



Week of January 7, 2018

New Year's Greetings

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

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Dear fellow Rotarians,

By now, many of us have packed the ornaments, taken down the lights and returned to work where we concluded the holiday season with a turn of the

calendar page. As we look ahead to the new year, it is a good time to take stock and renew our commitment to making a difference at home and around the world.

Those of you who were present when I visited your club know that I am hopeful that any grandchildren I might have will be born into a world without Polio. With our efforts, 2018 could be the year that we witness the last case in the world. One Rotarian in District 5110 has already earned a place in the history of polio eradication in this country. **President James Sinnott, M.D.** of the **Rotary Club of Coquille** was a young physician when he treated a child with the last case of the disease in the United States.

There is no question that we are on a downward trajectory on our way to zero. There were 416 cases in 2013, 359 cases in 2014, 74 cases in 2015, 37 cases in 2016 and 17 in 2017. The last case will not end our work because the world will not be certified polio free until three years have passed from the last time poliovirus is found. Until that time, we must continue our efforts. I urge you to join **PolioPlus Society Chair Nelson R. Maler and Zone 25/26 End Polio Now Coordinator Cort Vaughn** in making history through District 5110's sustained giving.

Reaching our goal of polio eradication requires a strong membership. Each January, Rotary sees a sharp increase in prospective members expressing their interest in connecting with a Rotary club through our online Membership Leads Program administered by **Jean Hamilton** along with **Membership Co-Chairs Michele Kellison and Beth Sheehan**. Others may be people with whom you come in contact over the course of your day who are seeking a way to do good in the world. Reach out to them and invite them to join you in a service project or meeting. If you are asked "what is Rotary?" or "what does Rotary do?" consider responding with the simple explanation that:

Rotary is a leadership organization that improves people's lives, locally and globally, through service.

Finally, as we endeavor to achieve peace, challenge yourself to learn more about our Rotary Peace Centers and Rotary Peace Fellowships. The Rotary Peace Centers Committee has selected 100 finalists from over 50 countries and 550 candidates. District 5110 is proud and grateful for the many contributions of **Carol Fellows**, who is a past member of this international committee.

Polio, partners, and peace. We have bold goals, but if we turn our passion into action we can achieve them in the upcoming year. Please join us.

WHY? Inviting guests to a meeting is an easy way to showcase what your club does for your community and the World. It is an easy way to share Rotary with your friends and associates. The worst outcome is you've introduced Rotary to more people and the best outcome is they are interested in learning more about your club and may want to become a Rotarian.

SUCCESS? – Several clubs in the District have had these membership challenges and all have resulted in new members for their clubs. This is a really fun way to put membership in front of your club and to help your club members overcome the fear that many Rotarians have of inviting people to meetings. If you love something it should be easy to share it with your friends and associates. This challenge will give them a reason to reach out and invite people to their club. Questions contact District membership Co-Chair Michele at 541-753-5441 or Michele@mkcpa.us.

Zone Institute Graduation

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

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DGE Bill Grile and his wife Linda (upper right corner) at the Zone Institute District Governor Graduation. Congratulations Bill!

Rotary Float

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A picture of the Rotary float for the Rose Parade. For the second year in a row, Rotary's float was awarded the Princess Trophy.

Peace Fellow

By Carol Fellows

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George Chacha Matiko of Kenya, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ashland, attended the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Chulalongkorn in Bangkok from June to August 2013. Before turning to community peace building following the post election violence in his country, Chacha served 18 years in the Kenyan air force. Considered a brilliant student by the director at the Rotary Peace Center in Bangkok, he found the training to have a profound effect on both his professional and personal life. Following his fellowship, he was chosen to travel to Germany on a study and dialogue tour to be able to understand how change has been realized in Germany over the years since World War II. Rather than a human rights defender and activist, he now finds himself called upon to serve as a peace builder and counselor in remote village disputes and frequently networks with his Rotary Peace Fellow classmates. (click link to read report from Mr. Mariko)

[Click here to read more.](#)

Rotary Presidential Peace Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace

By Claudette Mirassou McWilliams

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**Environmental Sustainability and Peace Conference
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
February 9-11, 2018**

**Now is the time to register!
Early bird rate extended to January 4.
Registration closes February 4, 2018.**

Registration for the Conference, hotel, social events, and complete information at www.environmentandpeace.com

10 Reasons to Attend!

- 1) The ONLY peace conference focused on environmental sustainability as a critical element of peace—and a conference geared toward solutions.
- 2) Impressive speakers in 4 general sessions—details on each speaker are on the website including RI President Ian Riseley, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Paul Netzel, environmental scientists, Nobel Peace Fellows, business leaders, and many more.

