



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm a pretty happy guy by nature...happy hours, happy people, and as your president, I love the Happy Dollars we raise each week. All money raised through donations offered along with our declarations of personal joy, "big" anniversaries, etc., goes into Rotary's PolioPlus fund unless otherwise specified. This year so far, more than \$1200 is waiting to be sent in at the end of our fiscal year.



It hit home recently how being happy enough to chip in a buck or two (or ten) has impacts well beyond Redmond. Reading about the status of Rotary's efforts toward polio eradication can seem pretty distant, with all but a few countries certified as free of the wild polio virus. So why would we keep chipping in, when there are major, urgent needs that capture the news headlines?

techniques and eventually vaccinations worldwide when the coronavirus pandemic arrived.

So I want to thank each of you for keeping the drive alive and offering up your cheery stories for the modest price of a buck. It's a big world, and there's still work to be done.
~ *President Tyler*

WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

February 17th Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speaker – Glenn Deveney, Serenity Lane

February 24th Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speaker – Matt Canham, Cyber Security

March 3rd Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Monthly Business Meeting

March 10th Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speakers – Emily Boynton and Greg Tippett, Mosaic Medical

March 17th Weekly Gathering by ZOOM

Speaker – Dave Shaffer, Arc Health Justice



Well, let me tell you. I happened to read an article about current activities and projects funded in part by our happy dollars. The lessons learned in our trek toward a world without polio keep helping us make major contributions to the good of the world that you may not associate with the polio fight. Things like clean water projects, sanitation systems development, and literacy have their own focus areas, and are important in their own right.

But, two things matter. First, we need to monitor areas declared polio free, as folks don't seem to stay only in one place. So we need to keep our guard up. Second, Rotary has learned valuable lessons about how to fight other viruses and community health threats as a result of polio eradication efforts. As a global leader, we shared valuable models and drew on relationships developed through PolioPlus to help spread information, prevention

COVID SCHMOVID



Club leaders have been following the daily new case counts for Deschutes County since the decision was made last month to go all virtual again when the Omicron variant hit our area. There is optimism that in-person meetings aren't far away, as long as the current pattern continues to show a rapid slowdown.

With state and local regulations targeted for easing, as well, Rotarians can look forward to a return to lunches at Juniper Golf Club again soon. When we do get that green flag announcement from President Tyler, there will no doubt be a spike of Happy Dollars that follows.

When it does happen, the good news is that members who aren't able to attend in person for any number of reasons will still be able to Zoom in from home or far away. While most of us prefer the camaraderie of gathering in the same room, let us not forget how fortunate we are to have options that keep us connected.

Louise Kaplan Featured Profile

Louise knew she wanted to pursue journalism back in high school, specifically broadcasting, and prepared for it by taking classes in speech, drama and journalism. She even participated on the debate team, which should surprise no one who knows her. Her high school guidance counselor, however, bluntly told this female news anchor wannabe that there was no future in that career for a woman.



Born in Portland and raised by a single mom, the 1960's-version and quite practical Louise listened to her counselor, and turned to the world of banking and finance after graduation. She initially worked in downtown Portland for a bank that eventually sold. By then she had promoted up to Vice-President/Credit Manager, but could see that she could earn more as a mortgage broker, a career move that she only

recently retired from after working for several financing companies along the way.

She never lost interest in broadcasting, though. After moving to this area full-time, she got the opportunity to work for COCC in community radio programming. Today, Louise is co-host of KPOV's The Wednesday Point, an hourlong community affairs program where she and Mary Ann Hart interview civic and business leaders. (To subscribe to the podcasts and learn more about the show, [click here](#)) She enjoys the research it takes to prepare, as well as the access to people she might not otherwise meet. Louise recounted as one example her interview with Les AuCoin, a Redmond High graduate and first Democrat to win a seat from Oregon's 1st district back in 1974. More recently, her emcee role during the club's State of the City panel discussion highlighted skills she has honed since her Cleveland (Portland) high school days.

Our Redmond club is Louise's third Rotary member experience. Her bank position back in 1984 required her to participate in a large Portland club after women won the right to join Rotary International. She enjoyed her membership in the Tualatin club that followed a few years later. But it was the Daddy Daughter Dance (DDD) that past president Lynn Evans roped her into that had her in stitches about belonging to this club.

No, really. Surgical stitches, to be exact. As Louise tells the story, she cut her finger cutting a bag of popcorn open. She ended up driving herself to the emergency room for treatment, holding her hand above her head, while the club carried on with the event. It was apparently a real (bandaged) bonding experience, as Louise still cites the

DDD as one of her favorite aspects of club participation today.

