



# TRUE HAPPINESS IS WHEN WE HELP OTHERS

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Joe Kosanovic

Last weekend I was in Bend attending the Rotary Leadership Institute. Here are a couple of observations. First, I was curious why the RLI logo did not feature a Rotary symbol. (See the RLI article page 3) I was surprised to learn that the Rotary Leadership Institute is a recommended program, but not an official program of Rotary International. Established in 1992, RLI has become a worldwide organization with divisions in every Continent of the world. While it is an unofficial program of Rotary International, it has substantial support of a number of past Rotary International Presidents, as well as current, past and incoming RI Directors. I learned why.

Their website states that the overriding goal of the RLI courses is to create enthusiasm for Rotary by opening up a world of Rotary outside our local club and to show attendees the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs. I labeled my weekend "A deep dive into everything Rotary". RLI goal accomplished.

As a former educator, I was impressed with the organization, the instructors, and the content curriculum. It was an enjoyable two days filled with interactive activities. All of the information presented increased my internal Rotary database. I highly recommend the course for anyone considering any leadership position in our club, but especially for any future President. (By the way, as you know, we sorely need a President Nominee)

A side benefit was meeting other committed Rotarians from other clubs in our district. It's the main reason why I enjoyed the Rotary International Convention in Houston last year. Rotarians enjoy a camaraderie because we have common ground, common purpose. That's why Rotarians are fun people to hang around with. Magical.

**"Leadership & Learning are Indispensable to Each Other."**

- John F. Kennedy.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

**March 31, 2023 - 5th Thursday Social Hour @4:30**

Testimony Wine Bar in the Sanctuary Event Center

**April 4, 2023 - 5:30 Club Board Meeting**

Patricks Corner Conference Room

**April 6, 2023 - Business Meeting**

**April 13, 2023 - Weekly Club Meeting**

District 5110 Governor Aimee Walsh club visit

**April 20, 2023 - Weekly Club Meeting**

Speakers: Abigail Gustke and Louise Shirley  
High Desert Farm and Food Alliance

**April 27, 2023 - Weekly Club Meeting**

Speaker: Chad Centola - Director  
Deschutes County Solid Waste

## OTHER DATES

April 6, 2023 - Club Board Meeting

April 14, 2023 - Redmond Rotary Day

## REDMOND RUN IS JUNE 17

By Tim Trainor

The Redmond Run is set to race back into town on June 17 and Rotary members are asked to help volunteer to staff an aid station.

Redmond Rotary is the main beneficiary of money raised at the event. As part of the beneficiary agreement, our club will need to recruit volunteers for the water/aid stations.

There is a 5k, 10 and half marathon distance run. The half marathon starts at 9 a .m., 10K at 9:15 a.m. and 5K at 9:30 a.m. The run will start in downtown Redmond (exact location TBD) and will finish at Centennial Park.

The likely commitment for Rotary members is from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 17. Folks who volunteer will hand out water, restock electrolytes, cheer, encourage and have fun.

The water/aid stations are fully stocked by the marathon itself, as are tables and chairs. The only thing we need are volunteers. "Rotarian At Work" t-shirts are encouraged for this event!



## Instant Bar Raffle

by Paul Spain

This new fund raiser for our club will benefit the Neighborhood Impact program in Deschutes County. Our club is collaborating with clubs from Bend to raise \$100,000 which will go toward the construction of a new building in Redmond.

Here's how the raffle works :

Club members agree to donate a bottle of alcohol. Rotarians can select from the list I have (by writing their name next to what they would like to contribute) or can fill in what they'd like to contribute if not on the list. So far we have 25 bottles committed and have a goal to reach 40! Raffle tickets cost \$25 each and there's a limit of just 100 tickets sold! There will also be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. First place will receive 50% of the bottles, second place will receive 30% and third place will receive 20%! So if we hit 40 bottles, the split would be: 1st: 20 bottles, 2nd:12 and third: 8. *And VIOLA! AN INSTANT BAR!*

Club members can also donate cash and to purchase alcohol to add to the total. Once we hit 100 tickets sold, we'll hold the drawing. Winners will be notified by phone/text/email. Tickets will be cash only to avoid transaction fees. I'd like to have donated bottles by April 1 for those already signed up. However we will continue to take bottle and money donations until we sell 100 tickets!

So that's it! Thanks to all the club members who are pitching in to make this happen!



As early as 1916, large outbreaks of poliomyelitis periodically swept through American cities and towns, crippling and killing thousands. Most years saw smaller summer outbreaks that would pretty much stop with the cold weather. The victims were mainly children, but not always.

Polio is an infectious viral disease that enters through the mouth or nose, then travels to the spinal cord. There it attacks nerves that control muscle activity, causing temporary or permanent paralysis. Usually polio affects leg, arm, stomach and back muscles. But if it paralyzes chest muscles needed for breathing, it can be fatal, though iron lungs helped. There was no cure for polio, but most people did recover with at least partial return of mobility.

In June 1944, polio swept across North Carolina's western Piedmont region, centering around Catawba County. At the time, it was thought that flies were transmitting the disease; but later it was determined that the virus was spread by the myriad of small streams throughout the region into which outhouses often emptied traces of feces holding the virus from already infected people. These streams fed people's wells, and children often played in the streams throughout the summer.

