



Week of December 10, 2017

Enews

By Mark C. Walker

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Enews will be dark the week of December 24th.

Women in Rotary Celebration

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

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Sunday December 3rd, Rotarians from throughout District 5110 traveled to Eugene for the Thirty Year Celebration of Women in Rotary. Organizers, **Beth Sheehan, Michele Kellison, LeAnn Mobley,** and **Judy Corwin,** created an event that honored and celebrated not only our

trailblazers, but all Rotarians regardless of gender.

Guests enjoyed the music of Rotarians **Steve Matthes, Kate Lacy,** and **Gratitude,** as well as the savories provided by Rotarian Chef **Borzi Marashi** of **Oakway Catering,** who graciously hosted the event in beautiful surroundings decorated and staffed by a crew of volunteers from several 5110 clubs.

Radio personality. **Liz** of **Mix 94.5** and news anchor. **Matt Templeman**

of **KEZI**, were emcees for the program that shared the history of women's membership which began in our District on June 1, 1987, when **Estle Harlan** of Lincoln City joined Rotary. **Estle** was joined that first year by **Meme, Barbara, Mary, Jeanne, Ruby, Stephanie, Doris, Irene, Mary, Lindsey, Patsy** and **Ruth** who were recognized along with other distinguished District 5110 Rotarians who have truly placed Service Above Self. **AG Pamela Norton** and **PDG Judi Beard-Strubing** shared their experiences during the early years before **DGE Bill Grile** gave a toast to the next thirty years.

Many thanks to all the dedicated and creative volunteers who made our Thirty Year Celebration of Women in Rotary such a success. Very special thanks as well to **Beth Sheehan** for her generous sponsorship.

Join Rotary's First Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace!

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

2017-09-30

Join us to Make Rotary History as We Explore Environment Sustainability and Peace



President Ian Riseley has made environmental sustainability a major focus this year. Zones 24, 25 and 26, in cooperation with ESRAG and the RAG for Peace, are hosting his Presidential Conference on **Environmental Sustainability and Peacebuilding** in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia on the weekend of **February 9 - 11,**

As members of the Rotary Family who understand the central role that environmental sustainability plays in the long term success of all that Rotary does, we urge you to join us at this conference.

Register now!

Look below for details on speakers, program, and venue. It will be fun!

Keynote Speakers

"The environment is so fundamental to our continued existence that it must transcend politics and become a central value of all members of society."

David Suzuki, Internationally known environmentalist

Environmental Sustainability . . . is, and must be, everyone's concern."

Ian Riseley, RI President 2017-2018

Come be inspired

Dr. Jonathan Patz, University of Wisconsin,

Director of the Global Health Institute

Jess Housty, Heiltsuk First Nation

Paul Netzel, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair,

David Justice, University of BC Botanical Gardens

Linda Low, Rotary Peace Fellow - Duke/UNC Peace Center

For full details on speakers:

please visit www.environmentandpeace.com/speakers/

Conference Venue

The Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace has reserved a block of rooms at the special rate of \$189 (CAD) per night. **Reserve your room now.** Payment is not required until the conference. The room block is over half sold out.

The Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers 644 contemporary guestrooms, with stunning mountain, skyline or Stanley Park views. Located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, you'll find it easy to take a stroll through Stanley Park, explore the colourful streets of Chinatown or shop on Robson Street. You can also relax in their heated outdoor pool and oversized hot tub. The Hyatt Regency Vancouver offers award winning event facilities featuring 46,000 square feet of state-of-the-art event space. Their downtown hotel offers sophisticated venues, including elegant ballrooms and stunning rooftop salons with stellar views that captivate and motivate in every way. Find out more about the **Hyatt Regency Vancouver.**

Special Conference Opportunities

There are opportunities for individuals, organizations or businesses to

partner with Rotary and sponsor the Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace.

For details please visit:

<https://environmentandpeace.com/sponsorship-opportunities/>

If you have a Rotary project that you would like to showcase as an example of the inter-relationship of environmental sustainability and peacebuilding, please submit it through [ESRAG's contact form](#).

