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FOR MEMBERS - BY MEMBERS

BBQ at the PARK

Club members should have received an invitation by now to grab lunch at the **American Legion Park**, compliments of President Keever, who is sharing his auction “winnings” to include barbecued ribs, potato salad and coleslaw for lunch, plus some beverages.



Thursday, September 17th, at noon, we will hold our regularly scheduled meeting there, as long as the air quality allows. If not, anyone who RSVP'd is welcome to pick up your “take out” to enjoy at an indoor spot of your choice. See you there!

HOTEL ROOFTOP RECAP



The weather, not usually so cooperative as a general rule, provided a bright sky with little haze and moderate temperatures perfect for the club's al fresco (dining outside) lunch last Thursday. It was standing room only for some, generously spaced seating for others, as President Keever presided over our club's first in-person gathering since late June.

As evidenced by offerings of Happy Dollars for being able to meet in person, club members welcomed the chance to catch up face to face, masked and unmasked. There may have been some minor liberties taken with the 6' distance rule, but the outdoor venue worked well in combination with the pre-ordered lunch.

Keever and others updated the group on various committee activities during the monthly business meeting, noting things were moving forward on various fronts.

Next ZOOM Meeting



Rotary Zoom Business Info Meeting

Thursday - September 24th @ 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Dr. Charan Cline

Redmond School District Superintendent

We look forward to your Internet participation

DISTRICT HOME PAGE INFO

To access each of these stories and more, click [here](#) to get to the District LogIn page. Rotary world is just a sign-in away!



Wildfire Disaster Relief - Opportunities to volunteer and donate are ramping up in our district, as well as globally through RI (see Raise for Rotary article). President Keever asks club members to support those in need in the way that best suits your situation. Calls for American Red Cross-trained volunteers and donations continue. Below is the address for sending charitable contributions locally:

Eugene Rotary Charitable Trust, Fire Relief Fund
PO Box 1184 - Eugene, OR 97440

For more information on relief efforts, go to the District website or email District leaders at: D5110DisasterAssistance@gmail.com

Raise for Rotary

Rotary International now has an “easy button” for members wanting simple and social-media-friendly avenues for generating Rotary Foundation funds. This online platform allows members endless flexibility to make a fundraiser out of almost any type of activity and target specific causes at the same time (wildfire disaster relief is an option). Among the benefits of the new peer-to-peer tool are reduced costs for set-up, ensuring more dollars going directly to the designated project, and enhanced recognition for donors. For information on this, click [here](#). Or, [register here](#) to jump in and get started by setting up your first fundraiser!

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Let's just get it out of the way...when you're a nonagenarian, there's a LOT of life experience to cover. But when you've lived a life worthy of every kind of Who's Who recognition, where do you start? Fortunately, in this story, there's no end.

Karl was born 9/3/1927 on an Army base near Cheyenne Wyoming, and spent his earliest years around San Antonio, Texas, the next duty station for his dad. By that time, Karl was the oldest of eight children. At the tender age of 10, he began helping with family income by selling magazines door-to-door. Back then, there wasn't such a thing as subscriptions, they were "franchises" for weeklies and associated monthlies, like the Saturday Evening Post, and Karl developed a solid list of repeat customers. Accordion lessons gave Karl a chance to play professionally in some of the prominent night spots in town by the ripe old age of...12! (*Wasn't he cute?*)



His father's Army career took them to California, then Portland, where Karl attended his freshman and sophomore years, then back to San Antonio after his father's B-17 was shot down over Africa in 1942. He joined the Navy a short time after graduating high school, and served as an aviation mechanic and flight engineer. Later, Karl became an instructor in aviation electronics school in Millington, Tennessee, where he'd received his training.

Once he was discharged, Karl headed to Vancouver, WA to study math and physics at Clark College, later Reed College in Portland. He was married by then, and gave weekly accordion class lessons to about 80 students from the area in order to support his wife and two children. But he figured out he wasn't interested in pursuing a career in his field of study. In 1953, Karl opened a small music store in Hood River, which ultimately grew to four outlets in Oregon. At age 26, he was the youngest full line Hammond Organ dealer in the United States.

And then, Karl found another field in which to excel. Public service took hold. Karl eventually served as National Director for the Jaycees, Chairman of the Hood River County Home Rule Committee (an effort that was successful), and several other top leadership roles in the mid-Columbia area for non-profits and the real estate business he'd entered along the way.

According to Karl, his time with the Jaycees and its credo that "Service to Humanity is the Best Work of Life" led him to be sponsored into Rotary by a long-time Jaycee friend who had found Rotary to be a natural follow-up when no longer eligible to remain in Jaycees (members are retired at age 35). He became a Rotarian in 1984 with a classification of "Commercial Real Estate", then graduated to "Retired Active" when RI adopted that status.

Karl moved to Redmond in 2007 and visited the club shortly after. The club president at the time decided that the appropriate classification for him was "Master Accordionist", which remains a unique classification for our club.

