



REDMOND BEST MEDIUM CLUB IN DISTRICT 5110

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Redmond fared well at the District Conference held in Corvallis, for which I am grateful to all our members who comprise the Best Medium-Sized Club in District 5110. Let's hear it for the Rotary Club of Redmond!!



I ask myself, what does that mean to us, besides bragging rights? Sure, it's always great to be recognized for hard work, and this club has done that. As President, I know my job is far easier than in some clubs where there is little participation beyond a handful of industrious leaders. That's not Redmond. A little bragging about that is

a good thing in my book.

Recognition often feeds on itself, and it will be fun to see the new banner advertising to our members and guests that we did some good stuff. That, in turn, can attract new members or motivate existing members to remain active. Who doesn't like to feel good about the work you do? So the marketing benefits are valuable, to be sure.



What I'm really interested in, however, is how our club responds to the accolades over the coming years. Momentum is a magical power, and we've been on a positive trajectory for a few years now. Heck, even the pandemic couldn't keep us down. Growth in membership, strong support from sponsors and customers for our fundraisers, generous contributions to the Rotary Foundation all indicate that upward spiral.

Yessirree, I think our club mojo is strong. While challenges will continue to come along, I'm confident we will find solutions. Our strength is in each of us as members, willing to serve and ready for action. And that's why we'll be the best club, regardless of external recognition, for years to come.

That's the thing about being a Rotarian. Our work is never done, but that's why we're here. To serve others.

Thanks for your dedication, and for all your ongoing individual efforts that fed this latest group recognition!

~ President Tyler

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 12th, 2022 Weekly Gathering Hybrid

Speaker: Devin Lewis, Redmond Police Chief

May 19th, 2022 Weekly Gathering Hybrid

Speaker: Jim Lussier, Rotary/PETS (PE Training Seminar)

May 26th, 2022 Weekly Gathering Hybrid

Speaker: Tim Trainor, Redmond Spokesman

June 2nd, 2022 Weekly Gathering Hybrid

Speaker: Tony DeBone, Deschutes County Commissioner

Cut the Ribbon

Where will you be on June 3rd somewhere between 4 and 7 PM? Club members Shelby Bishop (President Nominee) and Matt Couch hope you'll be at the official opening celebration for the Spokesman Suites. All are invited to the ribbon cutting and open house, complete with food and beverages provided by Spokesman Suites...and a ribbon and scissors provided by the Redmond Chamber of Commerce.



Once known as the newspaper office, the home of the "oldest continuously operated business" in Redmond has been transformed into a modern set of executive spaces that offers centralized business services, like conference room, reception and voicemail services. There is a virtual tour available on their [website](#), along with more details on services offered.

Or, Shelby invites everyone to attend the open house and see the rich detailing in person, including the *live edge Myrtlewood reception desk* just waiting to greet folks to 226 NW 6th Street. **Be there!**



BE AWESOME TODAY

Redmond HS Tour

Dr. Audrey Haugan led last week's Rotarians gathered at Redmond High School for our weekly meeting on a tour of the school's CTE (Career Technical Education) programs. Members witnessed bow-making in the AG section (ribbon bows, no arrows required) as students prepared for Mother's Day flower and prom corsage sales. Then Principal Haugan helped the group lace its way to the metal fabrication area where a group of welding students educated attendees on different types of welding and how they are applying their skills. Then off to the automotive and woodworking shops (separate sections), where more students offered insights into what they learned and how each plans to use the skills developed. Last but not least was the Yearbook room, where a team was hard at work on this year's version of Panther history. Click—> [VIDEO TOUR](#)

It was a whirlwind tour, but full of newly gained appreciation for and understanding of the student experiences for the hands-on learning opportunities. Instructors and their charges were universally excited about the chances given through these programs by learning how to make and fix things, how to work with others in making and fixing things, and in some cases, how they will apply what they've learned once they leave RHS and have to fix their own things....like cars, or uncooperative Christmas bows.

The walking tour went fast once the Cibelli's pizza and Caesar salad were devoured by club members. Thanks to Keever and Nicole and everyone who helped make the on-the-move lunch go smoothly. The sentiment of the group seemed to be, "Let's do that again!"



BERRY TIME

The posters are up and sales are off to a F.A.S.T. start, thanks to a timely article and plug in a 24-page supplement and news publication by Stroke Awareness Oregon (SAO), this year's proceeds recipient. Even before the official May 5th kick-off, Treasurer Marv reported receiving berry orders after SAO's newsletter hit inboxes throughout our region.

In case you didn't read a copy of the newsletter page shared by Joe via email earlier this week, a companion article outlined our own club members' experience in how stroke awareness training paid off big dividends for Louise and Marv Kaplan.

In short, the two of them had just completed training offered through SAO when Louise experienced symptoms that caught Marv's eye. Following the F.A.S.T. guidance, he evaluated changes to her **F**ace, **A**rms, **S**peech, and acted



quickly, **T**ime. While Louise spent months recovering from effects caused by a fall and resulting brain bleed, her recovery was speedy and seemingly complete.

