



LABOR DAY IS ROTARY CLUB OF REDMOND FLAG DAY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Kosanovic

Our last monthly newsletter was published on July 29 prior to the Deschutes County Fair. I worked all five days from opening to closing witnessing a record 165,000 people passing through the three gates we were staffing. Every day, I saw the magnificent effort of our many volunteers who sold and scanned tickets. Every one of those 165,000 patrons witnessed Redmond

Rotary's motto on full display... "Service above Self".

Immediately afterwards, Mr. Covid paid me a visit, then decided to torment me with a high fever and a super stuffy nose for three weeks. It was miserable and I'm grateful to have in my rearview mirror. I'm also grateful to Tyler and Marv for filling in for me leading the three meetings I missed.

The second impressive Rotary event was our teacher appreciation breakfast where every single Redmond School District teacher observed the same Rotarian motto "Service above Self" on full display.

When I taught High School history, one of my favorite world leaders was Mahatma Gandhi. Of service, he was quoted saying; "Consciously or unconsciously, everyone of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large."

Our *Service above Self* motto signifies the belief that Rotarians would put their duty to help others before their own needs. Since joining Rotary, I found this to be completely true. My desire for service to others has grown stronger and I'm proud to be part of a club where every member feels the same.

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Jeff Casserly and Uncle Sam will be at the Redmond Post Office at 6:00 am ready to direct volunteers to the awaiting trailers with flags to be planted in FLAG CITY USA.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, September 6

Board Meeting, Junction Coffee Conference Room

Thursday, September 8

Business Meeting

Thursday, September 15

Stoke Awareness Oregon

Speakers: Ben Ritt, Lawnae Hunter, Toni Metherall

Thursday September 22

Family Access Network - Speaker: Julie Lyche

Thursday, September 29

5th Thursday - No Meeting

Friday, September 30 - Happy Hour Social

Motocross Jump Show raises funds for Central Oregon Veterans Ranch

Courtesy Redmond Spokesman and Tim Trainor



Justin Homan

The pop and buzz of two-stroke dirt bike engines filled the Redmond air Thursday night as the MX13 Jump Show came to life outside Wild Ride Brewing. The jump show featured riders flying off jumps while performing tricks called nac-nacs and whips. It was organized by member Justin Homan, motocross athlete and

former X Games competitor.

Our Rotary Club helped choose the well-deserving recipient of the funds, which this year is the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch. A similar event in Prineville this summer raised money for the Rotary club there. The Redmond event featured two performances, one with adult riders and another with youngsters as young as seven years old. "It's not about being fast," said Justin Gallacher, the emcee of the event. "It's about the position." To get over those nerves, he said he turns his brain off and has to put everything out of his mind and concentrate solely on the moment in front of him.

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MX JUMP SHOW continued

Trent Meyer said he turns his brain on before he rides. “I think everybody’s got their own little tweaks that they do before they ride,” Meyer said. “My main thing is just making sure the bike is cleared out and that it’s warmed up properly. As long as the bike sounds fine then I’m good to go.” “You block out all the people,” said Byron Homan, Justin’s son. “That’ll make you less nervous.” They all swore by the adrenaline rush. As they’re flying through the air, Jace said he can feel the breeze across his face.

“(It’s) the best feeling ever,” Meyer said. “It’s incomparable.”

(A cool video by Joe Kosanovic - Click—[MX JUMP SHOW](#))

The Deschutes County Fair was one for the record books.

by Tim Trainor, Judy Corwin, and Redmond Rotary Fair Captains

The 2022 Deschutes County Fair was one for the record books. A blue “Rotary at Work” t-shirt was among the first sights seen by many of the 165,000 visitors who filed through the gates for the five-day extravaganza. Almost 50,000 people attended the fair on Saturday alone — a one-day record attendance number itself. There were not long waits at most of the gates manned by Rotary members, which helped smooth bottlenecks that can be caused by the additional traffic. Rotary members volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to help ensure the fair was a success. Captains were there from sun-up to sun-down day after day after day. However, all that hard work comes back to the Rotary in spades. The funds brought in by the volunteer work helps Rotary complete all kinds of good works throughout the year.



