



Week of October 29, 2017

Welcome Future 5110 Leaders!

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

2017-10-29



As District Governor, it gives me great pleasure to welcome two new Assistant Governors and Treasurer to the District 5110 leadership team. The sistant Governors, **Jim Polk** and **Justicia Trzesniewski**, will begin their three-year terms under the leadership of **DGE Bill Grille** on July 1, 2018. Our new Treasurer, **Steve Sharpe**, will assume his financial duties on July 1, 2019, during the term of **DGN Rick Olson**. The current and future district governors are sharing the news of the appointment of these committed volunteers to these positions as they begin shadowing the leaders they will

replace. Please welcome them and thank them for their service when you have an opportunity to meet.

Jim Polk will follow **AG Gina Marie Agosta** as the **Assistant Governor for the Rogue-Illinois Valley** region which includes the Rotary Clubs of Grants Pass, Greater Grants Pass, Rogue Gateway and Illinois Valley (Cave Junction). Jim is a native Oregonian who completed a career in the United States Air Force as a crypto linguist in Mandarin Chinese and interpreter before serving as the recorder and treasurer for the City of Cave Junction. Jim became a member of the Rotary Club of Illinois Valley in 2007. Since that time, he has served as club president, treasurer and TRF chair. He is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, and the District Leadership Academy, having

been an instructor with the latter. Jim is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Along with his wife of 44 years, Kathleen, Jim has one son and two grandchildren. In his leisure time, he enjoys photography, afternoon naps and the close inspection of golf courses necessitated by his golf game.

Justicia Trzesniewski assumes the position as **Assistant Governor for Greater South Willamette** from **AG Doris Towery**, who has generously extended her service through DG Claudette's term despite a move to McMinnville in District 5100. Justicia will be responsible for the Rotary Clubs of Eugene Airport, Fernridge, Springfield, Springfield Twin Rivers, Cottage Grove and eClub State of Jefferson. Like Jim, she is a native Oregonian who grew up in the Willamette Valley before beginning a career in hospitality followed by work in sales. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield Twin Rivers, which she joined in 2012. Justicia has served as club president, Youth Services Chair, Membership Chair and now Club Secretary. Justicia currently serves as a Rotary Leadership Institute instructor in addition to her duties as District Rotaract Chair.

Steve Sharpe takes over management of the District's financial affairs from **District Treasurer Robert Ball**. Steve is a Certified Public Accountant with Sharpe Consulting Services, Inc. He earned a degree in Business Administration from Oregon State University before joining the Rotary Club of Greater Albany in 2015. He currently serves as club treasurer. Steve is a Paul Harris Fellow and member of the Bequest Society.

DG Claudette

GSE Team Leader for 2018 Guatemala Exchange Selected

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

2017-10-29



I am pleased to announce that **Rae La Marche** has been selected as Team Leader for the exchange which will take place between District 5110 and District 4250 of Guatemala in February, 2018. We are fortunate to have an experienced international traveler and former educator as the leader of this group that will represent District 5110 in its travels. Rae was selected after two separate interviews, which were conducted with the assistance of **Ginny Reich**,

Natalie Standerfer, Jane Scheidecker, PDG and RFE Chair John Cox, former RFE Chair Camille Ronzio, and DG Claudette.

Interviews for the position of Team Member will take place on Sunday, October 29th in Eugene, Oregon. They will be convened by **DG Claudette** and carried out with **PDG Dell Gray** and **GSE Team Leader Rae La Marche**.

Congratulations, Rae!

DG Claudette

Getting to Zero

By Charles L. Root

2017-10-29



PBS NEWS HOUR ran a great news/video explaining why it is so hard to finish off polio and what Rotary is doing in Pakistan. Check it out.

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/pakistans-polio-health-workers-make-inroads-toward-eradication>

Working for Peace.....And Giving Thanks

By Charles L. Root

2017-10-29

Last Friday evening, Nov. 20th, Rotarians from throughout District 5110 gathered for the 2017 TRF Rendezvous at Umpqua Community College for a reception followed by dinner and a variety of presentations.

A powerful moment was DG Claudette's presentation of a Peace Pole to Umpqua Community College President Dr. Debra Thatcher with the message

“May Peace Prevail on Earth” in eight languages. Dr. Thatcher was very touched and excited to add our gift extended by the Rotary Club of Portland to the special area commemorating the tragic events that occurred on campus in



2015.

