

# JUNE 17th - END OF THE ROTARY YEAR PARTY

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is my final newsletter message as President of the Rotary Club of Redmond. Janice Burges will begin her 2023-24 leadership term next month on July 1 when the next month's newsletter issue of the 4-Way Flyer will publish.

Joe Kosanovic I would like to begin by saying that it has been a great privilege for me to have been given the opportunity to serve this wonderful club. Looking back over the past 11 months, it has been an exceptionally busy year. Indeed, for me, personally, it has been a most eventful period throughout, at times challenging, but on the whole a most rewarding experience. It is not my intention to list out all that we have accomplished. But rather, I would like to take this opportunity to offer a brief comment on how our club has fared this Rotary year..

What comes to mind, first and foremost, is the strong and active engagement of our membership in advancing the spirit of Rotary in the Redmond community. Recognition as "Best Medium Club" in Rotary District 5110 serves as a tribute to the entire club membership, while calling attention to our enthusiastic volunteer efforts.

Let me conclude on a note of thanks. My sincere thanks to those members for serving on our Board. Thank you to all members who stepped-up-to-the-plate to serve in club leadership positions. Thanks to each and every one of you for your generosity and abiding friendship.

Finally, thank you for the opportunity to serve a club that deserves to grow and prosper, and will grow and prosper with your continued participation.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Thursday - June 1 - Club Meeting**

Kun-Wei Lei (Ivan) Rotary Exchange Student

**Thursday - June 8 - Club Meeting**

Business Meeting - Vote Slate for Charitable Corp.

**Thursday - June 15 - Club Meeting**

Jenn Donahue - Leadership Keynote Speaker

**Thursday - June 22 - Club Meeting**

Dr. Laurie Chesley - COCC President

Amy Ward - Redmond COCC Director

**Thursday - June 29 - No Meeting (5th Thursday)**

## OTHER DATES

**Tuesday - June 6 - 5:30 Board Meeting**

**Saturday - June 17 - Redmond Run**

**Saturday - June 17 - Rotary End of Year Party**

Eagle Crest @ The Falls Clubhouse

## INSTANT BAR RAFFLE DRAWING

The Instant Bar Raffle, a new fundraiser for Redmond Rotary, will be held June 1, 2023. Paul Spain has collected 44 bottles and cash donations to raise funds for the Neighborhood Impact program in Deschutes County. A



collaborative effort with Central Oregon Rotary Clubs to raise funds to support construction of a new building in Redmond.

There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes: First place wins 50 percent of the top shelf bottles, second place receives 30 percent, and third place receives 20 percent. Thanks to all the club members who are pitching in to make this happen! Cheers to the winners and Paul for his public-spiritedness.

Time for FAMILY.  
Time for WORK.  
Time for COMMUNITY.

Time to make  
**A DIFFERENCE.**



Time  Rotary

## NEW MEMBERS 2-B INDUCTED 6/8

**Randy Graves** – Randy was born in Albany, Oregon, and attended and graduated from Oregon State University. He and his wife, Vicki, have 4 grown children, 10 grandchildren

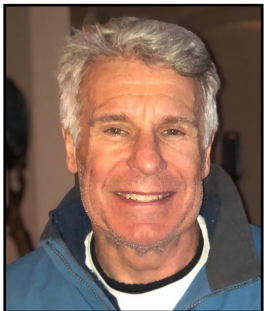


and will celebrate their 40th anniversary this December. Together, the Graves have spent more than 40 years working with nonprofits as a Development Director with Boys and Girls Clubs of America, King's Way Christian School in Vancouver, Wash. and The Giving Closet. Currently Randy is the Community Relations

Coordinator for Redmond's Brookside Place Assisted Living. In 1984, the Graves traveled to Central Oregon and toured Eagle Crest, which offered a single condo and a sales trailer. After attending the sales presentation, my wife and I agreed that "it would be a great place to retire, someday." Two years ago, Vicki took early retirement, the Graves sold their home in Vancouver and made the move. "We love Redmond and can't wait to be more involved." *Terrific!*

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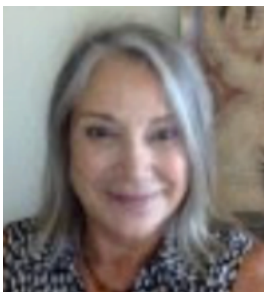
**Gordon and Debra Sepich** -- Husband and wife Rotarians transferring membership from Omaha, Nebraska.



