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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It was great to be back at the fairgrounds again after missing it last year. I really enjoy the energy of everyone working, attending, and especially volunteering there. The highlight for me is the Larry and Dennis show that happens every morning at the main gate. These two put a smile on everyone's face, especially the kids. Larry uses the tried and true method of telling bad one-liners to the kids and Dennis scares the daylights out of them with his finger-in-a-can routine. It's hilarious to watch.

If you haven't worked the gates, then you have missed out on how excited the kids are to see everything. The kids are literally jumping up and down to see the chickens, goats and cows (oh my!) and especially the carnival rides! And don't forget the food. I gained weight last week even though I was going all the time.

And speaking of kids.... Branegan brought his son Jules the first few days. Jules has been helping us at the gates for six years now and knows how to do everything. He even trained some of our ticket takers on how to use the scanners. On Saturday, Branegan brought his younger son Onyx. Onyx is the same age now that Jules was when he started at the fair. He did a great job of scanning and collecting tickets. He kept Larry busy stuffing the ticket box.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you that helped at the fair. We couldn't do it without you. I haven't figured out how many man hours we put in, but it's a bunch! See the **Fair by the Numbers** estimates elsewhere in this newsletter to give you an idea. Managing the gates is by far our largest fundraiser of the year. If it wasn't for this event, we couldn't support half the programs in our community we do. Thank you again, Rotarians!

~ President Tyler

P.S. Enjoy the photos and video featuring volunteers and produced by Magic Joe, our publisher! ["AT THE FAIR"](#)

Next Club Meetings

August 5, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting
Monthly Business Meeting

August 12, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Bill Tobin, Shelter Box

August 19, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Tony Pupo
Redmond School District Ops Director

August 26, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Captain Devin Lewis
Redmond Police Department

Desert Rose Smelling Sweet

Club member and tournament Co-Chair Andrew Fitch reports that there will be an estimated 100 golfers participating in this Friday's Desert Rose Invitational. The tournament is an annual fundraiser, with net proceeds going toward maintenance and projects associated with the Rotary at the Jaqua Sports Complex. Maarty Leunen, former Oregon basketball player turned pro, and Redmond School District officials provide a lot of help with staging the event, with half a dozen club members who spearhead and organize the tournament.



This year, there is no banquet or auction due to pandemic modifications made. Nonetheless, participants are looking forward to swinging some clubs and contesting for prizes and bragging rights.

Fore!

"WHEN YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF
THE WIND – ADJUST YOUR SAILS."

Jake Waardenburg 4x4



There's more to Jake than that whole khaki-wearing Jake-from-State-Farm thing. Waaay more. But it's too obvious to ignore, so let's start there. *Our* Jake was being associated with that tag even before he became a State Farm agent more than six years ago. Call it fate, but Jake learned long ago to embrace the inevitable, and in Jake-the-baseball-player fashion, he uses it to pitch insurance in some fun and subtle ways. As Jake said without breaking his professional insurance agent expression, "I'm always in costume."

Growing up in Klamath Falls, Jake took to all the activities associated with life in Oregon: hunting, fishing, camping....and baseball. It was baseball that drove his college selections, first to Nevada, then California, and eventually in Kentucky. Jake played for the Bend Elks for a season along the way. Even though he was a pitcher for 18 years, it was at St. Catharine School in Springfield, Kentucky where he hit a home run. Jake met Kentucky native Mandy while playing ball in Kentucky, where she played softball and volleyball at St. Catharine College. They married eight years ago.

Once Jake realized he didn't want to pursue a career in sports or physical therapy, he turned to sales. Insurance wasn't in the picture at first. But Jake found what he was looking for when he checked out the State Farm company: customer-focused, with a solid range of products that his clients needed. He and Mandy moved to Madras, where Jake worked with State Farm Agent Jason Hertel for a few years before opening his own office in Redmond. Jake enjoyed the community involvement aspect there, where he coached Little League and became familiar with the Jefferson County Chamber and Kiwanis club activities through his time with Jason.

When it came time to hang his own State Farm shingle, Jake was excited to head south on Hwy 97 to Redmond. Here, there are constant opportunities to be involved in community events and a growing population eager to have an agent with a famous name (okay, that last part was an editor's nod to her delight in telling friends her agent is Jake from SF). From car shows to candy distribution at Halloween, Jake and his staff thrive on being out there serving the community.