PDG Dave Reece reported that the generous donations to TRF last Rotary year, including many individual gifts and bequests, totaled well over \$2 million dollars. These include:

- 5 clubs giving over \$300 per capita to the annual fund, Port Orford, Grants Pass, Tule Lake, Shasta Valley & Bend High Desert. And
- 5 clubs giving over \$40,000 to all TRF programs, Florence, Eugene, Greater Bend, Grants Pass and Bear Creek Valley. See full list elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Rotarian Anne Merryfield left \$500,000 in her estate for RY 2016-17 and a slightly larger amount for RY 2017-18. Because of Anne, our district is currently #1 in the Rotary world in total contributions. What a wonderful example Anne made for all of us to include Rotary in our estate planning as our charity of choice.

Pax Matipwiri was our keynote speaker. A physician, Pax is our Global Grant scholar from Malawi pursuing his Master's in Public Health at OSU.

On Saturday morning over 100 Rotarians gathered in the cafeteria to hear Bianca Neff, a Rotary Peace Fellow from Malaga, Spain, speak about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program and the importance of resilience training for humanitarian aid workers. Bianca is the Founder & Executive Director of Petra Peacebuilders.

Following Bianca's presentation the room split into two tracks. One was a grants meeting where two Global Grant applications were approved, followed by a discussion of District Grants.

Concurrent training on many aspects of TRF took place simultaneously in an adjacent room. During the day we were all inspired to learn more about polio eradication and our need to continue to the final countdown.

After lunch we settled in for an amazing address by Ramu Damodaran, Deputy Director of the United Nations Department of Public Information, who definitely stole the show then and again at the close of the afternoon when he speculated on what could become Rotary's next corporate project after polio.

A rewarding day was had by all! I cannot begin to thank the wonderful committee who worked so hard to put such a successful two day event together. I hope we see you next year for the Rendezvous when we disclose what Ramu suggested for our future!

Chuck Root, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

ROGUE AFTER 5 (MEDFORD)

CLUBS WITH 100% MEMBERS GIVING AT LEAST \$100
GRANTS PASS
GREATER MEDFORD
LINCOLN CITY

POLIO PLUS - DISTRICT TOTAL \$142,176

5. ASHLAND \$ 6,259
4. EUGENE DELTA \$ 7,300
3. ROGUE GATEWAY \$ 8,680
2. GRANTS PASS \$11,838
1. GREATER BEND \$17,965

TOTAL PER CAPITA above 25 members
ANNUAL FUND

5. EUGENE METRO \$274.26
4. NEWPORT \$282.37
3. GREATER BEND \$278.91
2. PORT ORFORD \$317.81
1. GRANTS PASS \$321.52

TOTAL PER CAPITA all clubs
ANNUAL FUND DISTRICT TOTAL \$ 617,735

5. PORT ORFORD \$317.81
4. GRANTS PASS \$321.52
3. TULE LAKE \$322.61
2. SHATA VALLEY \$335.71
1. BEND HIGH DESERT \$357.14

TOTAL GIVING – DISTRICT TOTAL \$1,325,266

5. FLORENCE \$ 40,002
4. EUGENE \$ 40,232
3. GREATER BEND \$ 50,876
2. GRANTS PASS \$ 60,177
1. BEAR CREEK VALLEY \$508,471

Join Rotary's First Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace!

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

2017-09-30

Join us to Make Rotary History as We Explore Environment Sustainability and Peace



President Ian Riseley has made environmental sustainability a major focus this year. Zones 24, 25 and 26, in cooperation with ESRAG and the RAG for Peace, are hosting his Presidential Conference on **Environmental Sustainability and Peacebuilding** in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia on the weekend of **February 9 - 11, 2018**.

As members of the Rotary Family who understand the central role that environmental sustainability plays in the long term success of all that Rotary does, we urge you to join us at this conference.

[Register now!](#)

Look below for details on speakers, program, and venue. It will be fun!

[Keynote Speakers](#)

"The environment is so fundamental to our continued existence that it must transcend politics and become a central value of all members of society."

David Suzuki, Internationally known environmentalist

Environmental Sustainability . . . is, and must be, everyone's concern."