She is also happy about our club's growth, having joined when the numbers had dipped after the 2008 recession. Like the rest of us, the club's commitment to community service and the people involved are what keep her feeling like her membership matters.

Of course, she may not mention it, but her recruitment of Marv into the club a few years back was a handy addition.

Election Results



Club board election results were announced earlier this month, with the following individuals confirmed for the Redmond Rotary Board effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023.

- **President** - *Joe Kosanovic*
- **President-Elect** – **Vacant**
- **President-Nominee** – *Shelby Bishop*
- **Secretary** – *Trish Pinkerton*
- **Treasurer** – *Becky Lu Hummer*
- **Past President** – *Tyler Nokes*

Board members at large (per bylaws change to facilitate staggered terms, two members were elected to 2-yr terms, two members for 1-yr terms, with future board terms to all be 2-yr terms)

- *Marv Kaplan* – 2-yr term
- *Tara Messner* – 2-yr term
- *Paul Spain* – 1-yr term
- *Shelby Bishop* – 1-yr term

Congratulations to all who stepped up to serve. Thank you for the contributions each of you will make in the coming year to assure our club's success.

There is a need to identify our next President-Elect in order to assure a smooth transition in leadership in July 2023. While the role carries plenty of responsibility, our club is known for its support and ability to spread responsibilities across the many activities we undertake. In return, the rewards are many, with opportunities to meet and hear from world-class trainers and speakers, develop contacts at the D5110 level and beyond, and grow new insights personally about our community locally and globally.

If this sounds like the right kind of commitment for you, contact President Tyler or PE Joe.....*the sooner the better!*



Red Badges Bloom

Our membership committee welcomed a few new members and made some adjustments for newcomers who are given a list of steps to complete as part of their orientation to our club.



New committee members Janice Burgess, Nicole Gee and Lawnae Hunter will join current members Chair Marv Kaplan, Becky Lu Hummer, Rocky Johnson, Mike Larson, and John Nielsen. The committee meets monthly to discuss recruitment and retention

strategies.

With the growth experienced by the club in recent years, a formalized mentorship program for new members was developed. New members are paired with committee members to ensure basic orientation items are covered and there is a solid feedback loop for how new members integrate into club activities.

New members, including those who transfer from other Rotary clubs, are initially issued red-colored name badges. This helps new and seasoned members through some of the early integration moments right away, at least when the club is meeting in person. The new member is given a list of activities to help with that integration. When the activities are achieved, the milestone achievement is recognized with presentation of the blue badge. It signifies the investment both the club and the new member have made as part of joining the organization.

A new group of "red badge" members was recently assigned to club mentors. Some of the in-person activities have been suspended or modified for now, given the challenges of interactions during ZOOM-only meetings. Once we resume gathering together, however, be sure to seek out those wearing a red badge, especially if yours is already blue. Then lend a "seasoned" hand by signing their membership directory, asking them to join your table at lunch, and generally extending the gift of knowledge about the best club in the district while getting to know our newest members.

Love Scores



Valentine's Day has come and gone, but our very own married members Marv and Louise Kaplan are proof that every day can be special when you find the right person. Finding that guy, in Louise's case, required bold action that even she wonders how she carried through with the scheme, now more than 25 years ago.



Before internet dating and personal ads were mainstream alternatives to finding Mr. or Mrs. Right at the church social or local dance club, Louise wasn't happy with dates she met the old-fashioned ways. So, her journalism instincts kicked in, and she posted an ad in the Willamette Weekly....hardly a hot spot for meet ups back then.

According to Louise, she plowed through two respondents – each with regrettably familiar 'red flags' – and was not



overcome with love at first listen when she began assessing the third volunteer. She was impressed with enough of his voice message (back then, that was the anonymous safety feature, where you left a message when replying to someone's invitation) that he made the first level, an in-person

meeting. Cupid didn't land a bull's eye in Louise's heart that first date, but again Marv was able to talk her into a fateful second date (are any of us surprised at his ability to do that??? 😊).

This time, they 'closed the place down', talking for hours and finding that elusive connection that set them on their journey together. The rest of their pre-wedding romance is a story you should hear directly from the two of them. It may include an explanation of why the vodka label out of Salt Lake City (see pic) has meaning for them, and perhaps some tidbits from their early days together that are just plain cute.

