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DG Corner: Handshakes, Hugs, Fist Bumps & Vaccines

By DG Gerry Kosanovic

It's safe to say that the curveball pitched to us by the current COVID variant continues to challenge our capacity to replicate normal routines of the past. For example, this year's customary District Governor club visits were first impacted by the Delta variant in July, then Omicron in December. The pandemic spike in our district continues to disrupt normal activity. Nonetheless, the third iteration of my club visit schedule finds me traveling to selected district clubs for in-person service and fellowship where possible, as well as meeting virtually when needed with ZOOM.



When personally meeting members, to be safe, I give a simple protective fist bump; no handshakes, no hugs. I am fully vaccinated and defensively cautious. The essential message in this climate is safety. To ensure the care of fellow members, Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, along with Rotary Foundation Chair John Germ, endorse and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The following is the Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination: ***As the first organization to envision a polio-free world through mass immunization of children, Rotary believes the decision to vaccinate is a humanitarian imperative.***

The Rotary International Board of Directors and Rotary Foundation Trustees believe that:

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic, and we strongly encourage vaccination for all individuals, including our members.
2. Misinformation hinders the fight against COVID-19, and we are committed to providing our members with science-based information.

I share this endorsement with D5110 Rotarians. At the same time, we salute health care workers as they continue to provide lifesaving services. [Click here for DG Gerry's entire article and the rest of the bulleted list from RI.](#)

Participate in Rotary Days of Service

From Rotary International

As part of his [2021-22 initiatives](#), Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta is encouraging clubs to plan and host a practical and action-oriented Rotary Day of Service. The event should address a challenge facing your community that fits in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and brings together volunteers from within and outside of Rotary.

[Click here for the entire story on the D5110 website.](#)

We're halfway through the Rotary year, and many clubs, both in District 5110 and around the world



have already risen to the challenge.

Obama's Peace Corps Director to Address Rotary Zoom Thursday

By Rob Thurston, Rotary Club of Corvallis



Zoom meetings make it possible for clubs to attract speakers of national and international prominence. The Rotary Club of Corvallis speaker on Thursday is Aaron Williams appointed by President Obama to serve as the Director of the Peace Corps.

The remarkable story of this leader in youth service, international development, foreign policy, and global business began in then-segregated housing on the south side of Chicago. His personal journey, achievements and dedication to service are inspirational and instructional, and especially so for young people of color.

The Rotary Club of Corvallis invites you to Mr. Williams' presentation this Thursday at noon. For a link to the zoom meeting contact: info@corvallisrotary.org.

If you can't make it to the meeting, you can see a recording of the presentation at your leisure posted on our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisRotary> Mr. Williams' book, "A Life Unimagined: The Rewards of Mission-Driven Service in the Peace Corps and Beyond", is available on Amazon books. For more information or questions contact Corvallis Rotarian Rob Thurston at robjant@comcast.net.

Top 10 Tips From Your District Environment Committee

By Nikki Rizzardini

Your District Environment Committee brings you 10 things clubs can do for the Environment:

1. Reduce or eliminate plastics and waste at meetings and events
2. Invite guest speakers with trusted environmental expertise on a regular basis
3. Include an Environmental Committee as part of your club Board

[There are seven more....click here for the remainder.](#)

Interested in more information? Contact your District Environment Committee! Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 26 at 6pm via Zoom with a special guest presenting on how to start a pollinator garden. Contact Nikki Rizzardini at nrizzard@gmail.com



Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group's work

By DG Gerry Kosanovic

Because of the far-reaching impact of Covid-19, [Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group's](#) work is needed now more than ever. World Vision released a report last year on the impact of Covid-19, providing the following statistics:

- 1) 13.6 million more children will suffer from wasting or acute malnutrition by 2022 due to COVID-19 impacts
- 2) Children suffering from wasting are 11 times more likely to die from preventable diseases than those that are well-nourished
- 3) The impacts of childhood malnutrition can last a lifetime, harming their ability to learn, earn and reach their full potential as adults, which also has significant economic implications, nationally and globally.

We'd welcome the opportunity to present to these clubs so that they can learn more about us and how they can have an immediate impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,
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Voices of Rotary: The Service Work of PDG Bill Grile Hasn't Slowed

By Daniel Smith on Monday, January 17, 2022

Every project has a beginning a team and passion that carries it to success. Join us as Past District Governor Bill Grile talks with me about some of the things in his life that brought him to Rotary and some of the projects he is currently working on. Here is the link to the podcast: <https://voicesofrotary.org/blog/podcast/pdg-bill-grile-and-dan-smith-talk/>

