



Monmouth Independence Rotary Club Weekly

Thursday, April 15, 2021 ~ 12:00 noon

Club Officers

- President: Ramon Martinez
- President Elect: Barbara Cronin
- Past-Past President: Ben Meyer
- President Nominee: ??
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- Assistant Governor: Doris Towery

Zoom M-I Rotary - Meeting Link Info

LINK TO USE EVERY WEEK (on your iPad or PC or MAC):

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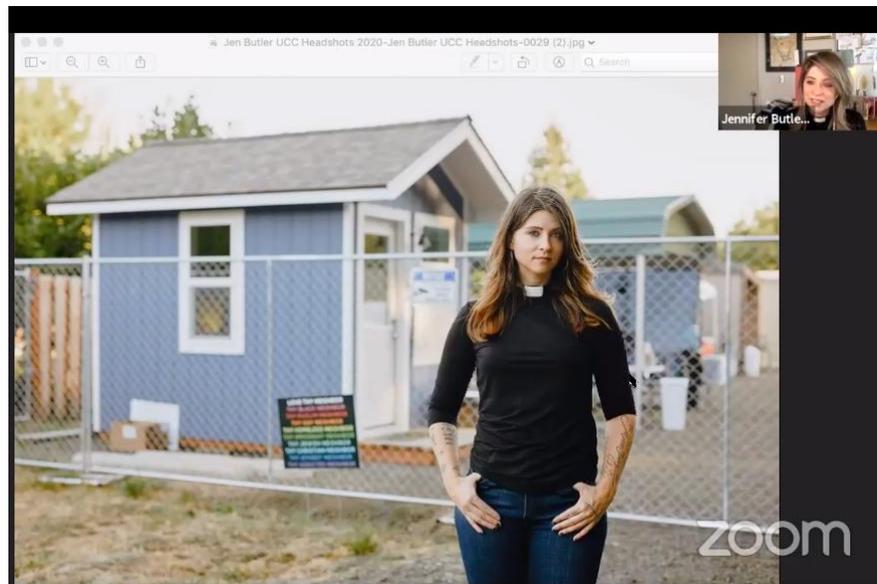
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Quote of the Week

"To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it is a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong." Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) ~

A Dutch [post-impressionist](#) painter who posthumously became one of the most famous and influential figures in the history of [Western art](#). In a decade, he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 [oil paintings](#), most of which date from the last two years of his life. They include [landscapes](#), [still-life's](#), [portraits](#) and [self-portraits](#), and are characterized by bold colours and dramatic, impulsive and expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of [modern art](#). His troubled personality typifies the romantic ideal of the tortured artist. Note that today, 15 April is the 569th birthday of Leonardo da Vinci.



"Our mission is to promote fellowship, service, high ethical standards, world understanding and peace through the works of local business, professional and community leaders."



A wonderfully [inspiring program](#) was provided by Reverend Jen Butler about the micro-shelters that the First Congregational Church put on their property to start a "[Safe Camp](#)" – helping the houseless who were ousted from a nearby property. The idea is to provide a safe place allowing camp managers, mentors, social service agencies and others an opportunity to connect campers with essential services, including transitional housing. There are other spots in Corvallis that now host similar shelters.



Gearing up for our big annual fundraiser for youth exchange support by selling frozen Strawberries and Raspberries from Willamette Valley Fruit Company! More info coming soon!



And yes, there are probably a FEW rum cakes left!! So please contact Sandy Newland or Karin Johnson if you have family or friend birthdays or anniversaries coming up – they make great gifts!

We Connect People ~ 1.2 Million members and 35,000+ clubs

Rotary unites more than a million people: Through Rotary clubs, people from all continents and cultures come together to exchange ideas, and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.

We Transform Communities ~ 16 Million volunteer hours each year.

We take action locally and globally: Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

We Solve Problems ~ 2.5 Billion children immunized against polio.

No challenge is too big for us: For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

Our Causes

- ◆ Promoting Peace
- ◆ Fighting Disease
- ◆ Supporting the Environment
- ◆ Savings Mothers & Children
- ◆ Supporting Education
- ◆ Providing Clean Water
- ◆ Growing Local Economies

Our Local Leadership:



Josephine Crenshaw
District Governor

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Doris Gene Towery,
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20-21 THEMES: International = “Rotary Opens Opportunities”

M-I Rotary = “Unidos” [United/Together]

11 eco-friendly service projects around the world

[Excerpted from [International Rotary Article](#) online at the link provided to the left]

Through the years, Rotary has carried out thousands of projects to protect the environment. In just the last five years, we've allocated \$18 million to projects that help our planet. Members have even more opportunities to focus on issues that are important to them, now that the environment is one of the causes we focus on.