Having recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of their first date (they married on the brink of the 21st century, 12/31/1999), the one thing that is obvious about this Olympic-sized love duo: it may be their silver anniversary being celebrated in a couple of years, but "Team Kaplan" has already achieved a gold medal marriage. 🏆

Save these Dates

March 24, 2022 – DG Gerry Kosanovic visit

April 1, 2022 - Happy Hour Social Event

April 28 - 30, 2022 - D5110 Celebration in Corvallis

May 12, 2022 - Sip for Soles Virtual Wine-Tasting

June 4 – 6, 2022 - June RI Convention (Houston, TX)

City Updates Spell Growth



Last week's annual State of the City presentations offered a glimpse of where and how Redmond's growth will continue to change the cityscape. Mayor George Endicott led off with updates on two large projects currently in design phases. The first involves relocation and change in method of the City's wastewater disposal facilities. Currently a mechanical system that dominates the north end of Dry Canyon with its massive tanks and treatment plant apparatus, the mayor explained the benefits of going organic like Prineville did a few years ago. More efficient long-term maintenance costs are expected, although it will require up front investment in the dismantling of existing plant structures eventually, and installation of effluent disposal ponds. The bonus will be the ability to allow multiple uses on portions of the land required for disposal.

The other project awaits an expected bond request to voters later this year. Club members heard a couple of months ago about the need for a new police station. Mayor Endicott stepped the group through early design planning for relocation to a 10-acre parcel located near the north end of town, assuming the financial pieces fall into place. To emphasize how undersized the current building is, pictures revealed structural and capacity issues already, with more officers and space needed as the population continues to add demand in all aspects of police work.

Airport Manager Zach Bass then shared data from the Redmond Airport's commercial flight services. There continues to be some shuffling among carriers, depending on markets, for direct flights in and out of Redmond that have been impacted by the pandemic. Despite those challenges, demand overall has remained high, with the airport rated as the 5th largest regional airport in the country. He showed conceptual designs of what future expansion projects may look like, as the need to expand gates and terminals will continue. A third runway, though several years down the road (or tarmac, as it were) is already in place on paper, due to the need for advanced notification to adjacent land owners and air space protections.

As if the first two speakers didn't offer enough for ZOOM attendees to think about, Chuck Arnold wrapped up the panel with a quick rundown of buildings and businesses in progress for renovation in the city's urban renewal corridor that includes the downtown. As emcee Louise Kaplan noted, Chuck's title is the longest: Economic Development/Urban Renewal Program Manager. With a finger in just about any kind of business relocation to or expansion in the Redmond area, Chuck often can't talk specifics about potential new developments.

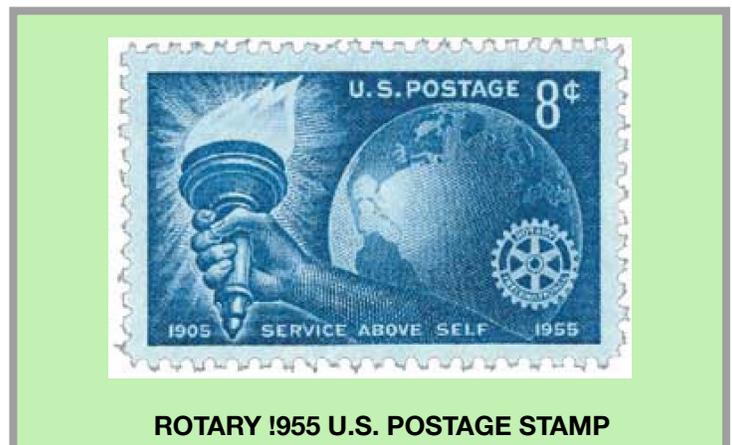
But he can and did talk about existing projects that are now coming to life after months of planning and construction, and shared some eye-popping numbers for how the ones located in the urban renewal district, in particular, will benefit the community well into the future. Among the data Chuck included in his presentation was the relatively small amount of public development



investment in partnership with private property investments as compared to the large increase in taxable values.

While that may not excite the average shopper who just wants some retail diversification, Chuck confirmed there will be a wine shop opening soon (*shout out to Testimony Wine owner, our own Kari Nelson!!*), and a store featuring hard-to-find kitchenware and cooking supplies coming later this year to the "Arch" building downtown. Other projects will add apartments above retail spaces, such as the former bank building project being constructed, and improve properties in the commercial corridor that currently sit vacant.

Just about everywhere you look, Redmond is growing and will continue to do so for years to come. The panel presented information that reflects efforts to keep up with the demands to the benefit of the community. Louise thanked the panel and wrapped up with one more question to Mayor Endicott: "Are you running for another term as Mayor?" Club members will have to wait for a definitive answer to *that* question.



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