

# NEWSLETTER

Rotary



Club of  
Redmond

“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

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COVID-19 “Be prudent - Be prepared”

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Marv Kaplan



I would like to introduce you to the first official Redmond Rotary newsletter. I am so excited that Joe and Becky Lu each agreed to be our publisher and editor-in-chief, respectively. It is important to note that both members are new to our club, while fulfilling one of their passions of making a difference. I thank them for showing how they care about keeping our club informed.

These are difficult times as we face the unknown while in isolation. It is crucial that we be as positive as we can while staying connected to each other. My hope is that this newsletter will be used for that purpose. I encourage you all to submit to Becky Lu any suggestions about topics you feel are important to our membership.

You may also submit your own article(s) or share some heartwarming story that could provide club members with a much-needed lift. It’s important for us to know how you see people helping each other in these challenging times, including allowing us to read about your own needs and efforts.

## LIZ FARRUGGIA - 4x4



Club member Liz Farruggia claims not to be a runner, yet she’s competed in running events that included a marathon and the Hood to Coast. She also retired once, after working in the health care industry for several years. Retirement didn’t last.

Liz was recruited to join ClearChoice Health Plans after moving to central Oregon and remains in the industry today as an insurance broker for The Partners Group. She’s well known to many club members, as a past club president and Paul Harris Fellow.

Additional highlights Liz offered for a peek into her life:

- *Family*: two brothers, two sisters, mom, four children (one still at home)
- *Education*: Beaverton HS, Bachelors - PSU
- *Career*: Worked for Gallo in Colorado after graduation but returned to Portland to be closer to family; started a hat store in Portland with her father (Manhattan Hats) before joining health care industry in 1989.
- *Interests*: Working out, music, socializing with friends, entertaining at home

Her four children are a source of pride, noting her daughter is NOT spoiled rotten, despite being the youngest and only girl of the bunch. Liz loves being a mom (they’d planned for just two and she’s happy with a couple “extra”), and she looks forward to being a grandma “someday”. That’s probably a good thing! : )



**BECKY LU HUMMER**  
EDITOR-IN CHIEF

*"Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort."*

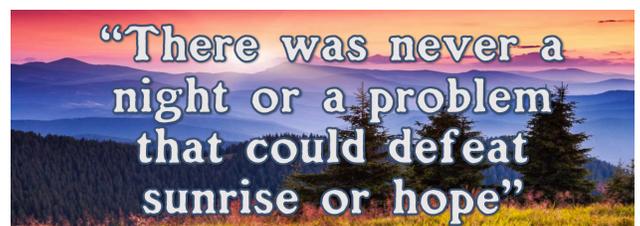
~Fred Rodgers



**JOE KOSANOVIC**  
PUBLISHER

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

~ Helen Keller



## ROTARY HEROS: COVID-19

District 5110 announced in the last newsletter a section on the website called Rotary Heroes: Covid-19. It invites clubs to tell them about service projects and volunteer efforts to help our communities. Members can go to the [District homepage](#) to access the section and look for the big blue comma to post your story of “service success over virus”.

Of course, we also want to know how club members are helping out! Here’s a shout out to Mike Larson, who is turning his skills into producing masks. Other members are active on social media, helping connect volunteers with Redmondites needing help, and many of you are making financial contributions or lending a hand in other ways.

Please tell us about it, whether it’s checking on neighbors in need, caring for at-risk friends or family, or taking a volunteer shift at the food bank (Becky Lu is now a master potato picker/packer). It all adds up to success for our community.

Call Becky Lu (541.548.1107) or send her an email about your service. - [bluhammer75@gmail.com](mailto:bluhammer75@gmail.com)

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## WHERE TO TURN

Apps, Facebook groups, TV and backyard conversations....there are many sources of information, most of them good or at least well-intended. Members should bookmark these two sites as your sole sources of verified information that pertains to Oregon and Deschutes County:

[Oregon Health COVID-19](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/erd/pages/covid-19-news.aspx) news, statistics, sign up for email bulletins <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/erd/pages/covid-19-news.aspx>

[Deschutes County Health COVID-19](https://www.deschutes.org/health/page/covid-19-novel-coronavirus) page, updates, information, sign up for email updates <https://www.deschutes.org/health/page/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

**Call 211 for general COVID-19 information.**  
**Call 911 for an emergency.**

## WHAT’S HAPPENING @ REDMOND ROTARY

- Planning is underway for a virtual Redmond Rotary Club meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2020. Stay tuned for details.
- Club meetings are currently on hiatus through April, watch for updates from President Marv and this newsletter.
- Members are asked to be using the membership phone tree for staying connected. Call someone today!

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## JUST FOR LAUGHS - FIFTY BUCKS

*Bill and his wife Blanche go to the state fair every year. And every year Bill would say, “Blanche, I’d like to ride the helicopter. Blanche always replied, “I know Bill, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks....and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!”*

*One year Bill and Blanche went to the fair and Bill said, “Blanche, I’m 85 years old. If I don’t ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance.” To this Blanche replied, “Bill, that helicopter ride is fifty bucks...and fifty bucks is fifty bucks.” The pilot overheard the couple and said, “Folks, I’ll make you a deal. I’ll take both of you for a ride. If you can stay absolutely quiet for the entire ride and don’t say a word I won’t charge you a penny. But if you say one word, it’s fifty bucks.” Bill and Blanche agreed and up they went.*

*The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his best daredevils tricks over and over...but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Bill and said, “By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn’t. I’m impressed!” Bill replied, “Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Blanche fell out. But you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!”*

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## Share!

This newsletter is a tool to help our club stay in touch and keep the Rotary action wheel turning. It can only do that through your contributions. Please share what’s on your mind or respond to requests for info by emailing Becky Lu at [bluhammer75@gmail.com](mailto:bluhammer75@gmail.com) or calling her at 541.548.1107.