



Year 35, Number 3, January 6, 2024

**We Meet Bi-Monthly**

at Brand 33 Restaurant  
Aspen Lakes Golf Course  
16900 Aspen Lakes Dr.  
Sisters, OR 97759

1st/3rd Tuesdays  
@Noon

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**Birthdays**

Bill Bartlett  
January 19th

**Meetings and Events**



**January 7: Superintendent Curt Scholl on Annual School District Update**

Always a treat to hear from one of our own and Sisters School Superintendent Curtiss Scholl will start our new year with an update on what's happening throughout the entire Sisters School system.

**January 21: Suzanne Linford, outreach coordinator for the wildlife crossing projects along Hwy 20**

This presentation is an overview of an initiative to build four wildlife crossings across Highway 20 from Bend to Suttle Lake. Tristan Henry will give an overview of this initiative and why it is critical for passage of mule deer and elk.

Tristan Henry serves as the Oregon Field Representative of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving public lands. His work focuses on building coalitions for conservation solutions in Central and Eastern Oregon. He is a resident of Tumalo.



Suzanne Linford is an educator explaining the challenges wildlife has in moving across the landscape. She interprets wildlife biology and habitat needs weekly for the public at the High Desert Museum. She also serves as a community outreach educator on collaboration of public and nonprofit agencies for the Bend to Suttle Lake Initiative, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Protect Animal Migration and Movement and the Wallowa partnership for wildlife crossings and migration. She is a resident of Bend. Today, she will confine her remarks to allow for time to cover the Bend to Suttle Lake Initiative..

**Upcoming Club Event Opportunities: Sign-up to Serve**

February-March: Mega-Raffle Campaign

Thursday, May 8: Sisters Rotary Foundation 4S Fundraising Evening (Supporting Sisters Student Success)

July events: Fourth Fest on 4th of July, Passport partnership w/Quilt Show effort

**President Sandy: Happy New Year & a Busy Schedule Ahead**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Great time and turnout for the club social to wrap up 2024.....thanks for participating and providing a great luncheon feast!

And now....Happy New Year!!!

The first six months of 2025 will provide a long list of service opportunities for all of us! Somuch so that we are

James Christopher  
Lanzarotta  
February 4th



looking at devoting a club meeting where we present all that is on our schedule between March and July. From the MegaRaffle, the May 8 Fundraiser dinner for all our SRF Youth programs (GRO scholarships, Books for Kids and middle school art support) to planning for July 4th Fest and our Quilt Show Passport partnership.

Please attend and dedicate some service time to this collective club preview of each activity we have on the calendar between now and July 4th. My hope is that the presentation will gather a full force of volunteers at each event, and people can start talking up what we have planned to their friends and neighbors. We can field questions from the group and easily fill a meeting time.

Get in the starting blocks for a great 2025!

In Rotary Service,

Sandy Reilly  
President, Rotary Club of Sisters

## GOALS FOR PRESIDENT SANDY'S YEAR TO KEEP IN FOCUS



The Club Goals program will be driven this year by the 18 goals for measurement within Rotary International's website at My Rotary under Rotary Club Central. Here are the most significant measures and where we stand at mid-year:

- 1) **Service participation**, July 4th, Sisters Quilt Show, SHP bed build, Christmas tree lighting and LWWDS support with support from 60 Sisters members, some at all events but the are for total participation.
- 2) **Social activities**, those five events so far (I didn't include the Rodeo Parade which would bring it to six and we have committed to several more before the end of June.
- 3) **Leadership development participation**, 2- Jim Lanzarotta attended a leadership conference and he will be at PELS in Seattle in February. I'm still hoping we have registration and attendance at a spring RLI.
- 4) **District Training participation**, a challenge with all programs outside of our local area.
- 5 & 6) **Annual Funds contributions** - from MyRotary we see TRF funds at \$2925 against a goal of \$10,000, and Polio Plus at \$625 against a goal of \$2000 as of 1/1/25.
- 7) **Club Membership**, we are maintaining an active list of 40 as of 1/1/25, hopefully a few more in spring to bring us to 44 members.
- 8) **Media stories about club projects**, so far we have had at least 4 mentions around the 4th Fest last July and 1 with regards to Halloween at the Park, there will be more with our fundraiser in the spring.
- 9) Yes, **the ByLaws** have been updated (thank you, Jen), board approved and club

approved.

## Stay Safe Online: Protect Yourself from Scams and Fraud

**Living Well with Dementia Sisters** is hosting informative session on **cyber safety**. Join us on **Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **Fire Hall in Sisters, Oregon**, and learn how to protect yourself from online scams, identity theft, and other cyber threats.



This seminar is tailored to seniors and vulnerable adults in our community who want to stay one step ahead of scammers, Experts from the **Deschutes County Sheriff's Office** and **Mid-Oregon Credit Union** will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help you recognize scams, secure your online presence, and safeguard your financial information. You'll also learn about trusted resources and strategies to protect yourself and your loved ones in today's digital world.

**RSVP Today!** Seats are limited, so don't wait. RSVP at [www.lwwds.com](http://www.lwwds.com) or contact Bill Kelly at [bill@lwwds.com](mailto:bill@lwwds.com) for more information.

Together, let's make Sisters a safer, more informed community. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us This Week

The post-meeting lunches in town are growing!!!!

Several club members have assembled for lunch in town immediately after our bi-monthly meetings and all are welcome. Here is a list formalizing the plan and hopefully getting many of you to keep your hangover check until the 1 p.m. hour on club meeting days:



**January 7: The Gallery (photo, right)**

January 21: Ski Inn

February 6: Hardtails

February 20: High Camp



The main goal is additional interaction and networking to get to know our fellow Rotarians better and maybe conspire to further our community service locally.

We are also very open to suggestions/recommendations for additional lunch stop potentials looking to spread our patronage of our Sisters eateries!

## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Help meeting set up/tear down, Lead pledge, Collect appreciation dollars, Handle raffle drawing

**January 7: Sandy Reilly**

January 21: Mike Marshall

February 4: Bill Bartlett

February 18: Bre Miller

**Greeter:** Greet all prior to meeting start, Badge help and assist with sale of raffle tickets, help set up/tear down if possible.

**January 7: Mike Richards**

January 21: Kristin-Sorenson-Hilgart

February 4: Shawnette White

February 18: Steve Auerbach

**Thought for the Day:** Exactly that and nothing more....short and sweet....and thoughtful!

**January 7: Jen Holland**



January 21: Jim Lanzarotta

February 4: Zoe Schumacher

February 18: Sandy Reilly

**Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle**

