



Week of July 9, 2017

District Governor Changeover Ceremony

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

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On Wednesday, June 28th, the Rotary Club of Eugene Delta and the Rotary Club of Greater Albany hosted the annual Changeover ceremony during which leadership of District 5110 was transferred from current District Governor Dave Reece to District Governor Elect Claudette Mirassou McWilliams. Assistant Governor Bruce Allen and Greater Albany President Kevin Manske presented the “Home Club of the District Governor” banner to Delta’s President-Elect Bob Harris. Past presidents of Delta, including Assistant Governor Beth Sheehan, John Anderson, Paul Peschiera, and Roxanne Gillespie, banded together to honor the incoming District Governor. During the celebration, District Governor Elect Claudette presented District Governor Dave with a crystal in recognition of his exceptional leadership of District 5110 in 2016-2017. As part of the “Changeover,” new positions were assumed by District Governor Nominee Bill Grile, now District Governor Elect, and District Governor Designate





(from left) District Governor Nominee Rick Olson, District Governor Claudette Mirassou McWilliams, District Governor Elect Bill Grile,.

Rick Olson, who will serve as District Governor Nominee.

Welcome Dell Gray

By Cort Vaughan

2017-07-01



It is my pleasure to introduce your new District 5110 PolioPlus Chair. Dell Gray is no stranger to many of you. He is our 2012/13 Past District Governor. He is also the RYLA chair and the the Youth Service Coordinator. Dell is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and member of the Paul Harris Society. He has truly given his time and treasure to many Rotary programs.

Dell brings tremendous experience and enthusiasm to his new role. Please join Dell to End Polio Now - Countdown to History.

Thank you for your outstanding support during my last 3 years as your District PolioPlus Chair. I am not going away, I am moving on to become your Zone 25 End Polio Now Coordinator. I will be supporting Dell and other District PolioPlus Chairs in Zone 25.

Is a Peace Scholarship Worth Pursuing?

By Carol Fellows

2017-07-01



Follow the link to a great article written by a BBC journalist on the Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40280353?SThisFB>

RYLA 2017

By Renée Alice Riley-Adams

2017-07-01





A great start yesterday to RYLA 2017 in Cottage Grove, OR. With participation by 60 of the 68 clubs in our district. June 24-29. Great enthusiasm and commitment!

Stove Team Opportunity

By Inara Fernandez

2017-06-24



Join your very own stove “team” in Antigua, Guatemala to promote fuel-efficient cookstoves that replace dangerous open cooking fires. Spend mornings learning Spanish at the San Jose el Viejo Language School and afternoons making clean cookstoves, exploring Antigua, and visiting families who will receive a life-saving cookstove. [Find out more here!](#)

Available trips:

October 28 – November 5, 2017 (Celebrate Day of the Dead - limited availability)

January 20 – 28, 2018

March 10 – 18, 2018

Sign up now to secure your spot!

Rotary Friendship Exchanges: Personal and Professional Impact

By Emily Francona

2017-07-08





Rotarians Rick and Emily Francona visited Moldova in 2015 as part of a Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) between [District 5110](#) and [District 2241](#).

According to a recent [Reuters article](#), the Moldovan government expelled five Russian embassy officials, following accusations from the Moldovan intelligence service that the “diplomats” are in fact officers of the Russian military intelligence organization more commonly known by its Russian initials GRU. The five Russians are alleged to have recruited Moldovan nationals in the [Gagauzia](#)* autonomous region (noted in red on the map) of the country to fight in eastern Ukraine on the side of pro-Russian separatists.



No one should find this surprising. Moldova is an interesting place – a former Soviet republic wedged between the current countries of Ukraine to the east and south, and Romania to the west. Its politics are definitely fragmented and all over the map. I happened to be in Moldova during the local elections in 2015 – the feelings of the various factions were passionately expressed.

There are some citizens who support the existence of Moldova as an independent republic (the current situation), others who favor a union with Romania, and a small minority outside of the autonomous regions who favor reintegration with the Russian Federation. The first two are doable, but any reunion with the Russian Federation would be difficult, given the sizable part of Ukraine between the two countries.

The Russian attempts—obviously successful—to recruit nationals from Gagauzia are interesting. I wonder what was offered in return for dangerous service in a militia fighting beside pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine.