Member Lawnae Hunter, Co-Founder and Treasurer for SAO, provided much-needed support to Marv and Louise during their ordeal. She is a severe stroke survivor herself, so she knows firsthand and statistically what a difference rapid response can make in giving a person their best chance at full recovery.

People often feel helpless after hearing of tragic outcomes related to life-threatening events, even if they don't know the individuals involved. As people of action, Redmond Rotarians can make a big difference by selling berries!! With the funds received from sales, SAO can boost its outreach that we know can directly reduce the number of individuals in our community who don't know what to look for or how to help someone experiencing stroke symptoms.



The registration is up on our website. Strawberries will be ready around the middle of June, with blueberries and marionberries ripe for harvest about a month later in July. Till the precise cut-off is made for orders, members can help sales by liking and sharing our club's website link through your own social media. Posters and word of mouth (emails) to circles of friends

and social groups all help get the word out.

Don't forget to order a bag or two for yourselves, as these are the **BEST** berries you'll find that come already frozen, packaged and delivered from the valley.

Wine Tasting Tips

With the Sips for Soles fundraiser almost in the bag (or bottle), here are a few pointers for those of you who may be sampling wines Thursday night or beyond.

Cleansing a palate requires almost no effort, but a little planning is good. For wine tasting, look for bland, low-salt crackers. Hey! That must be what those tasteless circles are for. Plain soft bread cubes offer less crunch, and can be small enough to avoid the big cracker commitment if you're watching carbs. Or tasting lots of wines.

Depending on what nibbles are offered, mild flavored cheeses and barely seasoned proteins can also help transition from one taste to another. When mixing among reds, whites and bubbly during a single event, throwing in some bite-sized fruits can help cleanse or even enhance the experience. Those strawberries are famous for what they do for champagne.

A favorite pairing for sampling reds, especially full-bodied varieties, is dark chocolate. Now we're talking!! Tasting modest amounts (*su-u-u-re*) of really good, 85% cacao chocolate needs no excuse, but since we're talking about wine tasting? That's a mic drop moment. *Cheers!!*

Ryan McNulty Featured Profile

At first, it may seem that Ryan McNulty is kind of quiet, content to go about his work – including club stuff – with little fanfare. If you get the impression that being quiet equates to low impact....think again. There's a lot going on in Ryan's world, and his contributions to Redmond business and our club speaks loud and clear. Add to those his wife Jill Trekell's Rotary 'resume', and the ripple effects double. More on that later.



Keizer, Oregon is where Ryan grew up, and where his folks and brother still live. He graduated in 2004 from OSU (that's the home of the Beavers, lest there be confusion on the acronym) with a degree in finance and international business and some economics studies thrown in. Part of his college experience included attending a half year in Norway, where

Ryan says he enjoyed NO homework! Class scheduling and transportation logistics were other parts of the experience club members should ask him to describe.

So Ryan had already dipped his toe in business in high school by starting an online company that involved eBay-style buying and selling worldwide. Influenced in part by an uncle who had shown him the potential for turning trade deals, Ryan was learning "on the job" before the professors taught him about market systems and such. But he opted after graduation to seek more traditional employment in the finance sector, and went to work in Spokane, Washington for Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFC), an ag lending institution. Within a year, Ryan moved to the Redmond NWFC office, and would eventually manage the office while maintaining a lending portfolio focused on commercial financing for family farms and ranches stretching across the region from Madras to Christmas Valley and over to Burns.

News flash: after 17 years with NWFC, Ryan left the company last fall to focus on a business he purchased back in 2007. It's called Fin & Fire. For those familiar with fly shops in the area, the first question that may come to mind would be, "Does Ryan fly fish?" Answer: he does now.

But he didn't back in 2007 when the business opportunity came up while chatting with then owner Tyson Traeger. The Traeger family business needed Tyson elsewhere, and the deal was made.

Until last fall, Ryan was running the business on the side, relying on the management team he put in place to handle the operational aspects of the fly shop-BBQ-taphouse located now on South Hwy 97 across from the Safeway store. According to Ryan, the beer thing is simply to help lure guys into the shopping mode while there, just part of the experience. *Get it? Lure...In a fly shop....oh, never mind.* 😊 Anyway, it seems the strategy works, as Ryan has significantly grown the business over the years. The "Fin" is now one of the largest fly fishing shops on the West coast.

Another club member, Spike Biggers (also formerly with NWFC), was a natural to sponsor Ryan into the club in May 2006. No introduction was needed about Rotary, as Ryan's father was a member of the Keizer club. International exchanges were part of living in the McNulty household while growing up, and both Ryan and Jill remain active in friendship, cultural and student exchange opportunities.

In fact, travel is the family pastime. Ryan and Jill have 4-year-old daughter Emma, and they enjoy visiting Hawaii and traveling throughout the U.S. Between the two Rotarians, the countries visited so far number in the dozens and they have hosted Rotary friendship teams from the Philippines, Australia and India, to name a few.

