



LAKE OSWEGO SPOKESMAN



Like You Were There

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WHO CALLED US TO ORDER:

**Our President -
Nell Diamond!**



The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- *Is it the Truth?*
- *Is it Fair to all Concerned?*
- *Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?*
- *Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?*

Who led us to the Pledge



Liz Gage

Rtn. Liz Gage is a Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow and a Member of our Club since 2010.



Liz has served on the Board of Directors for the LO Chamber of Commerce and the Director of the Portland Rose Festival.

After graduating from Lake Oswego High School, Liz completed a BS degree in General Science and a Certificate of Public Health from the Portland State University.

Her first job was at Nordstrom, where she worked as the first female Manager in Men's Department. She then worked at Gage Industries for 24 years before starting her own business, Gage Travel Agency.



Liz's favorite role is just being a parent and a grandparent. Besides love for her dog Teddy, she likes to travel, watch Duck's football, cook, mah-jongg, swim at the Stafford Hills Club, and spend time with friends and family.



Announcements



Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Gladys Garza. She has an engineering degree and a masters degree from the University of Arizona. Gladys works as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer at Abbott. She has moved to Lake Oswego recently.

Melissa Kelly, Director of LO Public Library, and today's speaker.

First Publication For New Membership: Jay Hamachek

Rotarians Out and About...Golf is back, every Wednesday!

Charlie, John, Malcolm, Don, Scott and Lal.



Contact
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Scott Havens had a great day with 33, but he didn't want to brag about it and pay \$33, because he is not a President anymore! However, when Ducks and Beavers' war of words began between Peter Glazer and Scott, they both ended up paying \$30 each for the love of their teams!



Announcements



Rotaract Bottle Drive Last Saturday



Last Saturday, there was another successful bottle drive by the members of Willamette Rotaract! Twenty-seven bags of cans and bottles were collected and approximately \$200 - \$250 raised. March proceeds would go to the Impact Northwest! Makaila and her group have been doing the bottle drive event every month and each month they choose their own charity for supporting.



Take Out Thursday this week:



Thursday Take-Out

Lake Oswego & Kruse Way



LAKESIDE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Recommended by LO Rotarian Curtis Schade:

Hunan Pearl
15160 Bangy Road, LO
503.968.6868
Hours 11 AM-2:30 PM and 4-9 PM

Only take-out at this time

<http://www.hunanpearl.com>

Thank you, Sue Linnerooth!

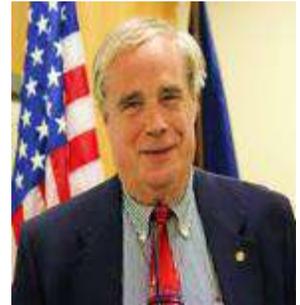


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LO Rotary Featured Committee Highlights: Allocation Committee, By Wade Byers

LO Rotary Allocation Committee Chair, Wade Byers, first gave a brief introduction to the committee, saying that the committee currently consists of seven members, and an annual budget of about \$18,000. Many of the projects that have been awarded are activities that involve Rotarians. Furthermore, he presented a list of recent projects that received contributions from the Allocation Committee.



Recent Allocation Committee Projects

- ✓ Molalla Rotary Club for assistance to victims of the forest fires.
- ✓ Clackamas County Historical Society for HVAC at the Museum of the Oregon Territory, Oregon City.
- ✓ Art Kits for a Lakewood Center art project in collaboration with Lake Oswego Public Library and Clackamas ESD.
- ✓ Lake Oswego *Reads* program.
- ✓ Classroom Law Project.
- ✓ Family Promise of Tualatin.
- ✓ LO Police Department for assistance to victims of domestic abuse and homelessness.

“Contributions are generally made to organizations that are already doing a lot of work and a small contribution will get them over the top,” said Wade. If someone needs a funding application, please email Wade at: happyrockhusky@aol.com. Wade also mentioned that they would favorably consider humanitarian-focused projects.



Announcements



Lake Oswego Rotary- Scholarship Endowment Fund

Rob LeChevallier, Past President

PP Rob LeChevallier presented various types of scholarships our club awards to both high school and college students annually. In addition, he explained that about five years ago, our local Rotary Club Foundation seeded a Scholarship Endowment Fund.



The descriptions of different types of scholarships and how you can contribute to support the Endowment is presented in the following two slides:

The Lake Oswego Rotary Club Scholarship Endowment Fund Needs Your Support

Background

For generations, the Rotary Club has awarded college scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Lake Oswego. There are three types of Rotary Scholarships.

