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FOR MEMBERS - BY MEMBERS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This Thursday is **St. Patrick's Day**, a celebratory occasion for all of Irish descent. Actually, the American Irish have done



such a great marketing job of getting folks out to drink green beer and eat corned beef and cabbage that it's a common phrase to hear "we're *all* Irish" for the day.

As a history buff, I could tell you all kinds of trivia about how the current day parades and celebrations that occur on just about every continent

helped spread the images we associate with March 17th, believed to be when Saint Patrick died in the mid 5th century. Yeah, a long time ago.

Instead, I was thinking about the history of the green island that reflects so much conflict and division that there are separate countries on it. If ever there was a place back in the 18th and 19th centuries that could have used some humanitarian efforts and peace-making tools that could have improved the quality of life for a whole lot of folks, Ireland would be it.

Imagine, then, what our future world could be like if there was a day where everyone could act like a Rotarian! Sure, we in Rotary are familiar with World Service Day, Polio Day and other annual nods to causes important to us. But to engrain so deeply in global culture the ethos and compassion embodied in Rotarians around the world for just a day – every day annually – think how Rotary's peace and humanitarian efforts may be boosted.

Here in Redmond, we'll hopefully never face to the same scale the challenges experienced by so many people in other corners of the globe, thanks in part for your generous and committed efforts in our club to take action where needed. There are so many countries and cultures in crisis, we have much to do in partnership with other clubs and districts, to be sure.

Just the same, as some of us get our Irish on this week, it's fun to think about the impacts of people everywhere celebrating the Rotary way and their Rotary roots, official or

not. I don't know if Paul Harris had any Irish blood in him, but it's safe to think his "Irish eyes" would surely be smiling at that thought. ~ *President Tyler*

WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

March 17th Weekly Gathering / Hybrid
Speaker – Dave Shaffer, Arc Health Justice

March 24th Weekly Gathering / Hybrid
DG Gerry Kosanovic visit

March 31st – NO MEETING
5th Thursday

April 6th, 2022 Weekly Gathering Hybrid
Monthly Business Meeting

RSVP Matters

When a group gathers during mealtime, it's important to see that the food served meets a wide variety of dietary and "taste" standards. That's a tall order, but The View at Juniper Golf Club has been doing it off and on during the pandemic with patience and willingness to adapt. Working with volunteer club members



Nicole Gee and Marv Kaplan, they continue to provide timely and tasty meals that are now served buffet style.

Now that some restrictions related to COVID requirements have eased for food establishments, the buffet line is back, with a main entrée (hot meal) and two salads to choose from, along with a "side" or two....and yes, *cookies!*

Gone is the need to respond each week with your meal of choice. Still, the club needs to know if you are going to attend in person. We know plans change, but it's really important to get as close as we can to the number of attendees estimated each Wednesday.

So please reply (no need to hit reply all) to that weekly email, same day if at all possible, to say whether you'll be there or not. It's really beneficial to all concerned!

Clifford Evelyn Inducted

The club welcomed Clifford B. Evelyn at its weekly gathering last week, with his wife Lynnelle at his side and helpful with holding his Rotary certificate, pin and other inductee “bling” that included a Rotarian at Work shirt and apron. He could have used the apron a little earlier, having helped serve teachers and student during the Teachers’ Appreciation breakfast at Step up last month.



Clifford was born and raised in Harlem, New York City by his Caribbean parents. He attended New York University where he studied Business Administration. In 1977, he enlisted in the US Navy and graduated from Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois, then spent an additional 6 years in the Naval Reserve in Los Angeles, California studying Surface Warfare Operations.

In 1985 he received an honorable discharge.

In the late 1980’s, Clifford was hired by the Clark County Washington Sheriff’s Office. Clifford held the position of Correctional Deputy, and then advanced through the ranks to Sergeant, Lieutenant and finally Commander. He represented the Sheriff’s Office on the Mental Health Committee, Sheriff’s Office Safety Committee, and the Sheriff’s Office Diversity Committee. Clifford received numerous “Personal Best Awards” from Clark County and was also awarded the first ever Cultural Diversity Award from the Sheriff’s Office and Clark County Commissioners for ensuring a strong workforce in the Sheriff’s Office and the County.