Here are ways Rotary members are already supporting the environment:

A) RECYCLINGS

1) Brazil

In Campo Mourão, Brazil, only 5 percent of garbage is recycled, and workers at the local recycling facility lacked the equipment needed to increase productivity. Without a conveyor belt, they had to sort recyclable materials at tables and move them by hand, requiring extra time and effort. And their outdated press was slow and created bales of recyclables that were smaller than standard for the regional market. Working with a local environmental program that coordinates the recycling cooperative, the Rotary clubs of Campo Mourão and Little Rock, Arkansas, developed a project to increase workers' capacity to separate and process recyclable materials, providing both economic and environmental benefits. The project funded equipment to improve worker safety and efficiency and provided environmental and financial training. Workers sorted an additional 2.63 tons of recyclables per month after the grant project was implemented, and their income increased nearly 25 percent per month.

2) Switzerland

Every year, more than eight million tons of plastic waste, also known as plastic soup, end up in the oceans. Sea birds die from ingesting phone parts, turtles believe plastic bags to be jellyfish, and fish mistake pieces of plastic for plankton. Microplastic enters the human food chain via these fish. Swiss Rotary members created an association, "Mare Nostrum – End Plastic Soup," to organize efforts around reducing the amount of plastic waste in the world's waterways. Several times a year, volunteers remove plastics from rivers and lakes. The group has also developed a campaign to teach businesses how to dispose of plastic waste properly. "The protection of rivers, lakes, and seas is a major global undertaking, as water is an elementary part of life," says Marie-Josée Staff-Theis, member of Rotary Club of Arlesheima and co-president of the association.

B) SOLAR LIGHTS

3) Kenya

In the remote villages of Ndandini and Kyaithani in eastern Kenya, families live on less than \$1 per day, and their homes are not connected to any electrical grid. Most cannot afford kerosene or paraffin to light their homes, which means students cannot see to do their homework in the evenings. The Rotary clubs of Sunshine Coast-Sechelt, British Columbia, and Machakos, Kenya, learned about the problem while working in the area on other projects. In 2014, the Rotarians embarked on a project bring environmentally friendly solar power into homes and schools. About 1,500 students attending local schools were each provided a solar light under a rent-to-own program; students pay \$1 per month, less than the cost of paraffin, for eight months, after which they own the light. The proceeds are used to provide another student with a solar light the following year. Project partner Kenya Connect, noting that the time students spend reading has tripled with the introduction of the solar lights, described the program as "a game changer in our efforts to improve the quality of education for rural schools." The project also included the construction of computer labs at two schools and a solar system to provide enough power for the entire setup. More than 200 teachers received training on digital learning and ways to better make use of computers in their teaching.

C) WATER DIVERSION

4) India

Residents of two communities near Aurangabad, India, get their water from wells that are recharged annually by monsoon rains. But within a few months after the rains end, the wells run dry, and community members either must go further afield to fetch water or must buy it, which many cannot afford. The Rotary clubs of Aurangabad East and Chatswood Roseville, Australia, collaborated on an eco-friendly solution using a simple, traditional technology: check dams. These small dams are constructed across gullies to control the rate of stormwater flow. They decrease erosion and increase the amount of water that percolates into the ground. More than 200,000 check dams have been built across India for this purpose; a check dam constructed in India in the second century is one of the world's oldest water diversion structures still in use. In Aurangabad, the monsoon rains flow via a channel across a government-owned sports training center toward the sewage-contaminated Kham River. Rotary members funded the construction of two concrete check dams on the campus. The increased percolation of the monsoon rains into the ground is expected to lengthen the period each year during which the area's 20,000 residents can obtain water from their wells. The dams have an anticipated life span of 75 years and require little maintenance.

5) Philippines

In 2020, seven Rotary clubs in the Philippines hosted a webinar, Logging for Good, to discuss the threat of illegal logging, and how it can erode an important natural protection against cyclones and tropical storms. Conrad Vargas, Executive Director of Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance, Inc., spoke about the importance of the Sierra Madre Mountain Range and the threat from illegal logging. He also spoke about the needs of the indigenous people, quarrying, and the hazards that have been caused by dams in the area.