There is no doubt that the residents of Gagauzia are pro-Russian—it is evident in every election. They favor closer ties with the Russian Federation, and have declared that if Moldova seeks membership in the European Union (EU), they would opt for independence. Whether or not the government in Chi?in?u would be amenable to such an option is debatable.

in eastern [Transnistria](#) the Russians are also meddling in Moldova, the country's other autonomous region. Transnistria hosts a contingent of Russian soldiers posted to the region as "peacekeepers" under an agreement between Russia and Moldova. It is a fig leaf to maintain a presence in yet another pro-Russian enclave in a country that was once part of the Soviet Union.

The Russians will continue to stir the pot here as they are doing in Ukraine. Open hostilities have not been seen since 1992, but any effort by the Moldovan government to join the EU, or Russian President Vladimir Putin's worst nightmare, NATO, could spark a Ukraine-like schism in the country. Of course, Gagauzia has no contiguous border with Russia, mitigating such an uprising.

Keep an eye on Moldova—this is not over. The expulsion of the Russian military intelligence officers treats a symptom, not the underlying disease.

** The origin of the Gagauz people is not exactly clear. Some believe them to be ethnic Turks, others believe them to be ethnic Bulgars.*

[See the RFE team's Facebook photo albums here](#)

[See Rick and Emily's photos of the trip](#)

Rotary Youth Exchange

By Daniel D. Converse

2017-07-08

“Life is a series of meetings and partings.” (Dickens) In Youth Exchange, we experience that each year, wondering in August how our family will turn out. This week, we are saying goodbye to the class of 2016-17, a class that gave the district committee a run for its money, but in the end, became one of the most loving, cooperative, and unforgettable families I've had the pleasure to know.

Our year-end trip is the culmination of a year of hard work by the students themselves, the district committee and all the great volunteers at the club level. This year, we faced challenges with the bus. We got stuck in the Hollywood Hills for an hour and a half, and lost our air conditioning for the last two hours of our trip to Las Vegas where it was a balmy 112 degrees. There wasn't a single complaint from the kids; instead, they were grateful for everything.

We saw Alcatraz, Disneyland, California Adventure, Universal Studios, Warner Brothers Studios, the San Diego Zoo and the Gas Lamp district and Coronado Beach in San Diego, a Cirque du Soleil show in Vegas and a

lot of barren, hot wilderness in between. Curt Rymer, his wife, Georgie, my daughter, Tiffany Maki and I chaperoned the group, which meant we got to watch them have fun, be very funny, and then supported them as they hit the realization that this “life in a year” is already over. The final goodbyes on Sunday are heartbreaking, yet we emphasize the depth of the sad emotions are really a reflection of the joy and happiness they gave and received so, as hard as “goodbye” was, it celebrated how good their year had been.

Knut Torvik is now at the helm of the phenomenal ship known as District 5110 Rotary Youth Exchange. I appreciate so much the support I received through the past three years and look forward to a long association with the program.

Thank you!

Dan



When stranger become friends and then become brothers who return home to change their world as they have changed ours, that is the beauty of Youth Exchange.

Submissions to eNews

By Mark C. Walker

2016-07-12

Please submit photos, news, and brags to district5110enews@gmail.com. We welcome your news and announcements. eNews is produced in DACdb ezBulletin and sent to active D5110 members via PMail. Please submit your **SHORT stories and great photos of Club events accomplishments and service projects. Submission deadline is**



Thursday evening the week before publication.

Rotary Club of Scott Valley Hosts BBQ

By Elizabeth DeEtte Jones

2017-07-08



Barbara Krone (standing center) and family

On Saturday afternoon, June 17th, the Rotary Club of Scott Valley, in partnership with the Native Daughters of the Golden West, held a benefit barbecue in downtown Etna to celebrate their restoration of the historic Etna Museum building. Nearly 200 people attended, feasting on ribs and tri-tip, pies made by the members of the Scott Valley Methodist Parish, and beer and wine provided by the Montague Rotary Club. The event was a huge success, raising over \$2,000 for ongoing maintenance of the building. The Native Daughters of the Golden West presented an award to Rotarian and Native Daughters member, Vinnie McNeil, in recognition of her tireless work in obtaining \$17,000 in grant monies from the Etna City Council, Rotary District 5110, and the U.S. Forest Service RAC program that were used to underwrite an electric panel upgrade, repairs to the building exterior and a fresh coat of paint. The Rotary Club of Scott Valley also unveiled a beautiful granite bench commemorating the life of the late David J. Krone, a founding charter member of the club. Thanks to all who participated and to the generosity of the Scott Valley community.