There are also opportunities for groups to obtain display space.

For details please visit:

<https://environmentandpeace.com/display-space-opportunities/>

DG Claudette

Shining the Spotlight on District 5110 Rotarians

By Theresa Thompson

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In 1991, Frances Dixon was invited to speak at a Rotary Club about Guatemala's long-standing 36-year civil war. Dixon had just established her nonprofit organization, Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala, in the unlikely location of northwest Guatemala where the conflict was at its most intense. "The mission of the organization," she explained to the audience, "is to provide access to education for hundreds of disadvantaged indigenous youth who have suffered the worst hardships of social inequality."



Inspired by Dixon's compelling message about the Mayan people of Guatemala, whose human rights had been brutally violated in the government's genocidal war, the Bonita Springs Rotary Club of southwest Florida awarded Adopt-a-Village in Guatemala \$1,000 to purchase a small area of land where it would build its first school.

This event marked the beginning of an almost three-decade partnership with Rotary Clubs to help build schools, water systems, roads, and

homes for the poor during the post-war construction era.

The refugees who came flooding back from Mexico after the peace treaty was signed—many suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses—were aided by Adopt-a-Village through a generous Rotary Global grant.

Dixon, a tireless advocate for social justice and the Mayan people of northwestern Guatemala, was mindful that while these development projects offered much-needed aid to help the Maya rebuild their lives, it would not result in long-term change. She came to believe that the only hope for real and lasting peace in this beautiful but troubled country would come through education. Her goal focused on offering a quality education to Mayan youth—they would be the ones to change their country's future for the better.



Today, a unique educational community—Adopt-a-Village's Mayan Center for Education and Development—stands in a remote rainforest mountain where dozens of impoverished young Maya live and thrive as a result of the transformative education they receive. Moreover, surrounding villages have benefited from the organization's outreach programs, which include initiatives ranging from sustainable gardening and

nutrition to literacy training.

Rotary Clubs have helped to fund the solar equipment that powers the middle and high schools in the Center. They have also helped to equip the schools with impressive computer and science labs—the first of their kind in the region. A state-of-the-art satellite system ensures that students can access the Internet for educational research. The Mayan Center's buildings are architecturally designed to withstand earthquakes, and a rainwater collection system serves the entire campus and its organic gardens. Students share daily chores that include food preparation, grounds keeping, managing the small chicken farm, and tending to the campus gardens that produce nutritious vegetables for staff and students.

The Mayan Center's curriculum includes community outreach programs designed to provide students with practical training to hone their skills, as well as aid members of their communities. An adjoining rain forest habitat offers students a rare opportunity to experience interactive learning in science and biology while studying the endangered wildlife living in the area.

Drawn to the extraordinary international efforts of Rotary, Dixon became a member in 1994 in Florida where she served as World Community Service chair at club and district levels. She is the proud recipient of a District Rotary Foundation Service Award, is a multiple Paul Harris fellow, and a Rotary alumna. When she moved to southwest Oregon five years ago, she continued her membership by joining the Rogue Gateway Rotary Club. “I am extremely grateful for the wonderful partnerships I have formed with Rotary Clubs over the years. It has been a rewarding experience to be a part of leadership efforts to build peace in the world,” she says.

Know a District 5110 Rotarian that deserves to have the spotlight shine on them? Send suggestions to Theresa Thompson at tjthompson4292@comcast.com

Submissions to eNews

By Mark C. Walker

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Please submit photos, news, and brags to district5110enews@gmail.com. We welcome your news and announcements.

eNews is produced in DACdb ezBulletin and sent to active D5110 members via PMail. Please submit your SHORT stories and great photos of Club events

accomplishments and service projects. Submission deadline is Thursday evening the week before publication.



