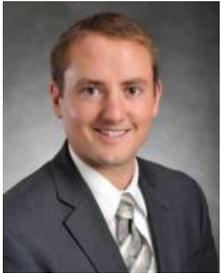




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello, Redmond Rotarians

This is a reminder that we will not be meeting this Thursday for our weekly gathering. Instead, I hope you'll join us on Friday at Wild Ride for some fellowship!

This is the time of year in Rotary when we are preparing for the changing of leadership, including recognition of all that has been accomplished through your efforts on Rotary's behalf. Toward that end, there are three events that focus on training, our international convention, and our district celebration.

The link below is a YouTube video promotion by District Governor-Elect Gerry Kosanovic for:

1. The D5110 Virtual Club Assembly (May 15th, no cost)
2. The 2021 Rotary (first ever) Virtual International Convention (June 12 – 16, \$45 registration fee)
3. The D5110 Celebration Event (IN PERSON August 26 – 28) at the Deschutes Expo Center

Click here—> [Upcoming Rotary Training Events](#)

While we don't always know the twists and turns of COVID protocols that may yet be to come in the future, each of these events is designed to inspire, educate and cheer on every Rotarian for accomplishments this past year and actions we plan to take in moving forward. Please ZOOM in for the virtual sessions, and plan to show up in August for an outdoor event sure to reconnect us all for a fitting look back at how Rotarians keep rising to the challenges wherever they come from.

Hope everyone is busy selling tickets to our virtual wine tasting event. Proceeds from sales are critical to continue our great work here in the community. See the Sipping for Sales article in this newsletter for ways to successfully close on ticket sales. [To register, click here](#) —> **SIP FOR SOLES**

I look forward to seeing you all at Wild Ride! Please read the update I sent out or in this newsletter for the latest details.

~ President Keverer

MEETING SCHEDULE

Friday - April 30, 2021

Happy Hour at Wild Ride (outside)

May 6, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM

Topic: Monthly Business Meeting

May 13, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM

Speaker: Kim Reynolds, Living Well (Jefferson Co)

Coming up:

May 20, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM

Speaker: Jason Neff, City of Redmond CFO

May 27, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM

Speaker: Ben Rivera, Leatherman CEO

Sipping for SALES

It may sound far away still, but May 7th is just over a week away. That is the deadline for all ticket sales to be finalized for the May 20th virtual wine tasting event. The Stoller Winery must have all shipping information in order to get the wine to the right places.



If you haven't yet ordered or sold any tickets, **now's the time to act**. We need everyone's help in meeting our sales goal! Maybe you've approached some friends or family, to no avail. Here are some tips for how to close the deal on sign ups based on feedback you may have gotten or think you will: **\$100??!?**

Yes, each ticket costs \$100, which includes 2 premium bottles of Stoller wine shipped to your doorstep, plus a special discount when you attend the tasting. For two people, that's \$50 each that gives you an hour of entertainment and enough wine for a couple of dinners, if that's how you roll. The wine alone would typically cost \$70 or 70% of the ticket price. The more sippers, the less cost per person....of course, there's a potential downside if you don't have enough wine to go around. (continued)

Where's the money going?

This fundraiser is dedicated to buying shoes for local K-3rd grade students. It is based off the need and success of the Operation Warm Coats project our club has supported in the past. Shoes are purchased at low cost and distributed through local Family Access Network (FAN) advocates who know where the greatest needs are.

I'm busy on May 20th.

The virtual wine tasting event takes just one hour on a Thursday evening. HOWEVER....if you really can't make the event, you still end up with two great bottles of wine and the knowledge you are supporting a great cause. If you really aren't available at that time, consider purchasing a ticket for friends or family who would enjoy participating. Mother's Day is just around the corner.

Wine isn't my thing.

There is an option for folks to donate through the site without ordering wine. But really....who doesn't know someone who enjoys wine? Each ticket sale helps support a local business.

BEER AND PIZZA ARE OUT

As in **"outside"** now. But we're still on for Happy Hour at Wild Ride this Friday, April 30th. It's been a while since we've had an in-person gathering. Even though a new surge of cases is in the news, we know many club members have received their vaccinations and all safety protocols will be in place.



Instead of being in the back room indoors, we will gather outside at Wild Ride in a cordoned area. Please bring a lawn chair if you want a guaranteed seat.

If you haven't yet responded to President Kever's RSVP request, do it now and join us for a couple of hours this Friday beginning at 4:30 PM! Members receive two beer tickets and plenty of pizza. *Don't miss it!*

SAVE THE DATES



Please put these dates in your calendars for some quality fellowship time with each other while generating much-needed funds for club projects!

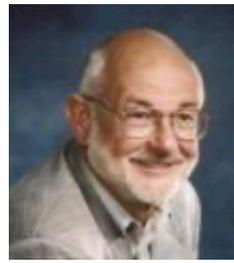
May 20, 2021

Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser, 6 PM

August 6, 2021

Desert Rose Invitational Golf Tournament

Merle Irvine 4x4



When it comes to talking trash, Merle is far and away the club's most qualified member. That is, if the subject matter relates in any form to solid waste management. His expertise in this field extends almost 50 years, mostly on a large scale. A very large scale.