In 2016, Clifford and Lynnelle decided to move to Redmond, Oregon where Lynnelle’s mother has lived for thirty years. Clifford was asked to be the Executive Board President for New Priorities Family Services, a (501) C3 non-profit counseling service located here in Redmond, Oregon. Last year, Clifford ran for and was elected to the Redmond City Council. *“Welcome to the club, Clifford !!”*

Save these Dates

March 24, 2022 – DG Gerry Kosanovic visit

April 1, 2022 Fireside/Social at High Desert Music Hall

April 28 - 30, 2022 D5110 Celebration (Corvallis)

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

May 21, 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance, Ridgeview HS

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

All in the Family

At last week’s meeting, member Spike Biggers presented two Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) awards. The awards were related, as were the recipients. First, guest Jacque Henry was presented a certificate and pin for a PHF donation made in his name by Keever, his younger brother. Jacque shared with the group his own connections to Rotary as a former scholarship recipient in Kelso, WA that enabled him to eventually pursue dentistry. He now practices in a clinic that serves individuals who typically aren’t able to afford dental care.



iPast President Keever was then presented with a PHF+2 pin, signifying having received 3,000 Recognition Points to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Keever reflected on how he benefited from having an older brother like Jacque to look up to as he was growing up. He then urged club members to consciously recognize in our own lives the role models who helped shape our lives, and to remember that we can and do serve as role models ourselves.

Anyone can be named a PHF recipient, including non-Rotarians. As Keever demonstrated in his gesture of naming Jacque, it’s a great way to honor individuals important to the donating Rotarian. Club members may earn points toward the \$1000 contributions in a number of ways, including automatic payments of various frequencies. Go to MyRotary for specifics, or talk with Rocky Johnson or Spike Biggers about how the club supports members in giving to TRF.

Membership Committee Sees Progress

The committee convened its monthly meeting last week with two new members signed on. Chair Marv Kaplan welcomed Janice Burges and Joe Rygg to the group.

The committee is charged with member growth and retention. Growth has more than kept up throughout the past couple of years, and Marv noted our current membership number is in range of the 75-member mark, a goal set four years ago during a visioning/strategic planning session. Given the pandemic impacts, this is a notable achievement that reflects Redmond’s overall population increases as well as the club’s welcoming and participatory reputation.

Retention was discussed, with committee members agreeing this was a good time to reach out to members who may not have attended in recent months in part due to the lack of in-person meetings. (continued next page)

Membership Committee continued

While members may not attend weekly gatherings for a variety of reasons, touching base with those who have been absent gives the group a chance to make sure the club is doing all it can to support its members.

For benefit of newer committee members, Marv outlined some of the ways Redmond Rotary offers support to members who may have challenging circumstances. A small assistance fund is available for members facing short-term economic hardships that can be used to offset dues.

Following the recent announcement about the club's board of directors reducing our first quarter dues by \$50, the committee suggested offering members the option of giving back by opting out of the decrease, with the \$50 being added to the assistance fund. The recommendation was refined to add a third option of donating to the Rotary Foundation's Ukrainian relief efforts through its Disaster Relief Fund.

Any member who would like to offer their \$50 decrease in quarterly dues may send Marv an email no later than April 1st indicating whether they would like the money to go to Rotary International's relief fund or to the club's assistance fund. Rotary Foundation funds are tax deductible, while the club's assistance fund is not. All members who don't respond will be credited the \$50 as authorized by the board.

Ukraine Support Update

Treasurer Marv Kaplan reported that \$1450 has been donated by individual members through quarterly dues billing. Rotarians who donated through this option will receive a confirmation receipt by email or mail when posted to their Rotary Foundation (TRF) account within the next few weeks.



All member donations to the Disaster Relief Funds, whether directly or through club billings, count toward all TRF recognition programs, such as EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year), Paul

Harris Society and major contributor status. They are tax deductible, and Rotarians receive an electronic or paper receipt, depending on your account's preference settings.

Members who have donated directly or wish to donate now to the relief funds in support of the Ukrainian crisis may do so [here](#). You may be prompted to sign into your MyRotary account, which will provide your member number and information needed to process the contribution.

(Another option for donating is outlined in the Membership Committee update article above.)

DDD Update

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21st, and prepare to step up to the plate and roll up your sleeves to help stage the club's popular fundraiser event, the Daddy Daughter Dance (DDD). The event, typically held in February, is coming together in May after the 2021 event was cancelled due to the pandemic.