Ian Riseley, RI President 2017-2018

Come be inspired

Dr. Jonathan Patz, University of Wisconsin,
Director of the Global Health Institute

Paul Netzel, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair,
David Justice, University of BC Botanical Gardens
Linda Low, Rotary Peace Fellow - Duke/UNC Peace Center

For full details on speakers:

please visit www.environmentandpeace.com/speakers/

Conference Venue

The Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace has reserved a block of rooms at the special rate of \$189 (CAD) per night. **Reserve your room now.** Payment is not required until the conference. The room block is over half sold out.

The Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers 644 contemporary guestrooms, with stunning mountain, skyline or Stanley Park views. Located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, you'll find it easy to take a stroll through Stanley Park, explore the colourful streets of Chinatown or shop on Robson Street. You can also relax in their heated outdoor pool and oversized hot tub. The Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers award winning event facilities featuring 46,000 square feet of state-of-the-art event space. Their downtown hotel offers sophisticated venues, including elegant ballrooms and stunning rooftop salons with stellar views that captivate and motivate in every way. Find out more about the **Hyatt Regency Vancouver.**

Special Conference Opportunities

There are opportunities for individuals, organizations or businesses to partner with Rotary and sponsor the Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace.

For details please visit:

<https://environmentandpeace.com/sponsorship-opportunities/>

If you have a Rotary project that you would like to showcase as an example of the inter-relationship of environmental sustainability and peacebuilding, please submit it through **ESRAG's contact form.**

There are also opportunities for groups to obtain display space.

For details please visit:

<https://environmentandpeace.com/display-space-opportunities/>

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Interact District Training Assembly November 2017



Interact District Training Assembly will take place on November 10th-11th with optional early registration November 9th. This year's IDTA will be held at the Cottage Grove Community Center and our theme is Harry Potter! IDTA is a yearly event sponsored by Interact District 5110 Board of Directors. Interact Clubs throughout our Rotary District learn what it means to be an interact member, how to run effective meetings and the leadership roles they play as a member of the Interact Board of Directors within their local clubs. And of course there is also much fun to be had in interacting with students throughout the District. Sign up soon. Registration ends Nov 3rd. Please contact Collette Callaghan 18ccallaghan@svusd.us Abby Wooton abbywooton@comcast.net or Paola Pringle paola.pringle@gmail.com if you have any questions concerning this event.

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.



Women In Rotary Celebration

By Susan Hanner

2017-10-22

As you likely know, 2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Women in Rotary. On Saturday, October 14, approximately 100 Rotarians and community members from the Eugene-Springfield area celebrated this anniversary with a day of service.

We started the day with a breakfast at Alton Baker Park and got our T-shirts.



Then we headed off to 8 projects for 7 different agencies:

1) NEDCO--We built a dozen raised garden beds and filled them with soil. These beds were requested by young adults who have aged out of foster care and are working to become independent adults.



2) Food for Lane County's Grassroots Garden--We helped in the harvest of fall produce and general garden clean up.





3) Eugene Mission--We did a deep cleaning and organizing of the Women's and Children's Center, and we painted a long hallway.



4) Sponsors--We sorted and organized household items and clothing in the Sponsors warehouse. These items are available for clients who are setting up new independent lives.



5) St. Vincent de Paul--We prepped and primed two large classrooms at the First Place Family Center.



6) Womenspace--We set up tables and passed out water along the course of their fundraising walk/run.



7) Emerald Village--We continued construction work on a tiny house.



It was a very productive day, and people had fun! We're grateful for the support that we got from area businesses and Rotary clubs. We're also very pleased with the press coverage we got--shining a light on the good work that Rotary does.

Port Orford Rotary Presentation

By Eva Ellen Germaine
Shimotakahara

2017-10-22



Dave Bassett of Port Orford Rotary presents Jay Farr of the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary the "World



famous Port Orford Rotary monogrammed traveling patch that is awarded to persons who help with a difficult problem or contribute to the well being of their fellow Rotarians.” Presentation was in North Bend on Oct 17 at the noon Rotary meeting.

Volunteers Needed

By Rae LaMarche

2017-09-16

It's Time to Volunteer



for the 2017 McKenzie Cider and Craft Beer Festival

Volunteers receive FREE ADMISSION, a souvenir glass, and two drink tickets in addition to other goodies. In addition, those who volunteer for the Saturday night late shift will receive a special gift for their troubles.