Karl acknowledges that his level of club involvement has slowed over time. He thoroughly enjoyed his earlier time in Redmond Rotary, but now limits his activity to Rotary's Peace Fellowship program. Though he lost his "dear soulmate" along the way and he is not able to participate in many club events, Karl is still teaching students to play the accordion, virtually this year.

Editor's note: One of my most meaningful memories as a brand new Redmond Rotarian when the pandemic hit was to listen to Karl describe during an early ZOOM meeting how different it was to teach students by video conference. He proved to be a great model for how to adapt to the circumstances through his positive and enlightened observations shared during that meeting. Thanks, Karl!

FLAG CITY ROTARY STRONG

Since the project's inception in 1991, the Redmond Rotary has maintained its hands-on involvement with Redmond's Flag City USA program. As the count of flags displayed increased to over 1,700, it was Redmond Rotary who acted. From one large semi-trailer with a mob of flag carriers a more reasonable storage and transportation concept emerged. Today, eight smaller trailers capable of being pulled by most private vehicles house and store the ever-growing number of flags.

Each Labor Day, Redmond Rotary club members place and retrieve flags with the help of the football teams at Ridgeview and Redmond High Schools. With well-marked routes, color-coded poles and established safety measures, the process went quickly this year, despite hazy skies and a spooky wind that "helped" with flag roll ups. Thanks to our publisher Joe for the great [Flag City Video](#) from that day, and to the dozen members who turned out that day to keep the tradition alive.

District 5110 STEP-ping up for Dough



District 5110 leaders rolled out a fundraising activity this week meant to assist clubs in filling some of the funding gaps left from canceled events

and traditional venues. A side benefit could just be shedding some of those “quarantine pounds” folks have gained in recent months (YAY if this doesn’t apply to you 😊, not required for participation)! This online program is called **Rotary Steps Together**. Here’s how it works:

Step One: Step up and [register](#) to participate! Registration is **FREE**.

Step Two: Set a fitness goal and fundraising goal that you hope to achieve by **November 15th**.

Step Three: Get moving and track your steps. There are three ways to track your progress:

1. Sync your fitness device (Fitbit, Apple Watch, Garmin, Android, Misfit, iPhone)
2. Download the free Charity Footprints app to track your progress.
3. Manually enter your steps on your event page.

Step Four: Share your personal fundraising page with everyone you know and ask them to make a contribution to the **#RotaryStepsTogether**.

DG Cindi O’Neil has pledged to walk 100 miles between now and November 15th. Due to recent wildfires impacting our quality of air, the deadline may be extended. For now....walk (or swim, bike, volley) on!

WHAT’S COOKING?



It’s pomegranate season. Combine serving this healthy salad with those extra “steps” from the Rotary Steps Up fundraiser to maximize fitness goals!

Broccoli Pomegranate Salad

- 1 lb broccoli, cut into bite-sized florets
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- ¼ teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 5 Tbsp olive oil
- ¼ teaspoons salt, more to taste
- ¼ teaspoons ground black pepper
- ¾ cups pepitas (shelled pumpkin seeds)
- 1 cup pomegranate seeds
- 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled (see next column)

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add broccoli to boiling water, cook 4 minutes. Drain and set aside. In a small bowl, whisk together garlic, red wine vinegar, cayenne, 4 tablespoons olive oil, salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a small sauce pan, heat remaining 1 tbsp olive oil over medium heat. Add pepitas and fry, stirring frequently, until golden brown, about 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer pepitas to a paper towel lined plate and season with salt. Toss together broccoli, pomegranate seeds, feta and pepitas in a large serving bowl with oil and vinegar mixture.

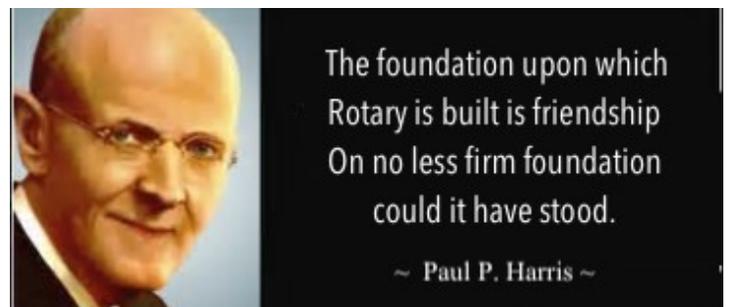
Add more salt to taste. *From Tasty Kitchen.com*

Supporting Redmond School District

If you haven’t taken the time yet to view the video President Keever shared in recent emails, give yourself a treat - [click here](#). The Redmond Club members are generous and steadfast in support for our local school district, students and teachers. This video, created by Magic Joe with help from club leaders, reminds us of what we do...and why. It was sent to district administration and teachers last month as a virtual way of keeping connected to our local schools.



Part of the video delivery to the teachers included the Kona Ice give-away. *Picture compliments of Treasurer Marv!*



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