



JUNE 10, 2025

Events

June 12th

Weekly Luncheon Meeting

Speaker: Chuck Jones

Subject: Oregon Lightning Football

June 19th

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Speaker: Lauren Lebien

Subject: Hospice of Redmond

June 20th

Desert Rose Golf Invitational

June 28th

Year End BBO - Leadership Changeover

July 3rd

Club Business Meeting

Birthdays

Marv Kaplan

June 24th

Jake Waardenburg

June 25th

Bruce Englund

July 1st



This Week's Luncheon Meeting



Guest speaker on Thursday will be **Chuck Jones, Head Coach/General Manager of the Oregon Lightning**, Redmond's professional arena football team.

Please reply to: rotaryredmond@gmail.com if you are attending. If you plan to invite a guest, please provide their name.

Greeters: Joe K, Butch H. and Rachel C.

The FINAL DAY for ordering berries is this Saturday, June 14th. Pass the Word. Click: [ORDER BERRIES NOW](#)

Farewell to Sarka



Since August of last year, when we welcomed Sarka at the airport, she has continued to touch our hearts with enduring memories. Now, it will be bittersweet to say goodbye! Mark your calendar and stop by Ryan & Jill's for an open-house-style, dessert get-together on June 30, 6:00pm-9pm. Bring your favorite sweet treat to wish Sarka the best as she travels home!

Deschutes County Fair

In EIGHT WEEKS, the County Fair begins on Wednesday, July 30th. **We need to fill all 199 volunteer gate slots** for ticket sellers and scanners. Members are strongly encouraged to fill in as many as possible. We also need every member to recruit additional volunteers to assist. Here are the sign-up links for each day of the fair.

[WEDNESDAY](#) - [THURSDAY](#) - [FRIDAY](#) - [SATURDAY](#) - [SUNDAY](#)

FREE EVENT: Member Lawnae Hunter, co-founder of **Stroke Awareness Oregon**, invites you to attend **"The Brain That Chooses Itself"**, by author Mike Struder, on Tuesday, June 17th. Discover how your brain can adapt, heal & thrive-empowering you with strategies to enhance your well-being. **[INFORMATION HERE](#)**

Weekly Member Profile

Kari Nelson



Kari was born and raised in Hillsboro, Oregon with her identical twin brothers. She lived in the Willamette Valley until 2018 when Kari and her husband of 18 years, Michael moved to a twenty-acre ranch in Alfalfa, Oregon. They love country life and the peace and quiet it offers. Their three corgis also love it!

Michael is an electrical engineer and Kari's career has been in retail and, for the past twelve years, in healthcare. Kari has been in leadership roles for most of her career. She is a guru when it comes to bringing innovation to companies and leading large teams through change. In 2022, Kari made a longtime dream come to life by purchasing a building in Redmond. She and her family and friends spent a year renovating the structure that was built in 1932 in order to turn it into *Testimony Wine Bar*. Testimony is a wine bar, bottle shop, and event space focused on building community through the vessel of wine. They focus on smaller production winemakers and making wine approachable and fun for everyone.

When Kari isn't working, she loves to spend time painting, listening to live music, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. Kari is actively involved in a non-profit called "New Each Morning". She is a connection advocate for the ladies in the program and loves supporting other women on their journey in recovery. Kari enjoys giving back and helping others. Rotary has been instrumental in her ability to better understand the community she serves and connect with other people who also have hearts for helping others. Come see her at Testimony Wine Bar. Cheers!!