D) WATER CONSERVATION

6) Israel

The Rotary clubs of Haifa, Israel, and Coral Springs-Parkland, Florida, are using an environmental education program to unite students of different cultures and beliefs around a topic of mutual importance in the desert region: water conservation. Students from 60 schools participated in Phase 2 of the project. Schools selected research topics of interest related to water conservation or technology, such as desalination, rainwater harvesting, or water leaks. The teachers and students were supported in their science projects through equipment and connections with experts such as engineers, biologists, or physicists. More than 150 teachers received training in 26 training events. Most schools in Israel are separated by culture or religion, whether Jewish, Muslim, Christian, or Druze. Through the cross-cultural component of the global grant project, students visited one another's schools to see the research projects and came together for joint field trips to visit industry facilities or to hear related speakers, giving an opportunity for interaction.

E) SUSTAINABLE FARMING

7) Mexico

The Indigenous Tarahumara people live on the remote slopes and canyons of Mexico's Sierra Madre mountains, growing ancient varieties of corn and beans for sustenance. But the seeds for these plants, handed down through generations, were wiped out by a prolonged drought. In the wake of the resulting widespread hunger, many young people and women with children left their homes to beg on city streets. The Rotary clubs of Chihuahua Campestre, Mexico, and St. Augustine Sunrise, Florida, worked with a nongovernmental organization called Barefoot Seeds to facilitate community discussions with Tarahumara leaders to come up with solutions. Community leaders said they wanted seed banks and improved water storage to support continued subsistence farming. The project established seed banks, demonstration farms, and plots to grow additional seeds using sustainable farming methods; reintroduced goats to improve soil fertility; installed rainwater harvesting equipment; and provided training. The project also provided solar-powered chest freezers to further extend the shelf life of stored seeds. At least 500 Tarahumara farmers received seeds, goats, or improved water access the first year.

8) India

In response to the devastation of hurricanes Gaja and Thane and the Nivar cyclone, Rotary members in the agricultural region of Tamil Nadu, India, planted over 1MM sq ft of saplings in 100 days. The tree planting projects follow the style established by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, in which trees can grow 10X faster. Volunteers dug a hole three feet deep, mixed in manure and soil around a sapling, and then built fencing to protect the young tree. Water is provided through irrigation channels from nearby wells. "The clubs left no stone unturned in approaching landowners, institutions, campuses, and organizations in fulfilling their mission," says club member R Balaji Babu.

9) Australia

The Rotary clubs of Plimmerton and Porirua, New Zealand, have planted 5,000 species of wetlands trees and plants and plan to plant an additional 5,000 in 2021 to protect a wetland near Plimmerton in hopes of creating a forest of peace and remembrance. It is part of a New Zealand wide project funded by the Billion Trees program celebrating 100 years of Rotary in New Zealand and Australia. "Our vision is to start a forest that will be able to be enjoyed by our grandchildren's grandchildren," says Bill McAulay, president of the Rotary Club of Plimmerton.

F) ECO-STOVES

10) Guatemala

A traditional wood fire for cooking produces the equivalent of 400 cigarettes' worth of smoke in an hour. With around 3 billion people around the world still relying on such fires — many of them inside the home — more people die from indoor air pollution than malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS combined, according to the World Health Organization. Additionally, the black carbon emitted from these fires, which absorbs sunlight, is believed to contribute to climate change, while the need for wood drives deforestation. Members of the Rotary clubs of Guatemala del Este and Los Angeles, California, worked together to help families living in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, on the southeastern shore of Lake Atitlán. The lake, which is the primary source of drinking water for communities including San Lucas Tolimán, is severely contaminated in part because of storm runoff from areas where trees have been cut down for fuel for cooking fires. The project provided 1,000 families with eco-stoves that vent to the outside and decrease the amount of firewood needed by 70 percent. Each stove is expected to reduce carbon emissions by 3-4 tons/year.

G) CLEAN ENERGY

11) Armenia

The Berlin Polyclinic has been the main provider of primary health care in Gyumri, Armenia, since it opened in 1993 after a devastating earthquake in the region. But access to health care there remains limited. In conversations with medical center representatives, members of the Rotary Club of Gyumri learned that the clinic's ability to serve patients is significantly hampered by drastically rising energy costs: In the past decade, the cost of electricity has gone up 200%, natural gas 70%, and water 50%. Those increases, combined with inefficient heating and water heating systems, had forced the clinic to cut its hours of operation during the region's long winters. As a result, during the heating season — which runs from October to April — the clinic saw an average of 25-30% fewer patients. In 2017, Gyumri Rotarians worked with the Rotary Club of North Fresno, California, on a project that both increases patient access and benefits the environment. The installation of photovoltaic panels, a solar hot water system, solar heat pumps, and LED lighting was projected to reduce annual energy costs by 80 percent, allowing the clinic to operate at full capacity year-round — and reducing carbon emissions by 50% in the process. During the first winter heating season with the new system, the number of patients served increased by 32%.