Turkey Bingo

By Louise Vintonne McNeil

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The Rotary Club of Scott Valley recently held their annual “Turkey Bingo Night”. For each bingo a turkey is awarded to the winner. We had a full house and were able to distribute 30 turkeys into the community. This is a “family” gathering and children are allowed to participate since no money is awarded.

All the proceeds from the event were given to the Salvation Army for the distribution of food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Salvation Army effort is headed by Rotarian Marilyn Seward. Community members, Lions and Rotarians volunteered and filled in excess of 128 boxes of food for distribution in Scott Valley and Forks of the Salmon.

Rotarians Making A Difference

By Theresia Hewitt

2017-12-10



Rotarians Theresia Hewitt & Angie MacFarlane have been “Elves” of the Giving Tree program for 12 and 11 years respectively, having taken over from the still involved Ray Johnson, who is some 90+ years young.

History of the program is unclear, but dates back well over 30 years. Volunteers from the community stepped up to take names of the children needing a Christmas Wish, spreading the tags through the community to be filled. Many Christmases later, the Rotary Club of Port Orford was approached to take the program on as a community service project. Four years later, the clubs Giving Tree program partners with Rogue Credit Union, Umpqua Bank, and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. to spread the tags and accept the gifts and donations.

The fun begins the Friday before gift distribution. Gifts from the three locations are piled into cars and trucks (I really mean sleighs), and transported through the snow(I really mean rain) to the American Legion Hall. Later, Rogue staff volunteers (I really mean more elves) stop by to organize and fill goody bags, drumming up Good Will and Christmas Cheer.

Saturday morning, the true reason for the holiday appears as Santa, his elves, pass out the presents and goodies to the families, who reward them with thanks and good cheer.

For Rotarians Angie and Theresia, it's all about the smiles, and sometimes tears when a family comes in so grateful, they hand them a hand written thank you note signed by all the children, before accepting gifts.

Christmas Joy to All!

Christmas Lights

By Bruce A Parker

2017-12-10





Coquille's Christmas is a little brighter with the "Rotary Christmas Lights". These lights were purchased, maintained, stored and put up by our Rotary club every Christmas season.

Remodel

By Bruce A Parker

2017-12-03



The Rotary club of Coquille, Oregon remodeled and upgraded the meeting room at Frazers Bakery where we meet every Wednesday. With the permission of the owners, we bought new tables and chairs, installed new flooring, lighting, and window blinds. This room is used as a banquet facility for the entire community and is recognized as the "Rotary Room". Our Rotary clubs image has been enhanced and appreciated by entire town.

State of Jefferson Vacation Raffle

By Jacqueline Oakley

2017-10-08



This project is providing funding for young Mayan women to learn to read and write Spanish, the Guatemalan national language. Only 10% of indigenous girls in this region of Guatemala graduate from primary school and they only learn the indigenous Mayan language. This is a major handicap to their prospects for further education. Let's Leave No Girl Behind provides funding that gives these young women a chance at literacy so that they may break the cycle of poverty. In addition, we also provide solar lighting so that they can continue their studies at night.

The Prize



The Raffle Winner will receive a one week stay for two to four people at any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal, an approximate value of \$2,000.

For more resort information on this give away, simply go to www.elcidvacationsclub.com for additional information on the El Cid Resorts, contact:

Club President Jackie Oakley at 541-934-541-2743 or email her at: raffle@stateofjeffersonrotay.org



Win a One Week Vacation and Support a Great Cause



The Rotary eClub of the State of Jefferson Foundation is embarking upon a major fundraising effort to help us continue the success of our Signature Project: *Let's Leave No Girl Behind.*

Win a One Week Vacation and Support A Great Cause!

The Raffle

The prize is a week's stay (at any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal (transportation and meals not included.)

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. There will be no more than 400 sold. All proceeds, after online fees, will go towards funding Let's Leave No Girl Behind. The raffle will end December 31, 2017 and the Drawing will be held on January 31, 2018.

