

## President's Message



*"So, there I was minding my own business....."*

While I was considering what to say this week, I got a call from a buddy of mine. He's in the process of remodeling his house and he was having a meltdown about his paint. He's doing the painting himself and didn't like the way it was turning out. He had problems with the color. Problems with how it was going on the wall. Cutting in (brushing on) a straight line along the top of the walls wasn't straight. Etc, etc, etc.....

Let me tell you about my buddy. I worked with him for many years at the fire station and he is probably the best paramedic I've ever met. He's very smart, conscientious, empathetic, and really cares about the job he does. So I stopped by his place to see what was going on. The conversation went from, "What is wrong with this paint?" to "Did I pick the right color flooring??" He's telling me how he spent three days painting just the ceiling of the great room and how many trips to the paint store he's made. By the way, his wife is standing behind him giving me the 'he's-crazy' hand sign.

He was doing a fine job painting since I trained him how to paint 20 years ago when he worked part time for me when I had my painting company. Needless to say, I came over the next day and within two hours we had the great room painted. It looks great. He just needed a little hand holding. What I confirmed about myself is that I really like helping people and I get great satisfaction from thank you and a job well done. It dawned on me that that is what Rotary is all about and that we all do what we do for the same reasons. *Keep up the great work, Rotarians!*

President Tyler

## Save the Dates

Please put these dates in your calendars

**July 28 – August 1** – Deschutes Co Fair fundraiser

**August 6** - Desert Rose Invitational Golf Tournament

**August 19** – Metal Mulisha

**August 26** – 28 D5110 Conference Celebration 2021

## FINAL Fair Plea

It's all hands on deck for staffing the fair gates coming up in a couple of weeks. If you haven't already signed up for a stint, please do it today. We still need some evening slots filled. Contact Keever or Tyler for openings.



Did we mention the booths where sellers and takers are stationed have air conditioning? Or that the captains are available to help with tough questions, give a break, or provide general support for volunteers while on duty?

Help our club regain some of the financial power to help our community lost when the fair was canceled last year.

**Sign up now!**

## Next Club Meetings

**July 22, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting**

Speaker – Geoff Harris, Hayden Homes,  
Bridge Meadows Apartments

**July 29, 2021 NO LUNCHEON, DESCHUTES COUNTY FAIR**

**August 5, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting**

Monthly Business Meeting

**August 12, 2021 Weekly Gathering HYBRID Meeting**

Speaker – Bill Tobin, Shelter Box

## Berry Season Concludes

This Friday is the final leg of berry season for our annual fundraiser, when customers take their blueberries and marionberries home. Thanks to everyone who helped with sales, order processing and deliveries, and especially to the **Berry Man Paul Spain** for coordinating it all! Your assistance will provide services to local infants, toddlers and their families in crisis.



Plan now for next year's sales....share a berry pie with your neighbor and tell them about our contribution to Mountain Star Relief Nursery!

## Metal Mulisha Sponsorships

August 19th marks the 5th annual Wild Ride Brew MX13 Jump Show. Sponsorships are needed to help raise funds as part of this year's event.



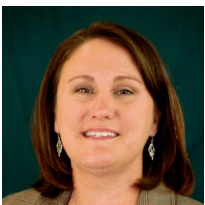
Flyers were distributed via email last week that provide details for the sponsorship levels. They range in cost from \$500 up to \$3,000. Anyone wanting to be a sponsor should contact Justin Homan at 541-815-5512 or [justin@justinhoman.com](mailto:justin@justinhoman.com).

This thrilling event is highly visible and a real crowd pleaser, as spectators witness the acrobatics and complex jumps, flips and other moves by the riders. Help make this year a success by getting the word out about sponsorship opportunities!

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## More IS Better!

Last week's business meeting was highlighted by welcoming three new inductees to the club. Each of the new members brings prior Rotary experience with them, including one who served as club president. The in-person attendees appreciated the chance to see more than a pixel version of the new members' faces (Linda was inducted virtually, so that opportunity will come another time), while ZOOM attendees were happy to be "live" for the official ceremonies, handshakes aside.



Stacie Perkins recently moved to Redmond from Northern Nevada to open a business and enjoy the quality of life that is offered in Central Oregon. Her family includes husband Gary, two sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Family hobbies are rock hounding, kayaking, camping, and floating in rivers, but Stacie's personal hobby is ballroom dancing. Stacie spent the last five years in the Rotary Club in Sparks.



