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D5110 Corvallis Celebration Provides Good Times and \$\$\$

By numerous Celebration/Conference contributors

Under the leadership of District Governor Gerry Kosanovic, Rotary District 5110 convened the first District Conference since 2019 on April 28-30. Notwithstanding the dedicated effort of many, the conferences in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to the pandemic, so a lot was riding on resuming this time-tested Rotary tradition.

Though total participation was less than in recent years, combined events (Golf Scramble, Club Training Assembly, Rotary Street Party, Celebration Conference) drew more than 300 Rotarians and guests. Giving played a prominent role, with proceeds to the Rotary Foundation generated by the Golf Scramble, Street Party (Dunk a DG and ax throwing), silent auction, and Pie-to-the-Face-of-the-President Dave Henderer of the Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis. Foundation pledges raised from Saturday evening totaled \$6,200 from 35 Rotarians including an unknown to Dave pledge from Dave Henderer of \$500 which he agreed to as he wiped more whipped cream from behind his neck. A timely partnership with the American Red Cross produced a regional blood drive resulting in hundreds of units of donated blood.



The three-day conference culminated with a Saturday night awards banquet, keynote speaker Dr. Jose Reyes of NuScale Energy, and musical guest Gideon Freudmann. Key to the success of the event was tenacious volunteer leadership by members of clubs throughout the region. As our District Governor Gerry Kosanovic puts it so well, Rotarians everywhere really stepped up to the plate.

The following video captures the wonderful three days in Corvallis by clicking here: [VIDEO](#)

[Click here for additional detail from the conference/celebration.](#)

AUCTION: Almost \$8,000 was raised with 34 auction items. The final tally for the weekend would include dunk tank, the Friday Street Party and the Pie in the Face as well as other fundraising which DG Gerry should have or the District Treasurer. A shout out to the OSU Rotaract Club is also appropriate for their help with the auction and other logistic activities. They were amazing and stayed all day and into the evening both days.

DUNK: David Reece joined DG Gerry in the Dunk tank. \$4,858 raised for Rotary foundation from Dunk-A-DG fun and then from dunking and ax throws on Friday evening at the Street party.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: New Red Cross blood donation appointments from across the district totaled 213, potentially saving the lives of 639 people. 23 clubs participated led by these winning clubs:

Small - Klamath Basin Sunrise 5 appointments; Medium - Roseburg 77 appointments; Large - Greater Corvallis 68 appointments.

Remembering Rotarians Recently Passed, But Not Forgotten

By Ron Gilliland and Joe Kosanovic



Here's a picture of the 44 white roses on display in memory of Rotarians who died in our district since the last conference and this is only those who were reported to us.

A video was shown at the Corvallis Celebration this past weekend honoring our fellow District 5110 Rotarians who passed away 2019-2022.

You can click on the link below or also find it on YouTube: [IN MEMORIAM](#)

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.

Assorted Levity for Your Rotary Week/Life

By Mike Corwin

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

Lollygag: This word describes a person that is messing around and doing something that isn't useful.

Abecedarian: Anyone who is currently learning the alphabet can be referred to as this — so basically all kindergarteners.

Bamboozled: Someone who uses this word in a sentence is likely saying they were tricked into doing something.

Cutesy-poo: While this might sound like a pet's name, it really is a word that means "sickeningly cute."

Flabbergast: When you want to get across that you were shocked about something, you can use this.