Thanks to all who pitched in:

206 shifts - 75 waking hours - More than 35 Rotarian volunteers - Long lines - No time to enjoy concerts, cotton candy, funnel cakes or the rodeo - Sounds like a nightmare, right? “Heck no” countered Jeff Casserly, Joe Kosanovic, Nick Mausen, Branegan Dixon, and Tyler Nokes. These Rotarians served as captains for the club’s involvement at the Deschutes County Fair. All the captains touted the

merits of working on this project and they are certain to raise their hands again for 2023, too.

For Spike Biggers, it was his 35th year of working the gates for the club. “It has changed a lot since the fairgrounds moved to its present location and added technology,” Biggers said. “Formerly the fairgrounds were where Fred Meyer and Lowes is located. The old fairgrounds did not have air-conditioned sales booths for the sellers. All tickets were on large rolls like the ones we use for our weekly raffle.” Spike remembered more from previous years: “Each shift had the numbers from the tickets recorded and “a few numbers-minded” Rotarians reconciled each shift after closing. So sometimes we didn’t get done until the wee hours of the morning.”

Rotarians were asked for their thoughts about the 2022



events and here’s what they had to say:

Q. Describe your role? “Our responsibilities included ensuring there were enough people in the ticket booths selling tickets, scanning tickets, we monitored crowds, and trained folks as they arrived,” explained President Kosanovic. “The captains oversaw the entire operation from opening to closing. We were there early to set up when the fair began and dismantled everything, putting away in the storage when the fair was over”

Q. What was the most fun for you “Seeing all the different people, getting a thank you and \$\$\$ tips for the Rotary Club. Plus, seeing how the club works together.” – *Marv Kaplan*

“Seeing happy people.” – *Spike Biggers*

“I enjoyed working with all the wonderful volunteers. I enjoyed greeting the people that were coming into the fair, and I enjoyed the good weather... We had good participation from our club. Those that could work, did volunteer.” – *Joe Kosanovic*

“First and foremost, was the camaraderie with our Rotarians. Being a relative newcomer to the Redmond Club, it provided an opportunity to meet members a little more personally, observe what massive strengths they bring to our Club, and be able to develop a supportive relationship with them, (continued next page)

FAIR continued: as well as those who assisted but are not Club members. I also enjoyed interacting with fair goers and being able to answer questions or help them in some of their needs. It was also fascinating to observe the absolute excitement shown particularly by the younger children. I find a good deal of personal satisfaction in knowing my part in this huge effort was beneficial for our community”.

– Nick Mausen

Q. What was the most challenging for you?

“Technology of scanning and ticket machines. Plus, scanning tickets that were printed by customers was sometimes difficult.” “Another challenge that is common to the Rodeo gate is people without having the passes their bosses were to have provided to them.” – Spike Biggers

“The most challenging part was to ensure that the lines didn’t get too long, and people didn’t have to wait to get into the fair. This means making sure there were enough ticket sellers and scanners. The second most challenging part was getting up in the morning.” – Joe Kosanovic

“Helping to manage the huge gate crowds at peak times was challenging from the standpoint that temperatures were high, some folks became impatient (or didn’t listen to the few directions we gave), and a little personal fatigue. It should be noted that there were approximately 165,000 people who attended the fair, yet we as volunteers experienced less than a handful of difficult situations. So many of the attendees expressed their appreciation to our efforts in making their attendance pleasurable.” – Nick Mausen

Q. Should Redmond Rotary volunteer again next year?

“Absolutely. We’ve done this many years.” – Kever Henry

“It is the best fundraiser we have.” – Marv Kaplan



“It is a form of community service and gets name recognition for the club (branding). I suggest partnering with Sisters Rotary and divide the earnings according to the number of shifts the Sisters club covers (pro rata). There were about 3 Rotarians from the Sisters club this year, plus some of the spouses.” --Spike Biggers

“We should definitely repeat our volunteer efforts at the fair next year. Not only does it raise money, but it also provides visibility for the Rotary club for our efforts.” – Joe Kosanovic

“Not only does this activity take a massive effort by comparison, but it also benefits our treasury to a very high degree, thus making other Rotary efforts to improve the community a reality. In short, it fits the mission to a high degree.” – Nick Mausen

Q. Is there anything you would recommend Redmond Rotary change next year?

“Start earlier getting people involved, especially the school.” – Marv Kaplan

“There’s little need to scan tickets once they’ve immediately been purchased at the gate.”