Springfield Rotary Club will present the 6th Annual McKenzie Cider & Craft Beer Festival on November 10th & 11th at the Bob Keefer Center (formerly Willamalane Center), 250 S 32nd Street in Springfield. The 2016 McKenzie Cider & Craft Beer Festival was a HUGE success, in large part because of the tremendous support we received from our *enthusiastic volunteers*.

[Sign Up](#) for Your Desired Shift or Shifts Today!

Friday, November 10th

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Saturday, November 11th

11:30 am - 4:00 pm

3:30 pm - 8:00 pm

7:30 pm - 11:30 pm

You do NOT need to have a servers permit to volunteer. We will provide this training to you when you arrive for your designated shift.

If you are interested in having a large group of volunteers, please contact us at info@mccbf.com

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State of Jefferson Vacation Raffle

By Jacqueline Oakley

2017-10-08



The Prize



**Win a One Week
Vacation and
Support a Great**



This project is providing funding for young Mayan women to learn to read and write Spanish, the Guatemalan national language. Only 10% of indigenous girls in this region of Guatemala graduate from primary school and they only learn the indigenous Mayan language. This is a major handicap to their prospects for further education. Let's Leave No Girl Behind provides funding that gives these young women a chance at literacy so that they may break the cycle of poverty. In addition, we also provide solar lighting so that they can continue their studies at night.



The Raffle Winner will receive a one week stay for two to four people at any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal, an approximate value of \$2,000.

For more resort information on this give away, simply go to www.elcidvacationsclub.com for additional information on the El Cid Resorts, contact:

Club President Jackie Oakley at 541-934-541-2743 or email her at: raffie@stateofjeffersonrotary.org



State of Jefferson eClub
District 5110



Cause



The Rotary eClub of the State of Jefferson Foundation is embarking upon a major fundraising effort to help us continue the success of our Signature Project: *Let's Leave No Girl Behind.*

Win a One Week Vacation and Support A Great Cause!

The Raffle

The prize is a week's stay (at any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal (transportation and meals not included.)

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. There will be no more than 400 sold. All proceeds, after online fees, will go towards funding Let's Leave No Girl Behind. The raffle will end December 31, 2017 and the Drawing will be held on January 31, 2018.

- The Raffle Winner will receive a one week stay with any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal, an approximate value of \$2,000.
- To enter, go to:

<https://stateofjeffersonrotary.org/raffie> for [Raffle Rules and Buy Tickets Now](#)



Let's Leave No Girl Behind



Project Description and Activities:

Introduce a Light and Literacy program into one remote Mayan village without electricity for ten families. The project will target both teen-age girls 13 – 18, as well as women who cannot read or write Spanish. One teen-age girl or woman per family will be selected to join the reading group.

A trained bilingual (Q'anjob'al and Spanish) "traveling teacher" will spend one day per week in the villages for six months to teach reading. The beneficiary families will have been introduced to the concept of "light and literacy" by a mini prototype project in which one child per family participates in a three-month reading program and earns a solar lamp.

At the end of the six-month training period, each girl/woman who succeeds in the program will be awarded a solar power kit that will provide basic lighting in her family's home.

Additionally, funds will be provided to pay for half an annual scholarship for a qualified teen-age girl of the region to attend middle school classes at the Maya Jaguar Educational Center's boarding school.

Number of Beneficiaries:

Whereas ten girls / women will directly benefit, once they have learned to read, those numbers will increase exponentially as they help to teach their siblings and children, thereby expanding the number of beneficiaries to a projected 60 children, based on average family size. Importantly, ten households will have the benefit of solar lighting of which no opportunity existed prior to a family's daughter or wife learning to read and earning solar electricity for the family's home.

The overall benefits for the participating girls/women are several:

- they will be empowered to read;
- they will be empowered to teach their siblings/children how to read;
- they will have earned valuable household equipment through their efforts in learning to read.

Events

November 2017

- 11/01 - DG Visits Roseburg Morning
- 11/02 - DG Visits Sutherlin
- 11/02 - DG Visits Roseburg
- 11/03 - DG Visits Eugene Delta
- 11/10 - McKenzie Cider and Craft Beer Festival
- 11/19 - Nominating Committee

December 2017

- 12/03 - Women in Rotary Celebration
- 12/13 - Gift Wrapping Fundraiser