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## Feb. 25 Rotary Now! / Leading Change: Power of Storytelling

By Bill Grile



**ROTARY NOW!**  
Leading Change

Join us for a relaxing night of sound and exploration into the Power of "Storytelling" through podcasts with experts Dr. Siobhan McHugh and Matt Livadary (meet your guides and listen to a short sample of some of the voices from District 5110 with a [Click Here](#)) as the Thursday, February 25 Rotary Now! / Leading Change feature.

The 90-minute presentation will start at 7 p.m.

We have all been trapped inside for way too long. Let's take a journey of the imagination. With our experienced guides we will visit some extraordinary places. Feel the emotions of your fellow Rotarians as they serve and what that means to them. We will stop over in Africa, maybe visit a crime scene and experience things you probably only dream about. Along the way you will learn how to listen and how to tell your own Rotary story.

Registration is required for this event at no cost and soon after your registration, you will receive the Zoom details for the event. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Rotarians Support the COVID Vaccine Effort

By DG Cindi O'Neil



Rotarians throughout the western US and in District 5110 are supporting the effort immunize our community members against COVID-19. Traffic control at immunization clinics is underway in Illinois Valley thanks to the leadership of Cave Junction Club President Bruce Reece. The Rotary Club of Eugene is rallying Rotarians of the Lane County area to volunteer. Rotarian leaders Liz Ness and Pete Gribskov are offering opportunities that include processing paperwork, clerical work, answering calls, assisting with parking and crowd flow, and other duties.

Some jobs will be active, others not, such as staffing a registration table. Contact Pete at 541-521-6761 or [petelauriegribskov@comcast.net](mailto:petelauriegribskov@comcast.net) to sign up to help. Coos Bay Rotarians are helping at vaccine registration desks and administering the vaccine! Send us your projects and photos at [dgcindi5110@gmail.com](mailto:dgcindi5110@gmail.com)

In southern California Rotarians numbering 200 have volunteered to direct traffic at vaccination clinics. Other California Rotarian doctors have combined their efforts to hold monthly forums on the vaccination effort for the public. In northern California Assistant Governors are coordinating Rotary volunteers in their respective county areas. Other Rotarians are volunteering to help seniors navigate online registration for the vaccine. Rotary is making history again during tough times.

Thank you to all of you stepping up to help support the COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Please send me your COVID vaccine support project ideas. Especially photos of Rotarians supporting this effort or receiving their vaccine would be appreciated. The District is purchasing branded safety vests should you need them. Request yours by emailing me at [dgcindi5110@gmail.com](mailto:dgcindi5110@gmail.com).

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## J Bar J Youth Build Tiny Homes for Veterans Village

By Peggy Carey



In spite of the exponential growth Bend has seen over the last few years, and the challenges of 2020, our community remains connected. We are strong as ever when a **◆barn raising◆** such as a Vocational school for youth or housing for Veterans is needed, and you can count on Rotarians to be there to help!

The Bend Rotary Clubs supported J Bar J Youth Services construction of a Vocational Training School for the adjudicated youth in residence at the boy **◆s** ranch. The J Bar J program is designed to help the boys understand and change the behavior that brought them here and help them achieve a GED and or a High School Diploma. In 2019, a Vocational training program was added to include training in the construction trades and Culinary Arts.

The Bend Rotary Clubs understood the need for this training immediately and stepped up to help. Mt Bachelor Rotary donated funds from the St. Patrick Day Run and Greater Bend committed \$75,000, naming this their three-year Signature Project. [For the rest of the story on this community project and all its media coverage, click here.](#)

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## Virtual RYLA Demand Increases--Now Accommodating 100

By Mary Hoskins

We're bringing the interactive and field-tested virtual RYLA event to area sophomores and juniors from April 28 - May 2, 2021. The itinerary will work with high school schedules, with evening hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, continuing to Saturday and Sunday.

Because of the intense interest and demand, we raised the eRYLA Camp maximum to 100 sophomores and juniors, an increase of 30 from the previous maximum. The "for more information" buttons should direct Rotarians and students to the LeaderNU website that is customized for us: [leadernu.com/ryla-info/d5110/](http://leadernu.com/ryla-info/d5110/)



[Click here to read about the entire process.](#) Please feel free to contact District 5110 RYLA Camp Director, Mary Hoskins, with questions and ideas, at (541)531-8538 or [rylaohyeah@gmail.com](mailto:rylaohyeah@gmail.com).

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## Rotary 4-way Test Speech Contest Registration Underway

By Freddy Saxton



Rotary District 5110 is excited to present this year's 4-Way Test speech contest in order to provide the same wonderful opportunities to the students within our district. Registration forms are now being accepted, and clubs are scheduling contests at their local level which will be held in March and April. The local level contests will be held virtually, or in a safe distanced environment in compliance with the local protocol in the individual club's location.

We are cautiously optimistic that we can hold the finals in person during our District Conference Celebration May 28, but that will obviously be dependent on how things develop. Please help spread the word to the schools in your community and let's make this a great year for our District 4-Way Test speech contest! [For more on the effort, click here.](#) For info, [contact Freddy Saxton, Newport Rotary](#)

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## Tonight's Eugene Metro Zoom Features a Great Story of Their Own

By Heather Edwards

Julia Rivera was a teenager when she became an orphan. She had to drop out of school



and got to work in order to take care of her younger siblings. She worked hard and became the mother and father they needed. When her own daughter was born she knew that education was the key to a better life. She made sure that Yazm♦n had the opportunities she didn't.

Please join the Rotary Club of Eugene Metro for the remarkable story of a girl from Santiago who overcame every obstacle. That hardworking dedicated girl is now an engineer and a Rotarian. Yazm♦n Donaire has been visiting us in order to improve her

English - yet another goal she has set for herself.

**Tonight at 6 pm**, Yazm♦n will be sharing her story in her second language and we couldn't be more proud of everything she has accomplished. Join us to be inspired by her success and let her remind us of everything we're capable of as Rotarians and as people of action. To listen in by Zoom, contact **Heather.m.Edwards@gmail.com**.

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## Assorted Levity for Your Rotary Week/Life

By Mike Corwin

**While the doctor might not prescribe it, the ability to find humor in our situation is key for maintaining of sanity, patience, and peace of mind.---SMILE!**

♦ It takes less time to do things right than to explain why you did it wrong. ♦ ♦ **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

♦ If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in the dark with a mosquito. ♦ ♦ **Betty Reese**

♦ You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You♦re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who♦ll decide where to go. ♦ ♦ **Dr. Seuss**

♦ My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I♦ve finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already. ♦ ♦ **Dave Barry**



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