Merit Scholarships are based primarily on academic achievement, student activities, honors, and leadership. Community service experience is considered a plus.

Service Above Self Scholarships are based primarily on community service activity, with student honors and good grades considered a plus.

Overcoming Adversity Scholarships are awarded to students who have dealt with significant challenges in their personal or family life, and for whom financial assistance is needed in order to attend college.

The Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund

The Scholarship Endowment Fund began with a seed grant of \$10,000 from the Rotary Club, with the ultimate goal of \$1,000,000. The Fund was created to increase the number and value of scholarships awarded each year. We will begin awarding these new scholarships when we reach our initial goal of \$100,000.



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Lake Oswego Rotary- Scholarship Endowment Fund (Contd.)

How You Can Participate

Gifts and Bequests

All donations are welcome, including cash, securities, and life insurance from wills and trusts.

Gifts from an IRA

Qualified Charitable Distributions of as much as \$100,000 may be tax free if made directly to the Lake Oswego Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund. Certain restrictions apply.

The Fine Print

- Funds are donated to the Lake Oswego Rotary Foundation. They are invested in a Donor Advised Fund managed by Rotary International for the benefit of the Lake Oswego Rotary Scholarship Endowment Fund.
- The Donor Advised Fund makes a 1% annual donation to Rotary International for its charitable purposes.
- Use of the proceeds of the Fund are governed by the Lake Oswego Rotary Club Foundation Board of Directors, composed of dedicated local Rotarians.
- Awards are made to students based on written Endowment Fund guidelines that are much the same as those that have been used for generations by Lake Oswego Rotary for student scholarships.
- Bequests must be for a minimum of \$10,000. Donations of cash, securities, IRAs, or life insurance may be in any amount.

For questions, or more information:

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Featured Speakers

- Monday, March 29th at 12:00 –Lake Oswego –Joe Buck, LO Mayor
- April 5—Lakewood Center for the Arts—Re-Emergence. Andrew E.
- April 12—MAIA and Global Grant, Travis Ning

Upcoming Events

- ✓ Tonight! - Peacebuilders Meeting at 5pm. Roger Hennagin
- ✓ April 5 – Public Image Committee Meeting 11am. Alan Bazzaz
- ✓ April 6 – *First Tuesday!* Format TBD
- ✓ April 7 – Youth Services Committee, 5-6 pm, Ted Ricks
- ✓ April 8 – Flyfishing Club 5:50, Ted Ricks
- ✓ April 12 – International Service Committee Mtg- 5:30 Lloyd Hill
- ✓ April 14 – Community Service Committee Mtg 5:30 – Tina Colson

All meetings are currently via Zoom. If you need contact info, please check our lorotary.org website, or email Nell and she will forward to the organizer. nelldiamondemail@gmail.com



Featured Speaker

Melissa Kelly, Director of LO Public Library



Topic: The Enduring Value of Library Services



Melissa Kelly was introduced by President Nell. Melissa joined the LO Public Library staff in 2015 and became the Director of the library in Fall of 2018. She has more than 15 years of total experience in library leadership positions. She received a BA from the Willamette University and Master of Library & Information Science from San Jose State University. She melds her knowledge in practical library management experience with her passion for commitment to serving the community. Melissa is also a proud and busy mother of her three-year-old daughter. In her spare time, she likes to read, write poetry, watch musicals, spend time outdoors, and dream about traveling.

Melissa considers working at the library as her dream job. The Library is a safe community gathering place that inspires discovery, promotes lifelong learning and improves our community's quality of life, said Melissa. She presented a snapshot of an average, pre-covid (January 2020) LO Library statistics that included: (1) 22,052 visitors to the library, (2) 78,087 physical items borrowed, (3) 6,878 E-items borrowed, (4) 3,177 In-Library Internet Sessions conducted, (5) 27 Classes & Events for Adults attended by 791 adults, and (6) 27 Classes & Events for Youth attended by 898 youth.

In addition, residents look to the LO Library for other services including the renowned LO Reads Program. During the Covid pandemic, LO library staff quickly pivoted to establishing virtual programs, phone services, outdoor holds for pickup, and parking lot library setup during the summer of 2020. Library staff also led the expansion of City's Citizen Information Center to answer questions related to virus information, small business assistance, food pantry locating service, and wi-fi assistance.

The library now has increased its homebound delivery service and outreach to LOSD. Even in the days of Google and Amazon, the value of library is enormous, said Melissa. One of her favorite quotes is by author Neil Gaiman, "**Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.**" Melissa went on to say they continue to advocate for the foundation of literacy, and free and equitable access to quality information to the community.