- 3) Breakout sessions at 2 different times during the day for smaller group interaction and sharing of ideas on specific topics: The Business of Sustainability, Planting for Peace, Peacebuilding under Pressure, and so much more. Again, details on the website.
- 4) Hall of Friendship with vendors, Rotarian Action Groups, and even more opportunities to learn and meet new people.
- 5) Amazing entertainment—Squamish Nation Dancers on Friday evening, and the Langley Ukulele Ensemble on Saturday night.
- 6) Hands on environmental projects on Sunday.
- 7) Active youth participation both at the Conference and a concurrent Youth Conference.
- 8) American dollars go farther in Canada.
- 9) Beautiful Vancouver! Not to mention tourism opportunities before and after the Conference.
- 10) Social opportunities. See your old friends and make new friends throughout the day, and Friday and Saturday evening.

There are even more reasons to attend the Environmental Sustainability and Peace Conference. Visit www.environmentandpeace.com to find your reason. Join with more than 600 other leaders to exchange ideas and take action!

See you in Vancouver.

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.**



Rotary Exchange Student Antonia Cammisa

By Louise Vintonne McNeil

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Rotary Club of Scott Valley Exchange student Antonia Cammisa (Anto) from Argentina has a love for horses and has missed her own horse while visiting us in the USA.

Liz Orme her host mom arranged a riding time with Scott Valley friends Judy & Kelly York with “Jack”.
Pictured is one happy girl!

The Proof of the Pudding- Making a Sustainable Project

By Robert V. Thurston

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In 2008, a team from the Rotary Club of Corvallis met in Morelia, Mexico with our Rotary Club “Universidad” partners to jointly explore a potential project in the small, rural and poor community of Loma Caliente. The community members had an idea for a wood shop that would build off of their experience with a small “gyppo” sawmill and their access to community forest lands, and create more jobs and higher incomes for their families. They also wanted sustainable employment to counter the migration of men out of the area, many to the US, leaving broken families and attendant social issues. After discussions with community leaders and members, including women, we established the basic framework for setting up a community wood working

operation; essentially an open-sided shop building and wood working equipment, security wall, suitable land and donated labor from the community, plus local Rotarian help in getting electricity installed, cement and roofing, procurement and training and, importantly, with market development. Thanks to a \$1,000 contribution from RC of Myrtle Point, \$4672 from RC of Corvallis and \$444 from the Morelia Club, we leveraged \$24,374 from TRF (DDF + Foundation Match) for the \$30,490 needed. The new shop was inaugurated in the Spring of 2009.

Flashing forward eight years to November 2017, Corvallis and Morelia

Rotarians visited the project. The wood shop has tripled in size, employs two shifts of 15 workers each day, has reinvested in more equipment and an office with computers, and is grossing some \$970,000 per year, with competitive wages and profit sharing going to 30 families and secondarily to local businesses. They plan to invest in a large kiln so that they can expand and increase the value of their products.

Keys to their success: strong community leadership and commitment, and a highly engaged local Rotary Club, including help in establishing an initial market for products that has expanded over time.



Christmas Dinner

By Bruce A Parker

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Coquille's Rotary Club provided both financial support & volunteers for Coquille Valley Hospital's annual Christmas Day dinner. Coquille's population is just over 4,000 and this years dinner provide a FREE complete meal to over 600. This is a time of fellowship and community bonding. COQUILLE'S ROTARY CLUB IS INVOLVED.

