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We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

1st/3rd Tuesdays at Noon

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Meetings and Events

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Tomorrow: 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.

Feb. 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: 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. His tenure has been marked by a commitment to the well-being and safety of the Sisters area, a trait that's earned him high regard and respect within the district. As he prepares for retirement, the Western Fire Chiefs Association is actively seeking a successor who can continue his legacy of exceptional service.

Chief Johnson's contributions to the fire service extend far beyond Sisters, Oregon. With a career spanning over 31 years, he has been an integral part of the firefighting community. His experience and dedication were recognized when he was awarded the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (OFCA) President's Award, highlighting his outstanding contributions and leadership. This award is a testament to his hard work and the respect he's garnered from his peers over the years.

Roger Johnson's roots and commitment to fire service are deep, evidenced by his long-standing tenure and his education from Eastern Oregon University. Since June 2012, he has called Sisters, OR home, dedicating himself to leading the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District and ensuring the safety and preparedness of the community he serves.



March 19: District Governor Jim Polk: State of the District 5110 Address

Jim, from the Illinois Valley Club, will give us updates on our District and Rotary International as a whole.

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.

Alongside her brother, she established the distillery, renowned for encapsulating the essence of the region in every bottle, from the snow melt water of the Cascades to regional botanicals.



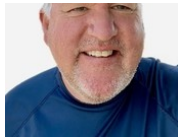
April 16: Books For Kids Bag Build



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Community and Members

Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the year.

President Bill: Great Start to 2024!



Mega-Raffle Prizes - An Exciting Update!

We are thrilled to announce our progress with the Mega Raffle Prizes! So far, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we have gathered 19 amazing prizes, totaling a value of \$5,200.

This is a fantastic start, but we're not done yet!

We are seeking approximately 10 more prizes to complete our Mega Prize Vault. Our goal is to finalize these by February 15th, allowing us time to create and distribute our promotional posters and flyers.

Mega-Raffle Prize List to date

1. Seed-to-Table Weekly Share Basket – \$800 Value
2. Stunning Handmade Quilt by Lee Kelly – \$400 Value
3. Family Photo Shoot w/48-page Hard Cover Photo Book (100 photos) – \$400 Value
4. \$100 Gift Card to Fika Sisters Coffeemhouse
5. Les Schwab Services – \$150 certificate
6. \$350 dramatic Naturescape Large Format Framed Picture
7. Sisters Rental – \$100 certificate
8. High Desert Chocolates – \$100 certificate
9. The Paper Place – \$100 certificate
10. Breakfast for four at the 4th of July Rumble on the Runway – \$144 Value
11. Sisters Smokehouse \$50 certificate and \$50 merchandise package
12. Central Oregon Adventures Four-Hour Snowmobile Trip for Two – \$590 Value
13. Sisters Apothecary gift basket – \$100 Value
14. Hoyt Hardware certificate – \$100 Value
15. President's Case of Wine – \$240 Value
16. Sisters Veterinary Clinic certificate – \$250 Value
17. Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Quilt – \$400 Value
18. Aspen Lakes Golf Course Foursome – \$400 Value
19. Heirloom Made Quilt – \$400 Value

If you have a prize you would like to contribute, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Kelly at RotaryofSisters@gmail.com. Remember, the raffle will be held on April 15th, and your contribution will make a significant impact.

A special shoutout to Brandon and Mike for their incredible work in designing the golden tickets - they look absolutely fantastic! We also extend our deepest gratitude to Next Phase Realty for generously sponsoring the printing of the tickets. This year, we aim to distribute 700 tickets, spreading joy and excitement throughout our community.

New Member Orientation - A Resounding Success

Our recent New Member Orientation was a resounding success, marked by a great turnout and engaging discussions about what it means to be a Rotarian and the importance of giving back to our community. During the meeting, Sandy Reilly shared insights into the 30-month plan he is working on. This strategic plan will provide a clear vision for the future of our club.

Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable to us. We encourage all members to share their input on the club's future endeavors and initiatives.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) - Where We Stand as a Club

As we continuously strive to meet our goals, here's a quick update on our Key Performance Indicators:

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Goal: Our goal is \$7,500. As of January 30th, we've impressively reached \$7,495. This is a testament to the dedication and generosity of our members.

Polio Plus Goal: We aim to raise \$2,500, and currently, we have collected \$1,034. Every contribution brings us closer to a polio-free world.