– Kever Henry.



“I believe we did an excellent job this year, with a record 165,000 people who went through the gates successfully. We will make minor changes, like tweaking the volunteer schedule and examining the entire operation for improvements.” – Joe Kosanovic

“Under Joe's able leadership this next year, there is already an effort being made to completely document this activity for the Club. For the most part, we are almost totally dependent on "word of mouth" for the organization and follow through, as well as being dependent on many of the same people to do the same things, hardly what one might consider a "business model." I would look forward to the development of a "Standard Operating Procedure" for this activity, due mostly to its magnitude.” – Nick Mausen

In Conclusion, here’s how one Captain summarized the Fair effort: “I can say though that having been involved in other fairs at both county and state levels, it is my limited observation that the Deschutes County Fair is simply a “cut above” in its organization and serving the county's expectations. And I personally feel good about having a small role in bringing those conditions about,”
- Nick Mausen.

Steve Curley: “No town supports...like Redmond, Oregon.” By Judy Corwin

At Redmond Rotary’s weekly meeting, Steve Curley, the Senior Director at REDI (Redmond Economic Development, Inc.), told the Redmond Rotary Club at its weekly meeting why “no town supports its local business like Redmond, Oregon.”

The 38-year resident of Central Oregon leads the local effort to grow local business and keep jobs flowing in the community that he cares so much about.



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Steve Curley continued: While talking about how Redmond stacks up, he focused on three areas: “business development, business environment and sustainable operations.”

According to a national report, called the Milken Report, which charts the US best-performing cities, Redmond ranks tenth, up three spots from last year, says Curley. Milken ranks city performance based on several factors including employment growth, wage growth, GDP growth and housing affordability over a five-year period. Redmond’s rankings were among the top five nationally, except for housing costs, which rated 198th based on 2019 statistics.



Another study, called the Heartland Report, measures 382 large and small metropolitan areas looking at the proportion of jobs by young businesses. Redmond ranked eighth, up four spots from last year. What makes the city so attractive, touts Curley, is the “attractive outdoor recreational amenities that are appealing to knowledge-worker talent and entrepreneurs recruited to the area.

Curley cautioned that Oregon’s business tax climate has dropped Oregon seven steps to 22, “largely because of Oregon’s unemployment tax system, with higher minimum rates and a larger taxable wage base, as well as the implementation of new municipal income taxes in Portland and improvements in other states,” he said. “Oregon’s corporate tax component ranking is number 49. “Only Delaware is worse,” he shared.

On the employment front, central Oregon has regained “all of the jobs it lost during the pandemic,” said Curley. Bend-Redmond has surpassed its COVID jobs rate recovery by almost 1% and Crook County has recovered by 10.3% beyond its recovery rate. However, Curley cautioned that “Central Oregon is currently in the tightest labor market in recent memory” as the number of available workers continues to decline.

REDI assists approximately 130 firms each year with business growth, development, and sustainability. Currently, there are 29 pending projects offering 1,808 jobs and a capital investment of \$207 million. For more information about REDI, visit <https://www.rediinfo.com/>.

Rotarians learn about at-risk youth support offered at Camp Eagle Cap

by Judy Corwin

Imagine a 10, 11 or 12-year-old child, who has lost his or her parent due to a tragedy such as suicide or a trauma such as parental imprisonment or child abuse. Their opportunity for a normal childhood is in jeopardy, says Chester Freeman, Director of Camp Eagle Cap.

For one-week in July, these youngsters get to put all aside and enjoy the wilderness of the Wallowa’s and Camp Eagle Cap. Freeman shared the story and that of the children at Camp Eagle Cap at a Redmond Rotary Club meeting August 18.



Explained Freeman: They rescue horses. They hike seven miles into the wilderness. They have a fishing derby and a treasure hunt hike. They meet others who share their experiences. They find lifelong friends. Their lives are changed, many forever.

