

# Rotary



## Club of Medford Rogue

### March 24 Communicator

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### Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Linda Brown

Sergeant at Arms: Judy Basker

Greeters: Kingsley Kelley

Attendance: Beth Zerkle

Technology: John VanSickle

Song for Today  
(Will Be Forthcoming)

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### This Week's Speaker:

Helen Funk, Director of Jackson County Expo/Fairgrounds

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

### Last Week's Speaker:

#### March 17 :

Ian Hunt, President, SunSpear Games

Linda Schott, President, SOU

Topic: Esports - two local perspectives of a growing phenomenon

Susan Hearn, Co-Executive Director for Friends of Hopeful House

Topic: Hospice-An Urban/Rural Model

### Summary of last week's topic:

Steve Vincent introduced our "special agent" guest Ian Hunt founder of SunSpear Games an Esport gaming company located in Medford and with offices in the Netherlands, Chili and India. Founded in 2017 they are mostly private funded and employ about 30 people with a goal to increase their employee base to 100 over the next two years. Ian shared the myth that most video gamers are children the truth is over 65% are adults with over 50% of those being women who play social media games on mobile devices.

Dr Linda Schott, President of Southern Oregon University spoke to us on how SOU first connected with Esport games. In 2016 when the University of California at Irvine announced its new Esport program, an area and scholarship program they were officering SOU became very interested to learn if we could form our own team. There are about 500 universities and community colleges offering Esport teams. In 2020 SOU started its Eports program they were the first university on the west coast to offer an academic program minoring in an Esport Management Program and hope they will be able to give out scholarships soon. If you have questions about gaming, employment or general questions about Ian's company you can email Ian at [ihunt@sunspeargames.com](mailto:ihunt@sunspeargames.com) . If you would like more information on the Esports program at SOU you can email Jeremy Carlton at [carltonj@sou.edu](mailto:carltonj@sou.edu)

**March 31 Speaker:** Mick Zdeblick, CEO of Asante Rogue Regional.

Topic: Heimann Cancer Center

**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](mailto: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

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**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](mailto:emmett@metronomeagency.com); Paul Christy, [ptc97504@gmail.com](mailto:ptc97504@gmail.com); Gary Newland, [gdnw@charter.net](mailto:gdnw@charter.net); Debbie (McHargue) Graunke, [dmchargue@hotmail.com](mailto:dmchargue@hotmail.com); Beth Zerkel, [1bzerk@gmail.com](mailto:1bzerk@gmail.com).