Interested in club flexibility? Here are some ideas/info to help you get started:

- ◆ [3 ways flexibility is paying off for clubs](#)
- ◆ [Satellite clubs thrive](#)
- ◆ [Rotaractors help Rotary clubs grow](#)
- ◆ [Online meetings draw younger members](#) (MI Rotary is seeing this already under Pres.Martinez!)
- ◆ [Corporate memberships add to club's roster](#)

Go to the Rotary International website (Rotary International <https://www.rotary.org/>) for more info on how to grow our club

Rotary International Foundation 2020/21 Annual Goals

25 Members giving an average of \$100 per member equals \$2500 per year.

Received as of April 14th: \$1,935
Average per person ~ \$73

Rotary Foundation Stars 2019/20	Rotary Foundation Stars 2020/21
John Hasbrook	John Hasbrook
Karin Johnson	Karin Johnson
Sandy Newland	Sandy Newland
Ram Sil	Ram Sil
Ed Dover	Patty Nevue
Janet Chenard	Jayne Oppliger
Al Oppliger	Al Oppliger
Jayne Oppliger	Janet Chenard
Morris Johnson	Barbara Cronin
Bob Archer	Cornelia Paraskevas
Ben Stange	
Paul Sieber	
Jim Birken	



Polio Plus 2020/21 Goal

Goal: ~\$1,200

YTD = \$541/Avg per person= \$22

Polio Plus Stars

Laurel Sharmer	Bonnie Ross
Kati Weyer	Janet Chenard
Sandy Newland	Jim Birken
Al Oppliger	
Jayne Oppliger	

Peace Program

Year to date = \$0

Serving Our Club in the coming weeks

Date	Trade Talk and/or Programs	Flag Salute (?)	Invocation/ Inspirational Moment
Apr. 15	Bob Archer Homeless Alliance - Video	Matt Henscheid	Ramon Martinez
Apr. 22	John Hasbrook – Eastern Oregon Outfitters	Tim Totte	Paul Doellinger
Apr. 29	Greg Willeford – Racial MicroAggressions	Sandy Newland	Janet Chenard
May 6	Tim Tott or Toni Humphrey – Trade Talk?	John Hasbrook	Bob Archer
Anytime		Ramon Martinez	Paul Doellinger



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

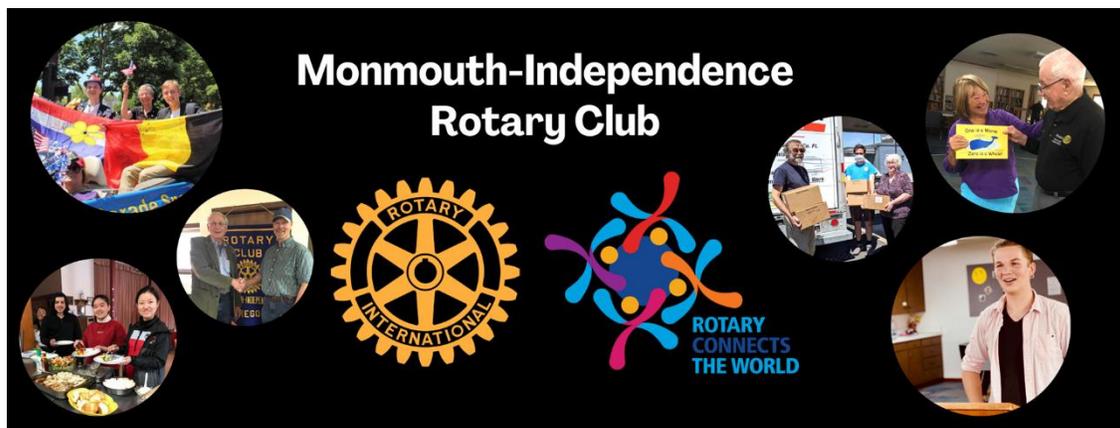
1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Program Coordinators

March 2021	Barbara Cronin
April 2021	Janet Chenard
May 2021	Volunteer Needed please
June 2021	
July 2021	
August 2021	

Event Calendar

- Apr. 14th – 5-6pm- OSU Professor Ibram X. Kendi – How to be Anti-Racist lecture on Zoom – Register [here](#)
- Apr. 17, 2021, Rotary Spring Training Event, Virtual - General Topics – Register for both/either trainings [HERE](#)
- Apr. 30-May 1, 2021, [D5100 Conference](#), **VIRTUAL – “Wandering through New Doors”**
- June 12-16, 2021, [Rotary International Convention](#), Taipei, TAIWAN



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