Rotary Honors Four Police Officers with Paul Harris Fellowships

By Jenna Bartlett

2017-07-01





On Tuesday, Rotary Club of Florence presented four Florence Police Department officers with the Paul Harris Fellowship, the highest honor Rotary can award.

Rotary President Pat Riley said, “You have been selected to become Paul Harris Fellows because the Rotary Club of Florence believes that your lives and actions exemplify the objectives and principles of Rotary. We thank you for demonstrating in your life and vocation a commitment to the ideal of Service Above Self.”

The four officers, Commander John Pitcher, Sgt. Brandon Ott, Officer Ken Larson and Corrections Officer Stephanie Sansom, were involved in an altercation at the Florence Municipal Jail May 8.

Police Chief Tom Turner said, “On May 8, these officers were exposed to the very worst humanity and society had to offer.”

An Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team determined May 16 that there was no use of deadly force by Florence police when a prisoner violently attacked Larson and Sansom. Pitcher and Ott were instrumental in restraining the man from causing further injury.

“These officers were exposed to sheer terror, for just a moment, where they fought for their lives, and they persevered,” Turner said. “To keep our community safe from people like this is the responsibility of the police.”

He read a quote from George Orwell, “People sleep easily in their beds at night only because rough men and women stand ready to do violence on their behalf.”

Turner then added, “I want to thank you, the Rotary Club of Florence, for honoring and recognizing these officers for their service to this community.”

The four officers were presented the three emblems of the Paul Harris Fellow: a certificate, pin and medal.

“Rotary’s motto is Service Above Self. To us, that exemplified the officers’ action,” said Riley. “Even though it is the job of first responders, police and firefighters to take risk, we believe that sometimes the risks they take and the things they do, really do exemplify Service Above Self.”

According to Riley, Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905 with the guiding principles of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership.

“Those principles were developed to provide Rotarians with a strong sense of common purpose and direction, serve as a foundation for our

relationships with each other and for the actions we take in the world. Paul Harris Fellows are one of the highest honors a Rotarian can earn,” she said.

Rotary member Kim Erickson presented the fellowships to the board as a way to honor the four officers.

Folk and Bluegrass Festival

By Jannie Louise Crocker

2017-07-01

14TH ANNUAL SISKIYOU

Folk and Bluegrass Festival



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\$15 PER PERSON
PLUS \$5 PARKING
12 & UNDER ARE FREE



JULY 22, 2017
STARTS AT 10:00 AM
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

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KELLY BOSWORTH | TWANGSVILLE | CHIP DENNERLEIN
ANTONUCCI COLLECTIVE | KELLY THIBODEAUX & ETOUFFEE

LAWN SEATING WITH FOOD & BEVERAGE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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Sisters Rotary Hoedown

By Cory Bradshaw

2017-06-24



Sisters Rotary

HOEDOWN
← *Dance to* →
Dry Canyon Stampede
Saturday, July 29th  **5-9 p.m.**
67480 Cloverdale Road

Join Us in Raising Funds to Support


Seed to Table | Circle of Friends | Harmony Farm Sanctuary
SHS Flight Science Program | The Rotary Club of Sisters



GRAND PRIZE DRAWING - A TASTE OF SISTERS

The Depot Cafe | The Gallery | Los Agaves
Three Creeks Brewing Co. | Chops

Live & Silent Auction ☆ Dessert Sale ☆ Wine & Beer Raffle

Available for Purchase:

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Salads, Wine and Beer

Tickets \$20/person (kids 12 & under FREE)

Rotary Club of Corvallis Charity Event Supporting Meals on Wheels

By Lee Strandberg, PhD

2017-07-01

The Rotary Club of Corvallis is hosting a major charity event for Meals on Wheels on Aug 31st at Garland Nursery in Corvallis.