Hickory responded by turning a local camp into an extensive emergency hospital almost overnight. The first patients were admitted within 54 hours, the feat that became known as "The Miracle of Hickory." Patients from all over North Carolina and some neighboring states came to the Hickory hospital.

The Hickory Emergency Infantile Paralysis Hospital was in operation for nine months, until March 5, 1945, giving other locations time to construct more permanent facilities. During its existence, the Hickory hospital evaluated 663 patients, of whom 528 were diagnosed with polio and 454 were admitted. It is notable that in a time of closely observed racial segregation, 55 African American children were evaluated and some of them were admitted to unsegregated wards."

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## Rotary and Hickory Fight Polio

By Tim Trainor



Redmond Rotarian Kathryn Osborne took a trip to Hickory and met with the Rotary Club in that iconic North Carolina town. Hickory and Rotary have a tight connection to the fight against polio.

Here's the story of Hickory:

"In June 1944, the citizens of Hickory built a hospital in 54 hours to save their children from the worst polio outbreak

that had ever hit the United States. Looking back now, even knowing the results – 13 wards erected, doctors and nurses flocking in by the dozens, hundreds of patients treated and released, with only 12 deaths, one of the country's lowest-ever rates for polio – the enormity of the undertaking still bewilders.

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## GIFT OF LITERACY

By Marv Kaplan

**Project Works Up a Party.** Four years and counting. On Saturday, March 18, 31 Redmond Rotarians spent 1-1/2 hours putting together 569 books for every 1st grader from Terrebonne to Tumalo. WOW!

Included were the Redmond School District, Central Christian School and St. Thomas Academy. The latter two were added for the first time this year. (See next page)



## GIFT OF LITERACY continued

We do open this project with a few residents at The Falls who help us. We do this in order to access the facilities and we are not charged.

There were 9 teams of three individuals who worked on one class at a time. Each team picked up a packet for one of the 29 classes. They were responsible for taking each child's book choice and adding a personalized name plate inside the book. "For most children, this will be their first book that is theirs. They then take pride in ownership," explained Rotarian Marv Kaplan.

The book is then put into a backpack with the child's name located on the exterior. Each class is then boxed up with all the children's backpacks included. All the class books will be delivered to all classes the first week in April, after spring break. This project now approaches \$9,000 when everything is added up.

Rotary is fortunate to have 2 sponsors, SELCO Community Credit Union and Hayden Homes who cover two-thirds of our cost. This is one of the top 2 projects that Redmond Rotary does each year.

Here's our Video Documentary - [LITERACY VIDEO](#)

## Rotary Foundation

### Update by Rocky Johnson

Background:

- RI Foundation was founded over 100 years ago
- The foundation has provided over \$4 billion in life changing, sustainable projects throughout the world.

The impact of one donation to RI Foundation can mean

- For as little as 60 cents a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Individual participation:

- Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) – 1000 points accumulated over time (combination of dollars and points)
- Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - \$25 annual contribution from each Rotarian with a club average of \$100 or more.

How?

- Contact Spike Biggers and make a check payable to 'The Rotary Foundation'.

Currently Redmond Rotary has 38 Paul Harris Fellows.

The newest first-time PHFs since July 1, 2022 are:

Diana Barker - Cat Zwicker - John Nielsen



## Redmond Rotarians graduate from RLI

By Judy Corwin



Three Rotarians from Redmond Rotary graduated from the **Rotary Leadership Institute** held March 18-19 on the OSU Cascades campus.

Pictured with DG Aimee Walsh; President Joe Kosanovic, President-Elect Janice Burges, and Assistant Governor-Elect Keever Henry. The two-day event featured learning about Leadership, Teamwork, The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Becoming a Vibrant Club, Grants, Public Image and Brand, Vocational Service, and Youth Service.



"I really enjoyed this training! I had more fun and got lots out of the training as I prepare for my Presidency year," said Janice Burges. Instructors included PDGs Gerry Kosanovic and Cindy O'Neil, DG Aimee Walsh, Membership Chair Chris Waugh, Redmond Rotarian Judy Corwin, Sisters Rotarian Mike Corwin, and Rotaractor Zoe Hershenson. Approximately 20 Rotarians from District 5110 attended.

## Children who need beds

By Judy Corwin

"No kids sleep on the floor in our town," said Joe Myers, from the Rotary Club in Bend. Myers represents an organization called **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** when he invites all Rotarians to the Deschutes Fairground on April 1, 2023, to help build 100 beds for kids in the community.



The need is great. Sleep in Heavenly Peace has projections for more than 500 beds in 2023-24. Approximately 3 percent of the population represent children who sleep on the floor in our community. Each bed costs \$250 in materials to make. Insufficient sleep means not getting enough sleep at night, which can cause several problems including decreased brain development, learning problems, more frequent negative emotions and be a contributing factor to other health issues. Anyone interested in helping can sign up for any Sleep in Heavenly Peace Event at this link: <http://bit.ly/shpeven>. Rotarians who attend should wear their "Rotarian at Work" shirt. How to assemble a SHP bed [VIDEO](#)

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