PDG Carl Nelson

By Bruce W. Garrett

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(As published in the Jacksonville review)

This December “Sensational Seniors” article features well known and involved former Jacksonville citizen, Carl Nelson, whose 36-year career with Hughes Aircraft is a story in of itself. First, however, it is important to start at the beginning, and in Carl’s case, this begins on October 22, 1928 in the remote farming community of Eden, Wyoming. Carl remembers that the family farm, some 35 miles from the city of Rock Springs, had “no electricity, no running water, no telephone, no car and required a three-mile horseback ride to the nearest store and post office. Obviously, we did not have a radio, and I remain amazed at what I have seen and been part of in the development of technology, instantaneous world-wide communications, and space flight.”

Carl attended school in Eden; his elementary school took place in a two-room school with grades one to four in one room and five through eight in another. His high school had two teachers with seventeen students in the student body. A talented student, Carl was able to move through high school in three and a half years and at seventeen found himself at the University of Wyoming where he was to graduate with honors in 1950, earning a degree in electrical engineering. Since the University of Wyoming was a Land Grant college, ROTC was a requirement for male students. Carl opted for the Air Force ROTC, a decision that was to make a big difference in his life.

After graduating from college, Carl returned to the family farm for a short time before being offered a job at Boeing in Seattle. So it was off to Seattle he went, but this stay was to last only two months for in February he was called to active

duty as part of the Korean War effort. With his second lieutenant commission in hand, Carl was sent to Officer Communications School and then was assigned to a B-29 Squadron as a Communications Officer. In June 1952, he was reassigned to the Far East Material Command in Japan. The Korean War was now raging which resulted in considerable damage to many types of war equipment. This resulted in Carl becoming the Chief Inspector for the repair of electronic equipment being returned to Korea. Carl spent five weeks in North Korea in charge of installing UHF communications ground equipment for the Air Force. While in Japan, Carl had a chance meeting with a Field Service Engineer from Hughes Aircraft; this encounter was to prove pivotal for his eventual career.

Carl's tour of duty in Japan ended in October 1953 and, as Carl reflects, "I was so fortunate to have been in the Air Force ROTC, for a number of my college friends that were in the Army ROTC were either killed or wounded in Korea."

When the Korean War ended, so did Carl's military service and that casual meeting with the Hughes employee led to a call in November 1953 from Hughes, a job offer and the beginning of a 36-year career with the company. Initially hired as a Field Engineer to work with the electronic systems of Fighter Interceptor planes, including the F89D, F94C and F106 models, Carl had a two-year assignment in Newfoundland and a month in Thule, Greenland with the North East Air Defense Command. Carl then ventured into the environmental testing support of the F106, specifically in extreme conditions. One assignment took him to Fairbanks, Alaska and Carl remembers, "When we landed it was 62 degrees below zero. We started flight testing with flights at minus 56 degrees, then minus 48 and minus 42 but then it started warming up, so we came home." While Carl would have enjoyed more "hands-on" airplane electronics experiences, his leadership skills early on put him into supervisory roles at Hughes.



Carl's life took a very positive turn in 1963 when he married "the most beautiful girl in the world." He and Mary have enjoyed 54 years together, experienced extensive travel throughout the world, and raised three children in the process. Shortly after his marriage, Carl's growing interest in the space industry led him to transfer to the Hughes Space and Communications Group in El Segundo, California. He was to spend the rest of his career there working on various satellite programs. His first satellite was the Surveyor, designed to soft land on the moon. His crew was responsible

for the systems integration, systems testing, and the launch operations. At the Cape Canaveral launch of Surveyor III, Carl and his crew had the opportunity to insert a piece of thermal blanket into an equipment compartment that had everyone's signature on it. He was to repeat this with Surveyor VI and is proud of the fact that his signature is on the moon twice. He was to work on many other satellite programs with launches in Cape Canaveral and Vandenberg Air Force Base and was promoted to Program Manager. Hughes Aircraft was a huge operation, which in 1989 had 78,000 employees with 10,000 in the Space and Communications Group.

Upon Carl's retirement from Hughes in 1989, he and Mary took a three-week driving tour of the western states, searching for the ideal retirement community. Friends in Grants Pass led them to discover Jackson County and a drive through Jacksonville and up Livingston Road was the catalyst to choose Southern Oregon as their retirement destination. As Carl puts it, "We saw Livingston Road and it invited us in." They purchased a home on Livingston and moved in December 1989. One of the first people Carl and Mary met in Jacksonville was the late Paul Inserra who invited Carl to join the Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club and Carl and Mary the Jacksonville Boosters Club. As a result, a new career of volunteerism opened up for Carl and Mary.