Meals on Wheels (MOW) in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties is in danger of being cancelled or dramatically cut back because of a \$250,000 budget shortfall. (see attached documents for event details and MOW details). Please publish the event handout in the next District 5110 Newsletter and encourage Rotarians to volunteer and financially support Meals on Wheels in their local communities and purchase tickets to the August 31st Charity Event.

Cancelling or cutting back on Meals on Wheels places our most vulnerable population in great danger of increased illness as well not having access to food. We are in danger of having local at risk residents using the local ambulance as a cab ride to the hospital to get food.

The Council of Governments, the local federal agency funding MOW, can no longer support the deficit without drastic program reductions or outright cancellation.

We have emailed all Rotary Clubs in Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties as well as over 1000 City Managers, Mayors, County Commissioners in addition to MOW volunteers and others associated with the Council of Governments to raise awareness of this serious issue and to solicit their support for MOW in all of their communities.

Fellow Rotarian, Fred Abousleman, is CEO of the Council of Governments





Join us for

Tapas and Treasures!

Garland Nursery
5470 Northeast Highway 20; Corvallis
August 31st; 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Tapas and Treasures is a Rotary Club of Corvallis signature fundraising and social event, which brings together people from all over the Region to enjoy a night of comradery, great food, and entertainment. The event will support the *Meals on Wheels* program of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

Musical Entertainment by the Ancient Ways of the Marimba Ensemble.
Catering by Wild Pear from Salem, OR.

Thank you to our generous donors for our Treasures: artwork; gift certificates for local businesses and restaurants; jewelry; food and wine; football tickets; and much more!

For more than 30 years, *Meals on Wheels* has provided nutritious, hot meals, and connection to local seniors and those with disabilities. The program reduces senior food insecurity and supports independent living by providing congregate and home-delivered meals, safety checks, and wraparound service referrals. *Meals on Wheels* provides more than a meal for our seniors and those living with a disability in our tri-County Region.

Founded in 1923, the *Rotary Club of Corvallis* is an active service club, which brings together community leaders to provide humanitarian service, through high ethical standards, to build goodwill and peace around the world.

Event tickets are \$50. For more information about *Tapas and Treasures* or for tickets, visit:

TapasAndTreasures.org



and can respond to your questions in great detail. <http://www.ocwcog.org/>

Events

June 2017

06/07 - 2017 Goose Chase - July 8, 2017

July 2017

07/11 - DG Visits Klamath Basin Sunrise

07/12 - DG Visits Tulelake

07/13 - DG Visits Klamath County

07/15 - 1st Quarterly Meeting TRF Grants and GMT training

07/15 - Executive Committee Meeting

07/15 - Assistant Governor Training
07/18 - DG Visits Coos Bay- North Bend
07/19 - DG Visits Coquille
07/20 - DG Visits Myrtle Point
07/22 - Siskiyou Folk and Bluegrass Festival
07/25 - DG Visits Corvallis After 5
07/27 - DG Visits Corvallis
07/28 - DG Visits Greater Corvallis

August 2017

08/01 - DG Visits Greater Bend
08/02 - DG Visits Sunriver
08/02 - DG Visits Bend High Desert
08/03 - Rotary Friendship Exchange: Incoming New Mexico D5520
08/04 - DG Visits Bend Mt. Bachelor
08/05 - Cool at the Coast Golf Tournament
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08/08 - DG Visits Fern Ridge (Veneta)
08/09 - DG Visits Corvallis Morning
08/10 - DG Visits Reedsport
08/14 - DG Visits Bear Creek Valley
08/15 - DG Visits Upper Rogue (Eagle Point)
08/15 - DG Visits Medford
08/16 - DG Visits Central Point
08/17 - DG Visits Jacksonville-Applegate
08/17 - DG Visits Ashland
08/18 - DG Visits Greater Medford
08/22 - DG Visits Philomath
08/23 - DG Visits Sweet Home and Lebanon Joint Meeting
08/24 - DG Visits Eugene Airport
08/26 - IV Rotary Golf Tournament
08/29 - DG Visits Jefferson County (Madras)
08/30 - DG Visits Lakeview