



Year 34, Number 5, February 19, 2024

## 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



William S. Kelly  
President



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Club Executive  
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Secretary



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Chair



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Past President

## Birthdays

Thomas W. Counos  
February 19th  
Harold M. Darcey  
March 5th  
Rand Rietmann  
March 18th

## Meetings and Events

### Tomorrow: 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.



### 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 5110 and Rotary International as a whole.

Core values represent the guiding principles of the culture of District 5110. They guide our members'™ priorities and actions within the district.

Please save this date as we want to make a great showing of our club growth in front of our District Governor!

### 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.

Her innovative approach has seen Cascade Spirits identifying and creating market trends since 2012, with their Broken Top Bourbon being recognized as one of the top 50 bourbons across 50 states.



### April 16: Books For Kids Bag Build

No speaker this date, but a great service/work session preparing our book bags for local primary school students.

**President Bill: Your Mega-Raffle Role**



### It's Mega-Raffle Time for the Rotary Club of Sisters!

I am thrilled to announce the commencement of our much-anticipated Mega Raffle! This event is not just a fundraiser; it's an example of our commitment to service and community engagement.

**The Excitement is Building:** We have gathered an array of fantastic prizes worth over \$6,500, and with 700 golden tickets freshly printed, it's showtime! Remember, each member is responsible for selling 10 tickets. We will distribute these at our February 20th meeting. For those enthusiastic to do more, like Rand, Steve, and Kristen, please put in your request for additional tickets now at [Rotaryofsisters@gmail.com](mailto:Rotaryofsisters@gmail.com).



**Your Role is Key:** We need your active participation. One vital task is to assist in hanging posters at all local sponsors' businesses. This not only promotes our raffle but also shows our appreciation and support for our sponsors. Our marketing team is gearing up to spread the word on social media, and we encourage you to share and engage with these posts.

**Be Prepared to Answer Questions:** When selling tickets, you might encounter a couple of common queries:

- **What does the fundraiser support?:** The proceeds from the Mega Raffle are pivotal in funding various community programs. We support initiatives like Seed to Table, Assistance League of Bend, Age Friendly Sisters, Family Access Network, 10 Friends, and other local projects. Each ticket sold translates into direct support for these meaningful causes.
- **What is the Rotary Club of Sisters?:** For those unfamiliar, our club is a local chapter of the global Rotary International organization, based in Sisters, Oregon. Since our charter in 1993, we have been an integral part of the community, bringing together business leaders, professionals, and community members. Our projects range from supporting local education, aiding families in need, sponsoring youth programs and scholarships, to participating in international service projects. We stand as a testament to the power of community service in creating a better world.

**Your Contribution Matters:** As Rotarians, we are united by our commitment to service above self. The Mega Raffle is not just about raising funds; it's a celebration of our collective effort to make a tangible difference in our community and beyond.

So, let's rally together, sell those tickets, and make this Mega Raffle a resounding success! **Let's make a difference, one ticket at a time!**

With gratitude and anticipation,  
Bill Kelly  
President 2023-2024  
[Rotaryofsisters@gmail.com](mailto:Rotaryofsisters@gmail.com)

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 20: Ski Inn (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!

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

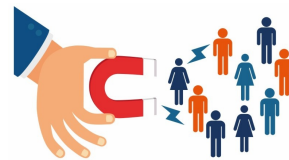


**Annual Rotary Foundation goal: \$7,500** (As of January 30th, we've impressively reached \$7,495. This is a testament to the dedication and generosity of our members.)

**Polio Plus contribution goal: \$2,500** (We aim to raise \$2,500, and currently, we have collected more than half the goal without the ever-increasing 50/50 dollars banked to date. Still looking to totally free the world of Polio.)

**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!!)

## Volunteers Needed for AFSC Event

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



Help is needed for poster distribution on Feb 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](mailto:rotaryofsisters@gmail.com). If weekdays are problematic, let us know to consider Saturday distribution. Your involvement is crucial for the event's success.

## 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

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 20: Jen Burroughs**

March 5: Jim Barnes

March 19: Bryson French

April 2: Sandy Reilly

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

**February 20: Hal Darcey**

March 5: Steve Auerbach

March 19: Judy Corwin

April 2: Curtiss Davis

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

**February 20: Bill Bartlett**

March 5: Lei Darcey

March 19: Mike Corwin

April 2: Mark Griffin

## Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: Funny Quotes



**Why must I prove  
that I am me to pay my  
bills over the phone?  
Do strangers call to  
pay my Bills? And if  
they do, why don't  
you let them?**

**Condolences and Funnies**