- The Raffle Winner will receive a one week stay with any El Cid Vacations Club Resorts located in Mexico, England, Spain or Portugal, an approximate value of \$2,000.
- To enter, go to:

<https://stateofjeffersonrotary.org/raffle> for [Raffle Rules](#) and [Buy Tickets Now](#)



Let's Leave No Girl Behind



Project Description and Activities:

Introduce a Light and Literacy program into one remote Mayan village without electricity for ten families. The project will target both teen-age girls 13 – 18, as well as women who cannot read or write Spanish. One teen-age girl or woman per family will be selected to join the reading group.

A trained bilingual (Q'anjob'al and Spanish) "traveling teacher" will spend one day per week in the villages for six months to teach reading. The beneficiary families will have been introduced to the concept of "light and literacy" by a mini prototype project in which one child per family participates in a three-month reading program and earns a solar lamp.

At the end of the six-month training period, each girl/woman who succeeds in the program will be awarded a solar power kit that will provide basic lighting in her family's home.

Additionally, funds will be provided to pay for half an annual scholarship for a qualified teen-age girl of the region to attend middle school classes at the Maya Jaguar Educational Center's boarding school.

Number of Beneficiaries:

Whereas ten girls / women will directly benefit, once they have learned to read, those numbers will increase exponentially as they help to teach their siblings and children, thereby expanding the number of beneficiaries to a projected 60 children, based on average family size. Importantly, ten households will have the benefit of solar lighting of which no opportunity existed prior to a family's daughter or wife learning to read and earning solar electricity for the family's home.

The overall benefits for the participating girls/women are several:

- they will be empowered to read;
- they will be empowered to teach their siblings/children how to read;
- they will have earned valuable household equipment through their efforts in learning to read.

Greater Albany Rotary Club Crab Fest

By Jessica Pankratz

2017-12-03



The Rotary Club of Greater Albany is hosting its 19th Annual Greater Albany Rotary Club Crab Fest on February 3rd 2018! One of two major fundraisers for the Greater Albany Rotary Club, the Crab Fest is held on the Saturday before the Super Bowl at Calapooia Brewing in located at 140 Hill St NE in Albany.

A ticket purchase includes: crab, pulled pork, a vegan option, along with Mo's clam chowder, salad and all the fixin's - this is one of Albany's greatest events. Coffee, water and soda are free while Calapooia Brewing will be selling beer and wine.

Live music will happen throughout the day, and starting at 1, we'll be grilling oysters in the Oyster Garden nfor as long as supplies last! Tickets are \$35 if purchased online at www.greateralbanyrotaryclub.com, \$40 at the door. We'll have raffle prizes aplenty along with chances to win tickets to local events over the next year, so come on down and enjoy the fun!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available; if interested – please email jessica@tncrealty.com or call 541.740.1466.

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/GARCCrabFest>

Instagram: rotarycrabfest

Website: greateralbanyrotaryclub.com

12th Annual First Crush Wine, Beer and Gourmet Food Event Tickets are here

By Nancy Venuti

2017-12-10



Greater Grants Pass Rotary Presents the 12th Annual First Crush 2018!

You can experience the great Restaurants, Wineries and Breweries
that our valley has to offer all in one place!

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Josephine County Fairgrounds

\$40 per person

Tickets will be available in January at:

FirstCrushtickets.com Greater Grants Pass Rotarians

Sandi's Candies 145 SW G St. Grants Pass [541-955-9112](tel:541-955-9112)

The Venuti Group 1012 NW 6th St. Grants Pass [541-660-0612](tel:541-660-0612)

Chamber of Commerce 1995 NW Vine St. Grants Pass [541-476-7717](tel:541-476-7717)

Profits benefit organizations that support children and families in Josephine County

Events

December 2017

12/13 - Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

January 2018

01/05 - BLUE DENIM

01/13 - 3rd Quarterly Grants Meeting

01/13 - Executive Committee Meeting

01/14 - International Assembly - DGE Attends

01/14 - RYLA Executive Committee Meeting

01/20 - Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction

01/26 - PETS Instructor Weekend - Placeholder

01/27 - Crab Feed