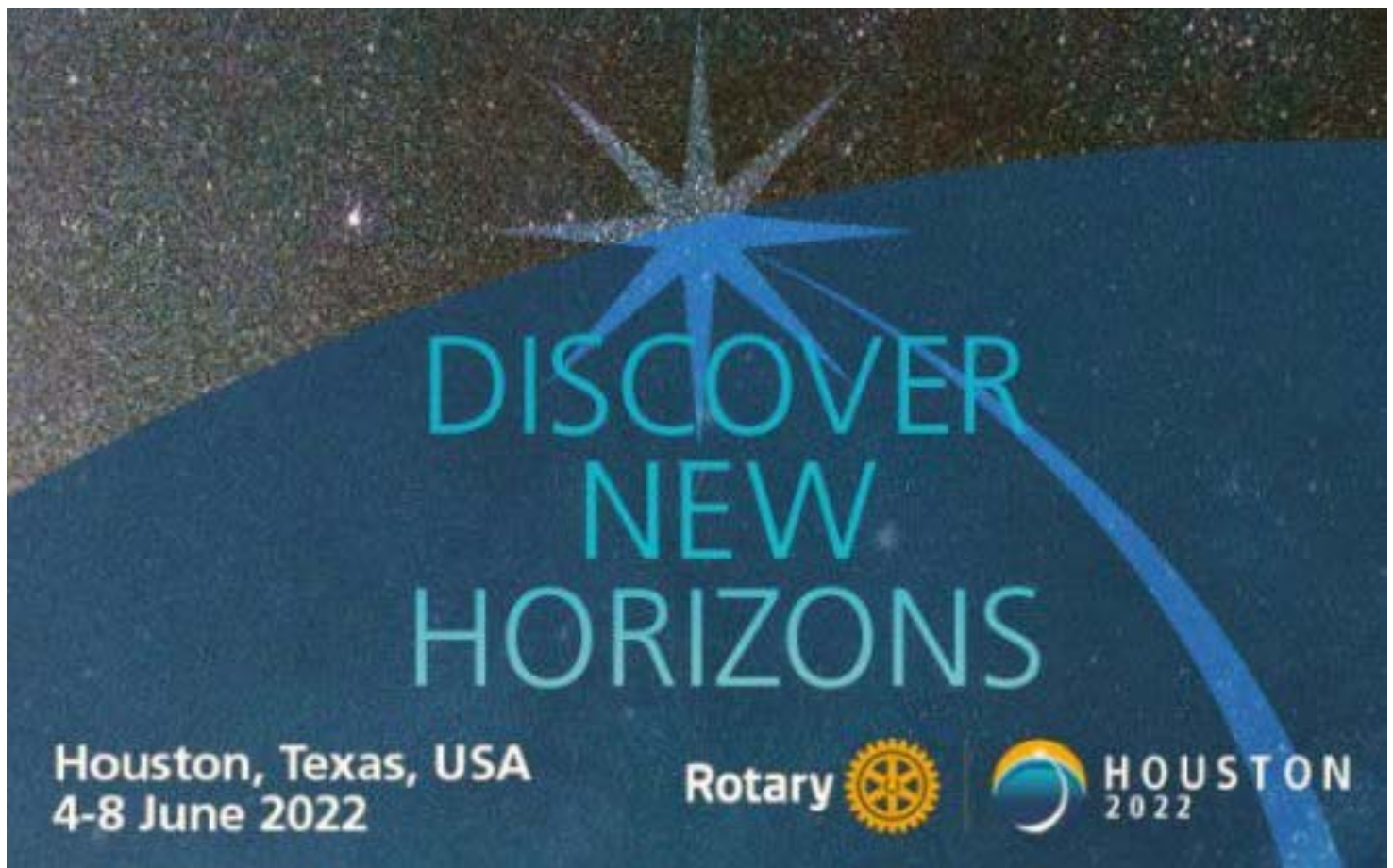
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Also, be the first to hear the trailer for the successful series Almeda Fire, Rising From The Ashes. This is the third in the series that captures the emotions and futures of the people impacted by this life-changing event. Rotary was front and center in serving those hardship in southern Oregon. Don't miss it!

Clubs and Members: SAVE THE DATES! 2022 Upcoming Events

A yellow banner with a black border. On the left is a shield-shaped logo with a globe and a hand, with the text "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES" at the top and "STEP UP TO THE PLATE" at the bottom. In the center is a white flag with the Rotary logo and "Rotary District 5110". On the right, the text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, in black text, is "APRIL 28 - 29 - 30, 2022", "CELEBRATION CONFERENCE", "+ Annual Club Assembly", and "Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon".



Assorted Levity for Your Rotary Week/Life

By Mike Corwin on Saturday, January 15, 2022

Amusing quotes philosophizing on marriage and life (safe ones that won't get me in "too much" trouble):

◆ My advice to you is get married: If you find a good wife you◆ll be happy; if not, you◆ll become a philosopher.◆ ◆ *Socrates*

◆ If you want to be sure that you never forget your wife◆s birthday, just try forgetting it once.◆ ◆ *Aldo Cammarota*

◆ Never criticize your spouse◆s faults; if it weren◆t for them, your mate might have found someone better than you.◆ ◆ *Jay Trachman*

"You came from dust. You will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know." - *Anonymous*

