

# 5110 In Action eNews

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## Not Too Late to Join 200+ at Corvallis Celebration This Weekend

By Judy Corwin



Your complete District Conference Celebration Program and Three-Day Schedule is available on the District 5110 Website at this link: <https://www.district5110.org/celebration-conference/> or [click here](#).

More than 200 individuals have registered for the three-day event. Registration for CTA is still open on DACdb.

Registration for Saturday's Conference Celebration is available in person on Saturday at the Oregon State Alumni Center, although it is closed on DACdb.

Golf teams are still being accepted for the April 28 Golf Scramble at Trysting Tree Golf Course and the April 29 Street Party with Dunk a DG and lots of fun is open to all. Don't forget to sign up to give blood in the District 5110 Service Project partnered with the Red Cross. See you at the Conference/Celebration!

## District 5110 Buys a Fire Truck for Ukraine

By PDG Cyndi O'Neil

On April 5 PDG Sergii Savadskyi of District 2232 of Ukraine gave a live address to the Rotary Club of Greater Bend on Zoom, in a room of 50+ spellbound members.

In his parting remarks he made a plea for help: "We call upon all Districts (of the world) to apply for Disaster Relief Grants from Rotary International. These grants can now be directed outside your Districts to Ukraine for humanitarian relief." In a paddle raise immediately following the presentation, \$11,500 was raised by generous Club members to send directly to Ukraine for humanitarian relief.



In the days following, PDG Cindi O'Neil emailed the sitting Ukrainian DG to ask, "What is your greatest need?" Governor Bondarenko said, "We need fire trucks to put out fires in bombed buildings to assist in the extraction of people." Through Rotary networks reaching all the way to Austria, DG Bondarenko's

team found a fire truck. The grant submitted by our District Leadership of \$25,000 was approved overnight.

[Click here for the whole story on the D5110 website.](#) Donations to the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund can be made online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

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## Thank You District Celebration Sponsors

By Judy Corwin

A special thank you is extended to all the wonderful sponsors who have so generously supported Rotary District Celebration this coming weekend.

This includes all Golf Scramble sponsors at Trysting Tree on April 28; all Street Party Sponsors, 5-9 p.m. on April 29 in downtown Corvallis; and all Celebration Conference Sponsors on Friday and Saturday, April 29-30 at the OSU Alumni Center.

[Click here to go to the D5110 website for a better look at the list of local and regional sponsors that have made this weekend's celebration possible.](#)



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## Empowering Maya Children Through Education

By Emily Francona



This 15-20 minute .PPT presentation, available via Zoom, provides an overview of the education & literacy programs provided by [Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala](#) to Indigenous children in several Maya villages in Guatemala's remote western highlands.

Guided by Rotary's areas of focus (education & literacy), the programs of this small, but impactful nonprofit organization are helping lift up children and their impoverished families through education - one life at a time!

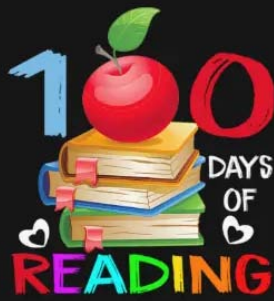
The organization was founded and is guided by Frances Dixon's vision of making a difference in people's lives. Rotary International recognized her efforts of over three decades with the *Service Above Self* award in 2020. Contact Emily Francona ([emily@francona.net](mailto:emily@francona.net); 541.253.7675). [The story and links can also be found on the D5110 website by clicking here.](#)

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## 100 Days of Reading Challenge; Grant Apps Due This Weekend

By DG Gerry Kosanovic

Without daily reading practice, children can lose up to three months of literacy skills over the summer. In the aftermath of school closings and decreased access to summer learning programs, children are at a higher risk of losing reading skills than ever before. However, reading at least 20 minutes a day can significantly boost



vocabulary and prevent learning loss.

To keep children in rural America learning this summer, Save the Children is hosting a 100 Days of Reading challenge. What is the 100 Days of Reading Challenge?

Save the Children challenges children and families to read at least 20 minutes every day from June 1 – September 8 (World Literacy Day). To help, Save the Children is providing partners with resources, tools, and funding to support a local reading challenge in their community as a fun way to encourage reading all summer long. What do challenge hosts need to do? [Click here to find out about the pending deadlines at the D5110 website.](#)

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## Assorted Levity for Your Rotary Week/Life

By Mike Corwin

### Amusing but authentic words to add to your vocabulary (or not):

**Smicker:** Not to be confused with the word “snicker,” a “smicker” means to look amorously after someone.

**Cleek:** This is a word that means “big hook.”

**Bibliokept:** This refers to a person who steals books.

**Whippersnapper:** You might hear an older person call a young, overly confident person this long, wacky word.

**Salopettes:** A word used to describe a pair of high-waisted skiing pants that has shoulder straps.

**Accubation:** This describes a person who eats/drinks while they’re laying down — so basically anyone who snacks while watching [Netflix](#) is an “accubation.”