Freeman and Liz Olheiser, along with several staff members, help host two, one-week camps for these youngsters hiking through the Wallowa Wilderness to a 235-acre horse ranch, where the youngsters spend a week making lifelong memories. Children invited to the camp are recommended by the Department of Children’s Services and organizations such as CASA and foster care groups.

In November of 2019, Camp Eagle Cap was blessed with 235 Acres in Wallowa, Oregon. In 2020, they were able to obtain a conditional use permit for the property in order to construct a large lodge that will sleep all campers and volunteers for each camp. In order to meet all guidelines required for this permit, the property will also be home to livestock with a small ranching operation.



“Camp changes everyone’s life, not just the kids,” says Liz Olheiser. “It’s such a blessing.”

Camp Eagle Cap fundraises through a non-profit called “Just Save 1.” This organization accepts donations on behalf of the children attending camp. In addition, the organization hosts the Camp Eagle Cap Annual Golf Classic at Juniper Golf Course. The two-day event hosted in the spring offers two formats: a GHIN Handicapped Best Ball Scramble and a one-day Social Scramble. The 2022 event raised \$28,000 for Camp Eagle Cap.

Contributions are accepted at Just Save 1, PO Box 44, Powell Butte OR 97753. Or visit the Camp Eagle Cap website at <https://www.campeaglecap.com/home> for more information about the organization and the golf fundraiser.

New DACdb member profile launched

DACdb, which stands for District and Club Database, is launching a brand new member profile for its clubs and districts in Rotary. The new profile, which is being tested in August, will offer an expanded view and information for all Rotarians.

How To Adjust Profile Settings

Both the Sections and the individual Fields in the new profile are set up to be configured for preference. In the top right corner of the screen, you will notice a cog wheel icon beside the print/vcard/pmail icons.



If you click it, a dialog box will appear where you can set the sections you want to appear, and in which order. By default all sections will Display (in the yellow area). If you want a section to not appear, simply drag it down to the Available Sections (blue area). This also allows you to set the order in which they appear. If you move the ContactInfo section in front of the About section, that's where it will appear on the Profile page.

When you are finished, you can choose which level to save the preferences as.

- Set Account Default** – This sets the preference for everyone in your District or Account
- Set Club Default** – This sets the preference for everyone in your Club
- Reset My Configuration** – This resets back to the original default options
- Set My Configuration** – This sets the preference for just you

Just like the main cog wheel, four of the sections have their own cog wheel. They work exactly the same as the main cog wheel, except they allow you to show/hide individual fields instead of sections. You can also adjust the order in which the fields appear. Then save the settings based on the description above.

For those who aren't as familiar with DACdb, it is the official Rotary International Licensee to take care of club member management. It is more than a mailing system. It is a robust database that helps Rotarians through member searches, club bulletins, websites, emailing services, and more. All DACdb's activities start with club member profiles.

DACdb was started in 2003 by the late Past District Governor Mike Thacker. Thacker wanted to give his District the ability to manage its membership. At the time, Rotary International offered no such viable option. Shortly thereafter, Mark Landmann, a Senior Developer came along to help develop the overall system. The rest is history.

The new member profile offers an easier to read format, larger photo area, and expanded space to help shown member history, committee and leadership roles.

Today, DACdb provides member management tools to 102 districts and 7,000 clubs. It helps districts and clubs around

the world improve member communication, community outreach, and focus on club goals and services.

Members will be prompted when the new profile is available. [Click here for the instructions.](#)



Teacher Appreciation Breakfast



Fellow Rotarians,

Thank you for the delicious breakfast that you served to the RSD Staff this morning. What makes a school district work well is the involvement of parents, community members and community organizations.

Your consistent effort to aid the students and staff of the school district is another demonstration of the Redmond Rotary Club's commitment to continuously improving the living conditions of our town. I appreciated the club's efforts to get the school year started with excitement.



You may not have heard it, but the staff gave the club a hearty applause once they were seated in the gym.

We are off to a great start! Thank you,

Charan Cline, Ed.D
Superintendent I Redmond School District

(See Joe's Teacher Appreciation Video - Click [VIDEO](#))

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