Welcome to the Klamath County Rotary Club! We are glad to have you as our newest member, and hope you will find membership in the Rotary International family as exciting and purposeful. There are various resources along the way that can assist and educate you as you learn of all the different service opportunities Rotary International has to offer. You will want to visit and navigate websites, the first, is the Rotary International site at ROTARY.ORG, the second is our District 5110 website <https://rotarydistrict5110.com/>, a third is our local club website KCROTARY.ORG. Lastly, now as a member you will be input into what is known as DACdb, this website is the used for all of Rotary Clubs. Once, you have established a profile with an email and password, please go check to insure your information is correct. You have the ability to edit your own personal information. All of these sites will help you in your Rotary Journey!

The Rotary year operates from July-June, dues are $360for members over 35 years of age, $180 if you are under 35 years of age. Your bill for this year is **$300.**

Checks/Credit Card transactions can be completed at Sergeant of Arms desk, checks need to be written to “Klamath County Rotary Club”.

As for attendance, please ensure you sign in each week at the Sergeant of Arms desk located in the back of our meeting room. Your Name Badge is located just outside the meeting room in the foyer on the desk.

Again, Thank You for serving your community and joining the world’s largest service organization, Rotary International. We look forward to your participation.

The next pages provide additional information on Rotary.

In Rotary Service,

Klamath County Rotary Club

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

* FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
* SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
* THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
* FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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| **Rotary Foundation**The **Annual fund** receives approximately $120 million a year, after three years of collecting interest in this fund 50% of the money in the fund that was donated by the district returns to the district for local and global grants. Additionally the other 50% of the money after three years goes directly to global grants. The interest earned from the annual fund normally is used to operate the Rotary Foundation cost. Any money donated by a Rotarian to the annual fund goes toward their Paul Harris Fellow recognition.  |

The Klamath County Rotary Club meets on Thursday each week at Ross Ragland Cultural Events Center, 218 North 7th Street in Klamath Falls, Oregon, from 12:00 – 1:00. Lunch is offered for purchase each week. Occasionally a few of the meetings throughout the year are held at a different location due to scheduling of other events at the Cultural Center or the club doing a “Field Trip” to a local business or item of interest for a tour.

There are many endeavors our club supports annually. Here are a few to mention:

**Scholarship Program** distributes over $30,000 to graduating High School Seniors in our community to assist them with their educational pursuits.

**Klamath Cares / Klamath Reads** is a literacy program in which each first grader in the Klamath City, Klamath County and the communities of Dorris and Tulelake receive an age appropriate book and other goodies to promote and reinforce the importance of reading and literacy.

The **4-H / FFA LIVESTOCK AUCTION** for 88 consecutive years our club has participated in the orchestration and execution of the 4H/FFA Livestock Auction at the Klamath County Fair.

Proceeds from the sale go towards operational costs, to the kids who sold their fair animal, to the individual 4H Clubs, other funds go to 4H Scholarships. The remainder of the proceeds are distributed back into various non-profits with in the community over the Rotary Year as determined by the Klamath County Rotary Board of Directors.

**Social Events** are part of the Rotary experience. Our club holds a few events where club members gather together in a social setting. We hold an Annual Steak Fry with the fixens’ normally in late summer or early fall. Another event held is knowns as “Novemberfest”, simply Octoberfest held in November at the Klamath Yacht Club. These are just a couple of the fun events offered.

We hope the information provided intrigues you as a Rotarian, Welcome to the Rotary Club of Klamath County!