Gordon is a native Oregonian, from Portland, Gordon is retired from the Semiconductor Industry where he spent 40+ years, after serving 4 years in the Navy stationed at Pearl Harbor. He continues to do consulting work in the semiconductor industry. Gordon coached youth CYO basketball for 11 years and thanks to his players'

talents finished with winning records and many championships.

Deb Sepich is an Oregon Native, grew up in Aloha, Oregon, went to University of Oregon, worked at Tektronix, meeting



Gordon there, had two children and the rest is a tangled history. In 1991, Deb started Dolphin Software with two friends and was responsible for strategy and execution of production, programming and customer service. In 2005 after completing her MBA. Deb transitioned to working on non-profit boards and

also teaching at George Fox University. Debra accepted a position as the developer/director of an Executive MBA program and Part Time MBA. She held this position for 5

years (2005-2010) when stepping down to take a full time teaching role and complete her doctorate. Finishing her doctorate at Creighton in Interdisciplinary Leadership in April 2014 and after spending another year teaching, she took a position as first ever Dean of the Vucurevich School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. Deb also continues to teach courses in marketing, leadership, healthcare and non-profit management, entrepreneurial teams, business model development and entrepreneurial finance. She is employed as a Director at Colorado State Global University.

"We travel as often as we can to as many places that will have us." Married for 38 years, the Sepich couple have lived in Omaha, Neb., Sioux Falls, SD, and now Redmond. They have spent time teaching skiers at Mt. Crescent (Iowa) and Mt. Bachelor on how to make to make pizza and French fries. "I'm happy to be a Rotarian and serve the community with all of you," said Gordon. Deb states her reason for joining Redmond Rotary was the energy, diversity, and club growth. *Welcome Deb and Gordon*

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**Debra Simonson** – Deb grew up and was married in Ventura



County, Calif., then moved to Humboldt County, CA; Boulder, CO; and eventually Bend in 1994 as her husband earned new job opportunities. Deb began her real estate career in Bend where she was a broker, officer manager and transaction coordinator for various real estate teams. She help fundraise and develop Bend's Ponderosa Skate Park, which is still in use. After a short

stint as a CNA for a national Home Care Agency in Kailua Kona, Hawaii, Deb and her husband moved back to Bend, took a lifetime adventure touring the U.S. in their RV and then experienced the sad passing of her husband in 2021.

Deb returned to Central Oregon to be close to her family and moved to Redmond, where she is busy running, swimming, hiking, traveling, sewing and spending time with family and wonderful friends. Her travels continue, including trips to Hawaii, Portugal, Spain, France and Italy. She's walked the last 100k of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain and hopes to walk another section of the pilgrimage in the future. Deb was introduced to Rotary by her late husband.

Today, she volunteers with Community Solutions as a mediator at the Redmond Justice Court and makes baby quilts which are donated to various organizations. "I look forward to becoming a member of the Redmond Rotary Club and am excited to work with and get to know the other members of the club," said Deb. *We welcome Debra*

## Redmond Run 6/17

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 starts 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!

## MAJOR GIFT AWARD



Craig and Irene Brooks received a Major Gift award for achieving accumulative contributions to the Rotary International Foundation in excess of \$10,000. Thanks to Craig and Irene for making a difference to lives locally and throughout the world with this achievement. Craig joins six Redmond Rotarians who have reached this milestone.

## BERRY SALES ORDERS DUE 🍓

As for berries, we have to place our tentative order for Strawberries **NOW**, BUT for Blueberries and Marionberries, June 16. **Get your berries ordered ASAP!** Expected delivery will be Mid-July, depending on the weather and what the grower will tell us!

## BLUE BADGES - Congratulations to:

Anna Contreras - Kirstin Heyday - Darla Naugher - Kari Nelson



When all the new member requirements are met, the Rotary Name **Red Badge** is replaced with a permanent Rotary **Blue Badge** indicating successful completion of the program.

Rotary Club of Redmond  
Third Annual  
*Sips for Soles*  
Virtual & In-person Wine Tasting

Fundraiser for Operation Warm

The Third Annual Sips for Soles wine tasting fundraiser was held May 31st on Zoom and in-person at Testimony Wine Bar Sanctuary Event room. James Flakey from Stoller Wines and Dave Rice presented information on the wines that were home delivered prior to the event.

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