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Club of Medford Rogue

March 17 Communicator

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Zoom meeting link: [Click Here For Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 985 7016 4502
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Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Julie Gillis
Sergeant at Arms: Ian Foster
Greeters: Debbie Graunke
Attendance: Beth Zerkel
Technology: John VanSickle

Song for Today

"Sweet Georgia Brown"

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Thanks to Frank Pulver

This Week's Speaker:

Ian Hunt, President, SunSpear Games
Linda Schott, President, SOU
Topic: Esports - two local perspectives of a growing phenomenon

Last Week's Speaker:

March 10: Susan Hearn, Co-Executive Director for Friends of Hopeful House
Topic: Hospice-An Urban/Rural Model

Summary of last week's topic:

Peter Sage introduced Susan Hearn, Co-Executive Director for Friends of Hopeful House. Susan took a moment to thank fellow Rotarians in our zoom boxes around the virtual space for their support in creating Celia's House. Celia's house is a rural groundbreaking hospice model inspiring urban hospice. In 2016, Susan had the opportunity to talk to our club about the dream of Celia's house as now that dream is a reality and being duplicated by others across the nation. Locally we have three hospice programs including palliative care through Providence and Asante. Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice is a non-profit organization that started the grass root Celia's House operation in 2019 with a 4-phase plan. Today the Celia house is in the former Harry Holmes home of Harry and David built in 1939.

They are a 12-bed facility and provides services for about 120-150 people per year. To learn more about Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice and Celia's house [click here](#)

March 24 Speaker:

Helen Funk, Director of Jackson County Expo/Fairgrounds

Topic: "Other Duties As Assigned" -A day in the life of a fairground's manager

MARCH is MARCH MATCHNESS month:

Fellow Rotarians did you know that during March for every \$100 donated to Paul Harris or Polio Plus you will receive a two for one match towards your Paul Harris. Thus, a contribution of \$100 results in 300 points towards your Paul Harris award. (According to Rotary Foundation rules to receive match points the donation must be at least \$100.)

Additionally, for every dollar donated to Polio Plus, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will do a two for one match. So, a \$100 donation to Polio Plus will be matched with \$200 from the Gates Foundation

Don't worry if you are not able to attend a meeting just reach out to Gene Taylor at gene.Taylor@charter.net or text 541-840-6364 and ask to be invoiced. You can pay via check or credit card. Don't miss out on MARCH MATCHNESS

Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus program, By Eric Hodnett, Co-Chair – Polio Committee

District 5110 places an emphasis on Polio during the month of February. With that in mind I thought I would share some information that from a recent issue of the Rotary Magazine.

You may wonder what your donations to the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus program go toward. One-month last year the Rotary Foundation approved the following grants:

- 19,306 vehicles were hired for frontline workers in Afghanistan
- 90 million doses of oral vaccine
- 12,139 vaccinators were trained in Sudan
- 2,530 community health workers recruited in Pakistan

Remember, all donations to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus account are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A \$100 donation generates \$300 toward polio eradication.

Finally, it has been recognized how valuable the polio eradication infrastructure is for other medical responses. Currently this infrastructure is being used in many countries for their Covid-19 response. We should all be proud of that as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to Polio eradication.

Friendship Zoom Groups

The New Members Committee has created Rotary Friendship Zoom Groups (RFZGs) to enhance our social connections during the Covid restrictions. It will help us expand our Rotary friendships and be especially helpful to our newest members. Zoom Group hosts will send Zoom invitations to those who send an email of interest to join a particular host. Members are encouraged to visit any of the hosted sessions. There are no rules as to frequency, length or topics discussed. But, in general, Rotary avoids political and religious topics.

Here are our Rotary Zoom Group Hosts and their emails. Let them know if you wish to join them for a session. Emmett Armstrong, emmett@metronomeagency.com; Paul Christy, ptc97504@gmail.com; Gary Newland, gnew@charter.net; Debbie (McHargue) Graunke, dmchargue@hotmail.com; Beth Zerkel, 1bzerk@gmail.com.

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