Linda Levinson grew up in southern California. The first 20 years of her career were in banking, which included being hired as the first woman operations officer with her bank.

With a bug for travel, she lived in Wimbledon for a year and then spent several months living in Spain and France. She left banking upon her return to the US, where she developed an interest in mental health and

addiction services. Linda formed her own company offering EAP (employee Assistance Programs) to businesses and spoke to groups about addiction and drugs in the workplace.

She and her husband Gary moved to Redmond two years ago to be near their youngest of five children.

Linda was a member of the Palm Springs Rotary and joined the Sisters Rotary club when first arriving in central Oregon. Once aware of the Redmond club's existence, she pursued changing her membership, which was facilitated without objection.



Walter Nelson is a fifth generation Californian with an extensive background in the Food Service industry, representing industrial food manufacturers to wholesalers throughout ten western states. He became a residential real estate agent in 2005 to reduce the need for travel. At the same time, he joined the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary club in northern California, participating in many events and projects. Walter served as his Sunrise club's president in 2010. Walter and his wife have two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

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## District Celebration Speakers on Tap

If you haven't set aside time to attend this year's District Celebration (August 26-28) held right here in Redmond at the Deschutes Co Fairgrounds and Expo Center, you may miss out on a world class speaker line-up.

**Who's Steve Farber, you ask?** Founder of EXTREME LEADERSHIP, author of multiple books on leadership, a guy who has delivered hundreds of keynote presentations to audiences worldwide.

**Who's Vicki Puliz, you wonder?** Vicki will serve as RI Director from our Big West Zones 26 and 27 for the next couple of years. What's on her to-do list?

**Who's Paul Chappell, you ponder?** West Point graduate, Iraq War veteran, former Army captain. Also the founder of Peace Literacy and six books, the latest being *Soldiers of Peace*.

Isn't that enough? No, now that you mention it. On the prodigious list of speakers are notables like Rick Steves, John Bushnell, Moe Carrick, Jim Porter, Richard Groves, PDG Cindi O'Neil, and Catherine Sanderson. If you are asking yourself, "Who's that?", the list is heavy with the Who's Who of D5110 and beyond. So sign up now to attend this uplifting event. Log in to DACdb and follow the links.

## Butch Henry 4x4



Before you hear about Butch's passions, where he came from or how he got to Redmond, Oregon, you should know this about him up front: Butch thoroughly enjoys his club member role as a guy who does things like coordinate trash pick-ups

and help with berry deliveries. He has been a member of the Redmond club since 2014 and another 10 years before that in Kelso, WA.

With a lifetime of experience in competitive sports, executive boardrooms and in his own business enterprises, Butch gets more satisfaction these days from supporting those who lead our club than in serving as a formal leader.

Knowing that, you may think he's not interested in leading. You'd be wrong. Butch is a natural leader, as evidenced by his long record of running teams, projects and business efforts, and it still reflects in everything he does. He credits a coach he met in 7th grade for setting him on a path he long ago figured out could be summed up as "Plan for success, execute the plan, and celebrate the success!"

It's been a powerful mission statement for him. Inspired by Coach Bitner, Butch uses it while engaging in his passion for helping student athletes, particularly those who excel scholastically, as well, in finding their path to success.

Born and raised in a small farming community in Idaho, Butch attended Boise State University on a scholastic scholarship, where football was his game. He had already met his future wife, Jerri, and they married before he graduated over 40 years ago. They recently celebrated 40 years of marriage that included raising two sons, Jacque and Kever (iPresident Kever, as we know him). and quite a bit of globe trotting for Butch. His early career included managing heavy construction projects and serving in executive positions with companies that required him to travel all over the world.



Jerri stayed home, which was eventually located in Kelso, Washington, and developed a successful CPA business of her own. Both sons attended Western Washington University on scholastic scholarships, which led Butch to serve on an advisory board position with the school's scholarship program.

His early career plans had been to follow in Coach Bitner's footsteps and go into coaching. After hearing his future bride's opinions about frequent relocations associated with that, Butch wisely chose a different line of work.....one that had them moving frequently for the first few years! She stuck with him, however, and Butch was eventually able to make his own schedule accommodate being home when it mattered. Through the years, their mutual commitment to quality time served them well. Still does.