Which is why joining the Redmond Rotary club made perfect sense to Jake. The area is a lot like his home fields in Klamath Falls (without the midges!), and the club is a

visible and active part of the community. He and Mandy, who teaches school in Madras, added daughter Oakley to the family about a year and a half ago. The couple has learned to temper their mutual competitive spirits when engaged in family activities, but Jake admitted Oakley already has two ball gloves.

Picking a sport – any sport – won't be Oakley's only challenge in coming years. Having a dad whose first name will be forever associated with the insurance ads likely means she will hear every joke and piece of trivia about it while growing up. According to Jake, he doesn't know of anyone who has changed their name to Jake as a sales gimmick. But there was reportedly a pig at the fair named "Jake-from-State-Farm", whose Facebook page went viral.



Need we say more?

District Celebration

Sign-up is now underway for our D5110 gathering later this month.

Registration is FREE and open to public, not just members.

Besides traditional networking and speaker forums, enjoy the outdoor stage, The High Street Band, food trucks and more!

The golf tournament registration closes Monday, August 23rd at Noon. The August 26th tournament shotgun start is scheduled for 11 AM at The Greens in Redmond. \$60 entry includes cart, lunch, and prizes. Individual and team registrations are available through the District website.

Meals: Pay for Foundation dinner at time of registration (credit cards and checks accepted). \$26.50 for choice of meal. Friday and Saturday meals will be just-in-time ordering on site at food trucks of choice. **See you there!**



Fair By the Numbers

Just how many people does it take to cover 14 daily shifts among three entry gates plus captain coverage (three to eight at a time, depending on day/time)?

The answer to that depends on a number of factors, but here's how it broke down in raw totals:

As scheduled, our club called for 28 captain shifts, which was covered by eight or nine individuals. Most of the time, at least four or five captains were needed at one time for coverage.

These folks were in high demand, for everything from fetching till banks for volunteers coming on shift to spot training, trouble shooting, and transport

from gate to gate as coverage needs shifted between entry points. HUGE thanks to our captains, who even covered some other roles while donning their super capes.

Then there were the takers. A total of 80 shifts were available for sign-up prior to the event. The new software/scanning process took longer and had some wrinkles in this first year, so the people who served in this role had their

hands full during peak times. There was no AC for these folks, so all who served deserve our gratitude for their hardy handling of the scanners.



The sellers had it easy, relatively speaking. The schedule had 98 shifts called out, each served in the comfort of an air-conditioned booth with bulletins and signs handy for reference, and windows and doors that locked. And chairs. Laptops and printers performed well, for the most part, and were set up for minimum error.

There were over 70 club members, spouses, school personnel and other volunteers in the end. More than a couple were probably "voluntold", or family/friends who were drafted to help fill the gaps. There were enough people to get the job done. At times, that meant double duty for captains or members who went above and beyond. With deep gratitude to those who contributed, this heavy lift will bring much-needed funds to the club. In turn, we will be able to help meet community needs this year, and the needs are many.

Great job!!

Riding for Polio



As reported in our D5110 newsletter, Jared Kosanovic, our District Governor's son, (also nephew to our President-Elect) rode a total of 3,472 miles in 24 days, with an average moving speed of 12.2 MPH. He raised awareness and more than \$6,000 in funds for the Rotary Polio Initiative.

Way to go, Jared!

Metal Mulisha Coming Soon

August 19th marks the 5th annual Wild Ride Brew MX13 Jump Show. This year's event begins at 5 PM and is scheduled to last about three hours. It takes place behind the brewery, and attendance is free to the public. Proceeds will go to Jericho Road this year, a non-profit organization that provides support to our community's families and individuals in need. Be there!



Save the Dates



Please put these dates in your calendars for some quality fellowship time and sometimes raising dough for our club projects!

August 6 - Desert Rose Invitational Golf Tournament

August 19 – Metal Mulisha – WR Brewing MX13 Jump Show

August 26 – 28 D5110 Conference Celebration 2021

Fair Where?

Here's a bit of trivia for you: Where was the old site of Deschutes County Fairgrounds?

Another question: How did the club get involved in selling tickets to the fair? Answer.....Member Rick Nissen (Club President 1984-85) approached the Fair board in 1983 and negotiated for the club to collect the money and sell tickets. When the move was made to the new fair site, the club was no longer responsible for handling the money, but continued selling tickets. The new system this year changed that, and the club once again collected the money from ticket sales in addition to scanning the tickets used for controlling access. *Back to Question #1:* Members are on the old fairgrounds site when shopping at Freddie's. Can you imagine??

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