service Above Self'.

Before I sign off, I want to thank President Joe, who will continue to work his magic with the newsletter. It's been a fun partnership. Yet we are so blessed to have Judy Corwin and Tim Trainor, who have agreed to carry out co-editor roles for the Four-Way Flyer! I'm grateful to every member who has provided so much support to me the past couple of years.

You'll love the new team!!

## Save the Dates

**June 30, 2022** - NO LUNCH MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY

**July 1, 2022** - FRIDAY CLUB SOCIAL at HDMH

**Mid July TBD** – Berries Delivery

**August 2, 2022** National Night Out

**August 3 – 7, 2022** Deschutes County Fair

**August 25, 2022** – Wild Ride/MX13 Event

## Member Farewells

It's unusual for a club – any club – to enjoy a stable growth pattern like our club experienced the past couple of years. Reasons for members to drop out come from a wide variety of circumstances. This month, the club has a few members who are moving on. With hearty thanks for their service, we bid adieu to Matthew Couch, Mike Larson and Dennis Tooley. We wish each of them the best in their future endeavors.

## SOME ROTARY FIRSTS



The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905. The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909. The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910. The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910. The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911. The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916. The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918. The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919. The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921. The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921. (This will be the location for the next Rotary International Convention)

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