



Year 34, Number 3, January 15, 2024 (Happy MLK Day!)

## We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

1st/3rd Tuesdays at noon

## Club Officers



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Service Chair



Judith Corwin  
Bulletin Editor



Lei Darcey  
Past President

## Birthdays

Bill Bartlett  
January 19th

James Christopher  
Lanzarotta  
February 4th

Barbara Turner  
February 10th

## Meetings and Events

### Tomorrow: Mark Gross, Founder/Exec. Dir. of School of Ranch.



Mark Gross is the pioneering spirit behind School of Ranch. As the founder, Board President, and Executive Director, Mark's journey is nothing short of inspiring. With a robust 20-year career spanning magazines, newspapers, and the early days of the internet, he witnessed the evolution of information firsthand. The pivotal events of 9/11 prompted a career shift, leading him to become an award-winning International Relations teacher in San Jose's public schools.

His passion for education and community building led to the creation of School Loop, an innovative service designed to ease teachers' workload and foster a supportive community around students. After selling School Loop in 2018,

Mark, alongside his partner Carolyn, embarked on a new adventure. They purchased ten acres in rural Oregon, laying the foundation for the School of Ranch. This venture marks a continuation of Mark's lifelong commitment to innovation, education, and community. Join us in celebrating his journey and the unique educational experience at School of Ranch.



### February 6: Susan Windell, Past President and the Incoming President for 2024 of the local Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)

Susan, who moved to Bend in 2018, has been an active and vibrant member of our community. Her dedication to making a positive impact is evident through her involvement with Trinity Lutheran Church, Three Sisters Lions Club, and particularly with P.E.O. Chapter GH in Sisters.

In her presentation, Susan will share valuable insights about the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), highlighting its mission and significant contributions.

Founded on January 21, 1869, P.E.O. was initiated by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. This inspiring group of women, united by their commitment to enhancing women's opportunities, has grown to include over a half a million members across the United States and Canada. P.E.O. is renowned for its work in supporting women's education and professional development, offering scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College.

Susan's talk promises to be not only informative but also inspiring, showcasing how P.E.O. empowers women in their educational pursuits and career aspirations. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about this remarkable organization and how it aligns with our Rotary Club's values of service, leadership, and community engagement.

### February 20: Eric Strobel, Sisters Area Dir. for Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO)

Eric Strobel is the Sisters Area Director for Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO), a position he has been enthusiastically fulfilling since October 2022. His role at EDCO involves guiding and assisting local businesses in their expansion and development efforts in Sisters, a region known for its supportive business community and a variety of economic opportunities. Strobel's work is crucial in fostering a diversified local economy and creating a strong base of middle-class jobs in Central Oregon.

Strobel's work at EDCO aligns with the organization's broader mission of supporting economic development in Central Oregon. EDCO, founded in 1981, is a non-profit corporation that plays a vital role in the region's economic landscape by aiding companies in relocation, growth, and development.



### March 5: District Governor Jim Polk

Jim continues to make his trek to cover all 56 clubs in 5110. He will give us updates on our District 5110 and Rotary International as a whole..

## March 19: Fire Chief Roger Johnson-Sisters Camp Sherman Fire District

Chief Roger Johnson has been a dedicated leader of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District, serving the community for twelve years before announcing his planned retirement in the spring of 2024.



## April 2: Katie Beasley, Co-Founder of Cascade Distillery

Katherine "Katie" Beasley, co-founder of Cascade Street Distillery in Sisters, Oregon, is an integral part of a brand that celebrates Central Oregon's natural beauty and family roots.

## April 16: Books For Kids Bag Build

## May 7: Rob Jasper, National Speaker on Growth of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Rob Jasper is a distinguished manager at PNNL's National Security Directorate and a chief scientist for the Analysis in Motion initiative.



## June 5: Zak Boone, COCC Chief Advancement Officer, on Public Civility and Discourse

Zak Boone is the Chief Advancement Officer at Central Oregon Community College (COCC) and Executive Director of the COCC Foundation. Zak received his Masters of Public Administration with a focus in nonprofit management from Portland State University, and Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from Lewis & Clark College.

## President Bill: Items for a New Calendar Year



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

As we embark on a new year, I am excited to share some important updates and upcoming events in our Rotary Club.

**Officer Elections - January 16th** Our next club meeting, scheduled for January 16th, holds special significance as we will be conducting our officer elections. This allows us to shape our

leadership for the upcoming year. We welcome nominations, so if you have someone in mind who you believe would serve well in a leadership role, please let us know. The proposed candidates for the positions are:

- **Jim Lanzarotta** for Next President
- **Bill Bartlett** for Treasurer
- **Jen Holland** for Secretary

**Mega Raffle - Collecting Prizes** We're thrilled to announce the commencement of our Mega Raffle prize collection. This is a fantastic opportunity for businesses to contribute and gain visibility. We're looking for prizes valued at a minimum of \$100, including gift cards, services, and gift baskets. The raffle draw will take place in mid-April. With our community's generous support, we are confident this fundraiser will be a success. Remember, we only have 700 tickets, and they sold out rapidly last year!