Co-chairs Shelby Bishop and Keever Henry are leading efforts to get the committee organized. Judy Corwin has offered her

help with using the tool Constant Contact. There will be a need for more committee members, with details of the first meeting to be announced soon.

Like past years, the event will be held at Ridgeview High School from 6 PM to 9 PM, with traditional activities of horse-drawn carriage rides, photos, games, crafts, dancing, food and entertainment.

This year's entertainment line-up includes PE Joe Kosanovic (aka "Magic Joe") table magic, and his identical triplet brother DG Gerry Kosanovic (aka Dr. Guzzi) doing honors as the DJ.

It's sure to be a fun time for everyone attending, including all club volunteers needed for set-up and serving food, etc. If you've never been part of this effort, you're in for a treat. The school commons area is transformed into a prom-like setting, with the kitchen geared for issuing lemonade, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream, veggies and other treats. Separate stations are set up for the chocolate fountain and popcorn. So there will be plenty of opportunity for some hands-on shifts during the evening.

Ticket sales will begin in April, and will remain at the \$45 price for a dad (or grandfather, guardian or escort of choice) and daughter. An additional \$20 gets a father the bargain of taking two lovely girls on the "town" for a night of dancing and celebration. This is an event where all members are needed for check-in, clean-up and everything in between.

Contact Shelby (shelby@mortgagecouch.com) or Keever (keever.henry@gmail.com) right away if you are interested in being on the committee.

A yellow banner for a Rotary event. On the left is a logo with a globe and the text "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES" and "STEP UP TO THE PLATE". In the center is a white flag with the Rotary logo and "Rotary District 5110". On the right, text reads: "SIGNUP NOW", "Golf - Street Party", "Dinner Celebration", "APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 2022", "CELEBRATION CONFERENCE + Annual Club Assembly", and "Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon".

Feedback - Fed Back



A couple of months ago, we asked for members to offer suggestions on the newsletter, such as desired topics, features, frequency, etc. Thanks to all who

took the time to share your thoughts, almost all of which were simply positive reinforcement for past editions.

Most appreciated were a couple of suggestions for additional information to cover. One member asked about providing member business events info, such as ribbon cuttings, on the horizon. Another suggested birthday/anniversary listings.

Both suggestions are worthy and doable. Remember that our newsletter tag line is "By Members For Members". Emphasis on the "By". That means it is up to each of us to contribute to the content, including submitting information. For example, a quick look at DACdb and our membership directory shows that not all members participate in sharing certain days like anniversaries or birthdays. While we wouldn't share the year for either of those examples, we would hate to have someone's special day pass by without acknowledgement. But that will happen, intentionally (by the member) or otherwise (by the editor).

The deal is, of course, that available space varies, and the publishing schedule is somewhat fluid. So the earlier members submit information for consideration, the better the chance it will be included and accurate.

On that note, send your entries to me at bluhummer75@gmail.com, and we will help you celebrate!

Survey Says

That headline really needs a voice-over by Richard Dawson to make it work. Nevertheless, a survey is on its way to club members in the near future, and our incoming president would like each of us to respond.



He shared the survey questions, format and process with membership committee members last week, with a request to review the format and questions

before sending it out. It's short (not more than 10 questions), and has options for comments in addition to the always-included check boxes.

Why bother our club members with a survey? After all, we seem to be on a pretty good success track. So what would be the incentive for members to complete a survey, especially given the relative transparency and access to club leaders?

Anyone with a head for business knows you don't ever want to learn too late that customers think you're headed in the wrong direction, or would like some minor course corrections. Providing opportunities for formal feedback can effectively assure whoever is steering the club that members take their role seriously in setting the course. A survey can be one part of the checklist for knowing what direction the club wants to head, and how it wants to get there.

The power of our club lies in our members. By asking all members for feedback, we are demonstrating our openness to change and empowering every Rotary Club of Redmond member to help craft an ideal club experience. The survey will obtain important member feedback about our club. We'll use the information to make a plan to ensure that all members are enjoying their Rotary club experience.

So look for your opportunity to complete the survey, which should be out in the next few weeks.

WHO SAID THAT ?

- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!
- When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment; now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!
- The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to nonsense that needs work.
- The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please, after a request to send money. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
- I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my children took it!
- Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