These days, Butch stays in Boise several months a year in his role as Security Liaison for the BSU football team, where he works advance recon during team travel, security control on the sidelines, and keeps an eye on the players in a variety of settings. It's a volunteer role that he's taken on in the past year or so (the last liaison lasted 20+ years), and it provides him the opportunity to get his mentoring fix with the student athletes he works around. He describes being the "grandfather" of the team, and the relationships he has built over time mean the world to him. Jerri regularly travels to Boise during the season, which also gives her the chance to visit family (both sets of parents live in the area).

So why doesn't Butch just live in Boise year-round? From his viewpoint, central Oregon is the best place in the world to live. They bought their Eagle Crest property in 1988, and spent weekends here for many years before leaving Kelso after Jerri sold her business, making this home fulltime. Butch continues to have his hands in managing his real estate business (Kever now serves as the Operational Manager), a one-million-dollar-a-day business he can run from anywhere. That says a lot about the quality of life the Henrys found here in Redmond.

It also allows Butch to pursue his passion for helping bright young athletes find their own ways to develop plans for success, figure out how to carry out those plans, and then celebrate a job well done when that success is achieved. He estimates he has established long-lasting relationships with more than a dozen players over time, not to mention the positive role modeling for hundreds more.

These days, Butch spends his "off-time" volunteering his time to Rotary and other (continued next page)



## Butch Henry continued

community efforts, and fun things like performing in the Klassix Ayreband (rumor has it that a Blues Brothers sketch includes club member Magic Joe). Butch also en-



joys cooking ...he says to never trust a fat carpenter or a skinny cook. To find his Memphis/Cajun BBQ ribs recipe, look in our newsletter archive for Volume #2.

All in all, it seems as though Butch is living and leaving a pretty good legacy in testament to his credo. Coach Bitner would be proud.

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## RI Leader Shares Goals



Shekhar Mehta is this year's President of Rotary International (RI), a post that by all measures requires a little bit of "extra" in the ordinary business of serving as head of the BEST global service organization in the world. As member of

the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, India, President Mehta's past accomplishments certainly reflect that higher standard of performance. Trained as an accountant who then went into real estate because he "hates accounting", Mehta has plenty of business skills to serve him well in his year of leading RI.

It's his heart, however, that he enjoys listening to the most these days, preferring conversations with people rather than reading spreadsheets or business reports. That in itself may not be surprising, but the depth and range of his goals while RI President certainly reach toward the extraordinary.

To read about him and his goals, go to MyRotary.org and search for Mehta. There, members will find links to his remarks from two presentations he made to the International Assembly in June. Each outlines his vision for our global organization this year, with an emphasis on increasing membership ('Each One, Bring One') and girl power.

Yeah, our president identified many more goals for Rotarians this year. Go check them out!

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*Publisher Notice: Computer issues delayed this edition of the newsletter. My MacBook Pro is currently in the Apple hospital. Thank you to my wife Jeanne for use of her Windows laptop.*

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## Strike Two to Go



You don't have to be a baseball fan to appreciate what it takes to be an umpire for almost 50 years. Member Judy Corwin's husband Mike was recently highlighted in an article for nearing the half-century mark doing just that.

Click—> [here](#) to find out why he started in the first place, what keeps him going, and get a chuckle or two from some of the stories he shared from his rich history as the guy calling the balls and strikes.

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## Member Speaker Explains Role



Members and guests who attended the July 1st weekly gathering were treated to hear Jessie Evans talk about her work with the Institute of Security Governance at the Department of Defense. Jessie, who grew up in Bend, described her interest in international studies early on, and how she came to do her cur-

rent job after serving with the State Department in other capacities.

Jessie emphasized to the group that her remarks were her own personal thoughts and didn't represent the federal government's specific positions on any matters. She explained her primary role as 'Advising Faculty and Program Lead' in working mostly with foreign military officials in Africa, her appointed geographical focus, where the United States has interests in fostering strategic partnerships in general. Jessie fielded questions from attendees, including what challenges she faced, if any, in being female.

Her responses focused on her personal circumstances, and how she uses her network of contacts and knowledge from past roles to strengthen relationships with all genders. Jessie mentors students interested in international studies, including periodic appearances with Bend students.

Because of opportunities to work remotely during the pandemic, Jessie and her partner Chris, also is from Bend, have been able to spend time with family the past year. She's hoping to continue finding ways to do her work from Oregon whenever possible, rather than from her Washington DC home. We are excited to have Jessie in our club, and look forward to any time she can spend with us in service and in fellowship. *Thanks to Jessie for kicking off another year of exciting presentations for our weekly gatherings!*