**New Member Orientation - January 30th** We are also looking forward to our new member orientation on January 30th, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse. Our Membership Chairman, Rand Reitmann, will be facilitating this important session. It's an excellent opportunity for new members, especially those who joined in the past year, to learn about our club's goals, activities, and the significant role each member plays in our community.

As we move forward into 2024, let's continue to uphold the values of Rotary and work together to make a lasting impact in our community.

Warm regards,

Bill Kelly

President 2023-2034

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## PROGRESS!!!: Goals for President Bill's Year to Keep in Focus



#### GOALS IN BILL's YEAR:

**Annual Rotary Foundation goal: \$7,500** (\$6,1953,120 to date-- -83%!!!)

**Polio Plus contribution goal: \$2,000** (\$1,058---42% without the 50/50 banked to date)

**EREY: Every Rotarian Every Year--** 100% participation in donating to The Rotary Foundation \$100 annually

**Sisters Rotary Foundation:** The endowment with OCF continues to thrive at \$110,000+. Local account at US Bank at ~\$20k will allow us to operate our SHS Scholarship work this year and more!



**Goal for membership---every member find one new community leader to invite.** (Current club count is 40!! --- net plus 10 this year and increase over the past year and a half of 20+ new members!!)

#### Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us at Philly's!

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 hunger in check until the 1 p.m. hour on club meeting days:



#### January 16: Philadelphia's (pictured, right)

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!

#### Lottery sized pot!!!: Rotary 50/50 Jackpot Awaiting Big Winner!

We're thrilled to announce that our 50/50 Jackpot has now approaching \$500! With only a few cards left in the deck, the excitement is building, and the big win could be just around the corner. Don't miss your chance to be part of this fantastic opportunity.

Here's the deal:

\$2 gets you 1 ticket

\$5 for a bundle of 3 tickets - a deal you can't afford to miss!

Feeling Lucky? Remember, the more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning. Plus, with only a few cards left, the odds are more in your favor than ever!

**Lecture Opportunity: Aging with Special Attention to the Impact on Caregivers**

Recommended by Curtiss Davis

Do you provide care for an elderly family member? How many of your friends assist older relatives?



Dr. Richard Schulz is a Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, Emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. For over 30 years his research focused on the effects of disabling late life illnesses on patients and their families and strategies for mitigating the adverse health

effects of caregiving.

More than 17 million family and friends provide unpaid care to older adults. The value of this "free" care exceeds \$500 billion annually.

On Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at The Belfry, Dr. Schulz will present his lecture titled "Family Caregiving in the US: Research, Policy, and Future Directions." This talk examines the emergence of caregiving as a major public health issue in the US.

Join the Sisters Science Club for this segment of the Frontiers in Science lecture series to review the nature of the caregiving experience, how it has changed over time, its impact on family/friends, and strategies for mitigating the negative health effects of caregiving on both caregivers and their care recipients. The speaker will review some of his own research in this area and its impact in shaping national policy on family caregiving.

The social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with light fare, beer, and wine available for purchase. Admission is \$5 at the door; teachers and students are admitted free. The Belfry is located at [302 E. Main Ave., Sisters](#).

## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

January 16: Curt Scholl

February 6: Jamie French

February 20: Jen Burroughs

March 5: Jim Barnes

March 17: Bryson French

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

January 16: Rand Rietmann

February 6: Brandon Voss

February 20: Hal Darcey

March 5: Steve Auerbach

March 17: Judy Corwin

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

January 16: Kristin Sorenson-Hilgart

February 6: Ann Davis

February 20: Bill Bartlett

March 5: Lei Darcey

March 17: Mike Corwin

## Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: Happy Holidays!

1. "First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes you."  
—F. Scott Fitzgerald

2. "I'm still the same person I was last year" now



2. â€œI am the same person I was last year. Now Iâ€™m just hungover.â€ â€”*Unknown*

3. â€œIt wouldnâ€™t be New Yearâ€™s if I didnâ€™t have regrets.â€ â€”*William Thomas*

4. â€œOut with the old, in with the newâ€ is a fitting expression for a holiday that is based on vomiting.â€ â€”*Andy Borowitz*

5. â€œHappiness is too many things these days for anyone to wish it on anyone lightly. So letâ€™s just wish each other a bile-less new year and leave it at that.â€ â€”*Judith Christ*

6. â€œMay your dreams get fulfilled as well as your bills. Best of luck with the new year, dear.â€ â€”*Unknown*

7. â€œDeep breaths are very helpful at shallow parties.â€ â€”*Barbara Walters*

8. â€œI havenâ€™t been this excited about a new year since last year.â€ â€”*Unknown*

9. â€œYou know how I always dread the whole year? Well, this time Iâ€™m only going to dread one day at a time.â€ â€”*Charlie Brown*

10. â€œI canâ€™t believe itâ€™s been a year since I didnâ€™t become a better person.â€ â€”*Unknown*