They were especially involved in the bi-annual Boosters Historic Home and Garden Tour and Carl, while a late comer to Rotary, really immersed himself in Rotary life, first serving as the club Secretary-Treasurer and then as the Club President of the Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club. After that term, he served two years as the Rotary District Secretary before becoming the District 5110 Governor, an all-consuming position that required him and Mary to visit all 63 Rotary Clubs in the District, from Northern California to Corvallis. His International Rotary travels took them to Singapore, Buenos Aires, and Victoria, BC. With this busy schedule, Carl even found time to do a two-year teaching stint at Trend Business College in Medford.

Although Mary and Carl have moved from Jacksonville to a new, single-story home in Central Point, his roots are still in Jacksonville, as he remains active in his Jacksonville Rotary Club and the Jacksonville Boosters Club.

"Jacksonville," Carl relates, "is a unique place where people are happy to volunteer to make the town better, where people are genuinely friendly, where we have a multitude of fine restaurants, and where we enjoy an active social life." Carl remains one of the reasons why Jacksonville is such an inviting and welcoming place to live.

Holiday Thanks

By Bruce A Parker

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The Coquille Rotary gave a Christmas gift to those who serve, those who serve. Our club presented a \$300 gratuity gift to cooks and servers of Frazers bakery

for their service to our club.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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

Pedals n Pears

By Jeanne Stallman

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The Rogue Valley's premier family fun event!

Since 1954, thousands of festival-lovers have cherished the Pear Blossom Parade and associated events.

The Rogue Credit Union Pear Blossom Festival is many events under one big umbrella, including the Junior and Senior Royal Courts competitions, the Smudgepot Stroll, the Pear a Fare, the Street Fair, the Run and of course the Pear Blossom Parade sponsored by Lithia Auto Stores!

3rd Annual Pedals 'n Pears Bike Rides

The Pear Blossom Festival's Pedals 'n Pears Bike Ride is the perfect event for Families, the Weekend Warrior Rider and the Expert Rider alike.

Pedals 'n Pears

Sponsorship Opportunities

Pedals 'n Pears Bike Ride and Fundraiser - April 14

Medford Rogue Rotary is the primary beneficiary of the third annual Pedals 'n Pears bicycle ride on Saturday, April 14, 8am. The ride is associated with Medford's 65th annual Pear Blossom Festival; Festival events make it a great weekend to visit Medford! With four different distance options ranging from four to 62 miles, the ride is perfect for everyone from families, to groups of friends, to hard-core riders. It is a fully supported with post-ride food and beverage garden in the park. Ride by yourself or get a group of Rotary friends to ride together!

Register for the ride at www.pedalsnpears.org - and find out about sponsorship opportunities too. Sponsor levels range from \$250 to \$1800, with plenty of sponsor benefits.

Events

January 2018

- 01/05 - BLUE DENIM
- 01/10 - DG Visits Grants Pass
- 01/10 - DG Visits Rogue Valley After 5
- 01/12 - Youth Exchange - Country Assignment Weekend
- 01/13 - 3rd Quarterly Grants Meeting
- 01/14 - International Assembly - DGE Attends
- 01/14 - RYLA Executive Committee Meeting
- 01/15 - Youth Exchange - Short Term Applications Due
- 01/16 - DG Visits Sweet Home
- 01/20 - Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction
- 01/26 - PETS Instructor Weekend - Placeholder
- 01/27 - Crab Feed
- 01/31 - DG Visits E-Club State of Jefferson

February 2018

- 02/03 - Greater Albany Rotary Crab Fest <https://www.greateralbanyrotary.org>
- 02/09 - Leadership Retreat: Advisory Council with PDGs
- 02/09 - Leadership Retreat: Social and Dinner
- 02/10 - Leadership Retreat: Leadership Development
- 02/22 - PNW PETS - EVENT PLACE HOLDER
- 02/23 - CELEBRATE ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY