

# 5110 In Action eNews

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## Final DG Thoughts: It Has Been an Honor and a Pleasure

By DG Gerry Kosanovic

The end of June brings my year as District 5110 Governor to a close. I am humbled and honored to have served in this capacity for Rotary and Rotarians in the past year. Despite the mitigating circumstances we all faced, our organization is growing and we continue to make a daily impact in the lives of others. To that end, I offer the following words of gratitude:



THANK YOU to each and every Rotarian in District 5110. Ordinary members are the unsung heroes, supporting their clubs and making an impact in the world with their time, talent, and treasure. Without active members, we would not have a district, and the Governor would have nothing to govern. Rotary owes much to the members in the trenches--serving humanity in multiple ways as people of action.

THANK YOU to the 15 Assistant Governors who served as critical Rotary liaisons to support area clubs and members. Assistant Governors are extraordinarily committed Rotarians, well-placed, helping Club Presidents meet goals, engage members, and effectively advance the mission of Rotary. A special tip of the Rotary hat is extended to Michele Kellison in her role as Executive Assistant Governor.

THANK YOU to Club Presidents, including Rotaract and Interact, a truly dedicated group of Rotarians. They stepped up to the plate in service to members and their communities with leadership, club governance, and member guidance. The critical element in any influential club is the positive culture established by an energetic club president – we owe a debt of gratitude for their perseverance in the face of the obstacles placed in front of them this past year.

THANK YOU to the District leaders of committees for providing exemplary leadership in steering, coordinating, planning, and organizing specific areas of Rotary to support clubs and members. The district leadership grid is packed with stalwart individuals devoted to Rotary who work tirelessly to advance membership and humanitarian service. In particular, Tim Mobley, the district's Rotary Foundation chair, is to be congratulated for a job exceptionally well done. Additionally, the Youth Exchange Committee is to be commended for quick action when the green light was given to resume activity after a two-year absence of exchanges. A special shout-out is extended to Jeff Davis, the team captain and chair of our very successful Celebration Conference in Corvallis.

A FINAL THANK YOU is provided to future and past District Governors for their collective efforts to support members and me this past year with timely advice and valuable insight. District governance often works quietly behind the scenes, without fanfare, to ensure proper oversight of



district operations. It is a team effort, and I'm grateful for the help of those with institutional and historical knowledge.

I will pass the District Governor baton to District Governor-Elect Aimee Walsh in a ceremony on July 3 at her home club. The Rotary theme established for 2022-2023 is "Imagine Rotary." It comes to us from the first woman Rotary President to guide our great organization, the very competent Jennifer Jones. I look forward to their leadership as well as continuing the implementation of the Rotary Action plan, an intelligent and logical blueprint for growing Rotary's impact around the world. Thank you all for the privilege of serving.

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## **RYLA is Back. 2022 Camp a Great Success!**

By Mary Hoskins



Our successful Camp RYLA came to a happy conclusion on June 23rd - campers, staff and Rotarians left tired, fulfilled, and renewed. Our first in-person camp since 2019 gave us some challenges, but the camper reviews are enthusiastic and positive! We started with cold, wet weather which transformed on Day 3 into brilliant sunshine and warmth (and a few allergies!)

- Grove Camp is a lush, forested environment with gorgeous mature trees, scores of birds, and the Row River running through. The highlight of Day 4 was a huge slip-n-slide that provided a lively, welcome contrast to the heavier, powerful elements of RYLA.

**[For full details of this year's camp success, a great video of the student experience and future RYLA plans, click here.](#)**

If your club sponsored campers, please connect with them soon to invite them to make a RYLA presentation at a Rotary meeting. Your generosity has provided a life-changing experience - campers regularly express their appreciation for the opportunity, and their sharing will remind you about why you sponsor them.

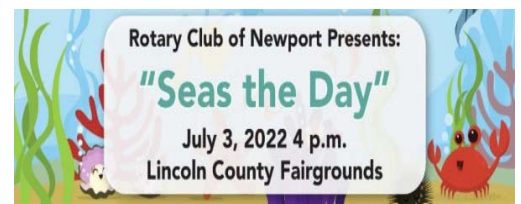
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## **Seas the Day in Lincoln County and Win \$1,000**

By Keith Nelson

Adopt a Dolphin and help the Rotary Club of Newport "Seas" the Day and raise funds that support community service projects in the city of Newport.

"Seas the Day" will be held July 3, at the Lincoln County Commons and streamed live at Facebook.com/Rotary/NewportOR. [Click here for "Seas the Day" flyer](#), and for full details go to the D5110 website story by [clicking here](#).



To participate, individuals can purchase a rubber dolphin for \$5. As many as 5,000 purchased adopted rubber dolphins are expected to be dropped by Jerry Trimble Helicopters at the Lincoln County Rodeo Grounds at 4 p.m. [To enter, scan the QR Code on the "Seas the Day" flyer](#). All entries must be received by noon Sunday, July 3.

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## Tulelake Rotary Feed Local Youth

By Katie Walker

Thanks to a \$15,000 grant through Save the Children and our partnership with Bloom, we are helping feed local youth this summer! Our club members came together for a potluck, and packed approximately 217 bags (about half of what we plan to pack) of food that will be dispersed throughout the summer at various partner sites.



[Click here for the full story at the District website.](#)

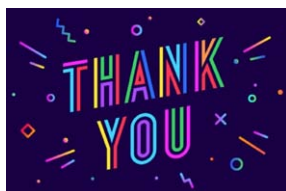
In addition, we received an additional \$2,000 grant through Save the Children for a summer reading program. We have partnered with our libraries to offer fun prizes as well as book prizes.

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## Thank You District 5110 Rotarians and PI Team

By District 5110 Public Image Chair Judy Corwin

With the changing of the Rotary guard for District 5110 July 1, my term as Public Image Chair, as well as the 3 ½ years of service of the Public Image Committee, come to an end. As you read this, you are reading our final issue of WebNews on the District 5110 website and eNews Rotary 5110-in-Action on DACdb. On a regular basis, 45% of District Rotarians read the eNews; WebNews viewership increased 24%, and DistrictFacebook followers totaled 1,878. Many of you contributed news and helped keep us informed and for that we are eternally grateful.



I want to thank a talented team of Tim Novotony, podcast and support, Rotary Club of Coos Bay; Rick Banks, strategy, Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis; Joe Kosanovic, videos and photos, Rotary Club of Redmond; Charlie Eads, radio and television communications, Greater Albany Rotary Club; and Mike Corwin, eNews editor, Rotary Club of Sisters. They were a tremendous team, providing weekly communication and supporting my efforts with the Website, Rotary brand, and social media. And special gratitude goes to Mike Soden, Rachelle Langley, and the DACdb team for its ongoing support.

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## My Final Offering for Levity

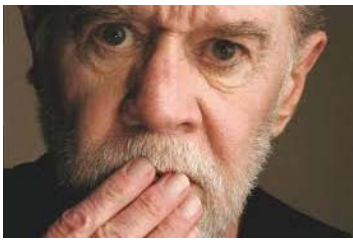
By Mike Corwin

**With my final eNews, I am taking the liberty of publishing a longer Levity -- and one of my favorite prose. Written by Pastor Bob Moorehead and recited from memory so effectively by one of the world's greatest philosophers, comedian George Carlin (*please read, relax and reflect*):**

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and



hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember to spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. And always remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away.

***These three years of sending you this eNews has been a great experience and I thank all those offering their news of Rotary service and responding in appreciation.***

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