Membership Goal: Our target for my year is/was 35 members, and we are well past that mark with a club record 40 dedicated Rotarians to date. Let's continue to grow our family!

The Rotary of Sisters continues to thrive thanks to the unwavering support and commitment of our members and the community. Each contribution, whether big or small, is a step towards making a significant difference in the lives of many. Let's keep the momentum going, and together, we will achieve remarkable things.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work!

Yours in Service,

Bill Kelly

President 2023-2034

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Volunteers Needed for AFSC Event

We're seeking two to three volunteers for the Rotary's **"Age Friendly Sisters County â€“ Sing Your Hearts Out Sisters!"** event on March 2.



Help is needed for poster distribution on Feb 13, 22, and 29 at 15 key locations. Tasks include placing posters, engaging politely with shopkeepers, and potentially handing off supplies to the next volunteer.

To ensure effective coordination, please provide your name, cellphone number, and email to rotaryofsisters@gmail.com. If weekdays are problematic, let us know to consider Saturday distribution. Your involvement is crucial for the event's success.

Local Ten Friends Team Effort A Solid Start To Future International Service

This story meets SRCâ€™s mission of service - and the connection of that service not only for our community - but international service - and in this case, highlighting the connection of our support to a nonprofit located here - and the business Pema and Nurbu run here in High Camp - with the international element.

Sisters Rotary Club provides the funding for a local nonprofit to buy backpacks for children in Tilahe Nepal.

Sisters Rotary continues its support of the Sisters-based nonprofit Ten Friends. Ten Friends was founded by Mark LaMont and Rand Runko, two Sisters School District teachers, over 17 years ago after taking trips to Nepal guided by Nurbu Sherpa. Ten Friends currently focuses on funding an orphanage, a school for young women, and establishment of libraries in remote villages in Nepal.

Info about Ten Friends and all its programs can be found at Tenfriends.org.

A new initiative lead by the owners of High Camp Himalayan Food and Taphouse in Sisters, Nurbu and Pema Sherpa, joined Ten Friends earlier this year. This

new initiative led by Nurbu and Pema focuses on the education of children and vocational skills development of young adults in the village of Tilahe, Nepal.

During a trip to Tilahe in October of 2023, Pema and Nurbu provided the children with backpacks purchased with a donation provided by the Sisters Rotary Club. The joy and excitement of the children as they opened their backpacks and explored the school supplies within was captured in the photos below, along with their expression of gratitude to those that made the gift possible.



SRF Assists Family Friendly Restroom Team Effort

Here is an article from this weeks Nugget

<https://www.nuggetnews.com/story/2024/01/17/business/baby-changing-stations-make-debut/36036.html>



In Sisters, Oregon, the **Family Friendly Restroom Team**, (an Age Friendly Sisters Country action team), initiative is making local business bathrooms more family-friendly by installing diaper changing tables. This effort, led by Kellen Klein and Jane Cartwright, provides free sourcing and installation of changing tables, along with other amenities like handwashing stools and diaper starter packs.

The Rotary Club of Sisters has generously donated \$250 towards an upcoming changing station. Initial funding was supported by Citizens4Community's Momentum Grant and the City of Sisters Community Grant. The program aims to add 15 more installations this year, with each costing about \$250, funded through donations.

Here is a thank you and update from Klein: "Thanks again for the donation of \$250 to Family Friendly Restrooms. Quick update on diaper changing stations â€” the article and a subsequent Facebook post I made got us some good attention! We now have likely changing stations in the queue for Sisters Depot, Martolli's Pizza, Sisters Meat and Smokehouse, and maybe the Dino Market. We also got a contractor to donate installation services, so Rotary's donation will go even further and might be able to fund two changing stations. Thanks again for your support!"

Klein and Cartwright are also working on developing a map of changing stations in Sisters Country and an "action toolkit" to inspire similar initiatives in other communities.

Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us Today at 1:15 p.m!

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:

February 6: Luckey's Woodsman (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!

Still no winner as odds increase!!: Rotary 50/50 Huge Jackpot!

We're thrilled to announce that our 50/50 Jackpot is exceeding \$600! 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!

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

February 6: Jamie French

February 20: Jen Burroughs

March 5: Jim Barnes

March 17: Bryson French

March 17: Bryson Henson

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

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!

February 6: Ann Davis

February 20: Bill Bartlett

March 5: Lei Darcey

March 17: Mike Corwin

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: Happy Holidays!

.....at least my Rotarian wife will know why we landed here for this edition's levity.....