Jill is active with her Rotary club, including district international exchange programs, and was Bend Rotary club president in 2018-19. Ryan is a past president of our club (2011-12), has served on the Desert Rose Invitational committee since the event was founded, and currently serves on the board. He served as club secretary one year, and as treasurer for a number of years.

Ryan is happy to see the club's growth, but remains conscious of the ups and downs that clubs face during lean economic times. Having been part of the surviving membership group that kept the Redmond club going with less than 20 members about a dozen years ago, Ryan is circumspect about the cycles that come and go. He may be quiet, but he sports some pretty savvy vision about the world he likes to navigate, often while traveling a Rotary-lit path.

District Grant Match Increases

A D5110 grants workshop last month held several small changes for club members who are tasked with submitting formal requests for matching funds. But the big news to this treasurer-elect was the district's decision to increase the match ratio from 1:1 to 1:1.5.

Wow! This means that our club can request \$3000 toward a project that requires just \$2000 in club funds, instantly boosting our total project costs to \$5000.

Treasurer Marv has reported in the past about some of the other changes, such as requiring separate bank accounts for all district grant activities, something he has already set up. Minor deadline changes include moving up the final report due date from December 31 to December 1 to avoid holiday conflicts.

Our board of directors at its May 3rd meeting approved the club's projects for submission to the district for matching funds. The top priority grants will go toward Operation Warm and the Gift of Literacy. All grant applications must be received by D5110 by June 1st in order to be considered.



District
Grants

Growing Leaders

Leadership Redmond is a Redmond Chamber of Commerce training series geared toward exposing participants to our community's leaders, the organizations and connections that make up the area's array of services in the Redmond area and central Oregon region. The idea is to spark interest for individuals of ways to contribute in formal and informal ways by serving on boards and providing hands-on leadership to keep Redmond "humming".

While the pandemic created a bit of backlog in cohort activities, there were three of our own club members among the "Class of 2020-2021-2022" participants as reported in the Chamber's latest monthly news publication.



Louise Kaplan - John Nielsen and Jake Waardenberg have completed all but the final project reports that mark the end of their tasks, something that will happen as part of the graduation ceremony May 19th at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.

Our club has enjoyed hearing about and supporting (through individual sales) the byproduct of one of the group's projects, which was a fundraiser for new kennels to be constructed at the Brightside Animal Shelter here in Redmond. In partnership with Cascades Brewing, the group helped raise over \$13,000 through the sale of a special IPA dubbed "Pawsitive IPA". Another project involved class participants helping prepare a hot meal for Ronald McDonald House in Bend through a program appropriately named Meals from the Heart.

While all three Rotarians were already making substantive contributions to Redmond individually and through the club, it's safe to say each one of them gained new contacts and insights that will enrich our club and community for years to come. Kudos to our three latest members to achieve official grad status on May 19th!

We Knew That

But it's nice to get recognition sometimes, and this was certainly the case when our club was named **BEST MEDIUM-SIZED CLUB** in D5110 for the second time in the past three years. (see crystal recognition award on page 1)

How does a club top that nod to excellence? Service clubs events, fundraising and average member contributions are certainly part of it. By also having our President-Elect-Publisher-and-Chief-Magician **Joe Kosanovic** named as **Outstanding District Volunteer** for his work on D5110 videos, posters, logos, program and overall efforts in helping

the District Public Image Committee prepare for the conference in Corvallis. Maybe it was dunking his District Governor Gerry Kosanovic in the dunking for dollars tank that sealed his award. (See **Joe's Conference VIDEO**)

Yet another club production was awarded our club in the **Best Newsletter** category! While this Editor, **Becky Lu Hummer** was given credit, you can be sure Publisher Joe's handiwork and the fact that our club has so many great things going on to write about that really put us up over the friendly competition.



A well-deserved honor went to **Judy Corwin**, acknowledging her leadership and hard work as the District's Public Image chair, which included creating and delivering education content for PETS and conferences in addition to managing the website and electronic communications. This is Judy's final year as chair, and she will no doubt be missed in that role.

Kudos to all who participated in the achievements and recognitions for this year's awards!

Save the Dates

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

May 21, 2022 - Daddy Daughter Dance, Ridgeview HS

May 22, 2022 - Rotary Fields/David M Jaqua Sports Complex Ribbon Cutting

June 3, 2022 - Ribbon Cutting at Spokesman Suites

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

June 17, 2022 - Desert Rose Invitational, Juniper

June 18, 2022 - Rotary Year-End Picnic/BBQ

NEXT SATURDAY !!!

ORDER YOUR BERRIES ?

Rotary Club of Redmond Presents
Daddy Daughter Dance
2022
Diamonds and DENIM
Girls & their Fathers
Grades K to 9
Tickets \$45 per couple
Saturday, May 21 - 6 to 9 PM - Ridgeview High School
For tickets - Go to our website or scan ->
www.redmondoregonrotary.org

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