Merle started his career in municipal public works, then in 1970 joined Metro, the regional government that serves the Portland metro area, eventually serving as Director of its Solid Waste Department. He left Metro after several years to start a private recycling and material recovery facility, then sold his interest in that to start a material recovery facility and transfer station in Wilsonville, which became part of Waste Control, the largest privately held solid waste company in Oregon.

In 2000, Waste Control sold to Allied Waste Industries and Merle went to work as Allied's Oregon District Manager, on contract at first, as a stepping stone to retirement. Working for the country's second-largest waste management company meant big operations, like handling almost 2 million tons of sold waste and recyclable materials annually, running ancillary facilities (transfer, compost stations, recycling centers, etc.) and providing more than 250,000 tons of "sludge" for crops and agricultural lands in Oregon.

His original idea of retirement after Waste Control sold to Allied went far enough to make the move to Bend, thinking his Willamette Valley days were soon to be over. That ultimately led to a weekly commute for a few years back to Allied's regional headquarters in Corvallis, eventually serving as Regional Materials Marketing Manager before deciding to try retirement again. That attempt, too, went into the recycle bin.

Merle soon discovered there was solid waste needing managed east of the Cascades, so in 2005 took on management for Bend Garbage and Recycling and its related local companies. In 2010, he claims to have retired for the third and final time. He describes his dip into the real estate business as simply a way to assure Diana, the "real" real estate professional, he doesn't have too many idle hours. 😊

Merle and Diana raised a daughter, Cari, who lives in Sherwood, Oregon and is the mother of three daughters and three granddaughters. That would make three great-granddaughters for the Irvine's, the youngest one, age 6, happens to be a couple years older than one of her aunts.

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Merle Irvine 4x4 - continued

When faced with some time to play, Merle likes to build ships. Not to the same scale as projects his work life involved, but model ships, mostly historic sailing vessels. One look at a finished product, and you can see the systems engineering mind at work building something more aesthetically pleasing than a waste recovery facility.



Throughout his career, Merle enjoyed community service through various advisory bodies, including chairmanship of the Deschutes County Planning Commission (2011), many waste management industry-related groups and the Eagle Crest Resort's Finance and Contract Committee.

Merle found Redmond Rotary through his involvement on the Ridge at Eagle Crest board of directors, where he served with Marv Kaplan. A club member since early 2018, Merle serves on the membership committee. When asked about his reasoning for joining Rotary, Merle felt it was a good fit for his goals to use some of those idle hours to do good, locally and beyond. As a guy who is comfortable working within large-scale systems, it's not hard to understand why he accepted Marv's invitation to join.

Congratulations on a successful retirement, Merle!

Be Inspired!

Any day is a good one for finding inspiration, but when it comes to the ABC's of Rotary club operations, the May 15th District 5110 Virtual Club Training Assembly is the place to be. Since it's virtual, you can attend from anywhere, almost, and it costs nothing but your time. The important part is to ZOOM in!



Registration is available through DACdb. What's that? If you're new to Rotary, that is our District's web platform. There's a session on getting the best out of DACdb, refreshers on club roles like treasurer and secretary, and a primer on Rotary's seven Areas of Service.

You can attend lots of sessions or just one or two of interest to you. *Register today!*

Rotary has responded to the pandemic with service, innovation, and care. I have never been prouder of our organization and members.

Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

Rotary Trivia

Can you name seven organizations that got their start through Rotary International? Do you have a favorite? Read about each of these remarkable efforts that grew out of a Rotary project or an individual member's commitment to a cause in this month's Rotary magazine.

(see end of this column for the seven organizations)

World Immunization Week

April 24 – 20 marks Rotary's focus on the importance of global vaccinations to eradicate polio. As we've seen with COVID-19 and some of the resistance here in the US for getting inoculated, help raise awareness by telling your story, sharing factual information, and donating to PolioPlus. Demonstrating Rotary's commitment to finishing the job with the polio wild virus is a way to inspire countless others when facing new threats like our current pandemic.



What Makes Us Laugh?

The May 2021 edition of 'Rotary' includes a fascinating interview with Sophie Scott, a professor of cognitive neuroscience at University College London. The article chronicles her accidental journey into studying the science of laughter.



If you think merely applying common sense to what's funny and what's not, think again. Like all other parts of how our brains work, it's complicated. As Scott explains in the article, there is a spectrum of types of laughter, some involuntary and uncontrollable – and some meant to be communicative.

Scott came up on the Rotary magazine radar, it appears, as part of a news story on ZOOM fatigue. But it was her interest in studying laughter that landed her a TED talk and quite a bit of British media attention. Taking her research seriously, the article even describes her path to doing some stand-up comedy gigs.

Read the interview in 'Rotary' or check out her [TED](#) talk about why we laugh. You may be surprised at what you hear!

1. Easterseals
2. Shelterbox
3. Little Free Library
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