



Year 33, Number 5, February 20, 2023

We Meet Bi-Monthly

at Brand 33 Restaurant
Aspen Lakes Golf Course
16900 Aspen Lakes Dr
Sisters, OR 97759
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Club Officers



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Birthdays

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

President Lei: A Growing Membership and Great Speakers

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

At our last meeting, we welcomed Brandon Voss as the newest member of the Sisters Rotary Club. Brandon is the fourth inductee since the beginning of this rotary year and we have more prospective members in the pipeline. What an exciting time for our club! With these newcomers bring new ideas for projects and fundraisers.



Our speaker at that meeting was Marc Thalacker from the Three Creeks Irrigation District who filled us in on all the hydroelectric facilities in Sisters as well as other areas in Oregon. Thank you Marc for your very interesting presentation and since we ran out of time before he could complete his talk we want to invite Marc back to give you all an opportunity to ask questions.

This week's speaker will be Sarah Holcombe, Deschutes Land Trust Development Director. Please come and enjoy an hour of fellowship and welcome Sarah. Lastly, I would like to remind you about the Rotary Leadership Institute to be held in Bend on March 18 and 19. If you wish to expand your knowledge of Rotary and perhaps think about taking on a leadership role in the club, this is a worthwhile program to consider.



We also want to applaud my eventual successor, Bill Kelly, for attending the President-Elect Training Seminar in Seattle this past weekend. Here is Bill at PETS as photographed with Rotary 5110 District Governor-Elect Jim Polk. Thanks to Francie Kibby for relaying the photo to the eNewsletter and looking forward to your year to start in July, Bill!

Meetings and Events

Tomorrow: Sarah Holcombe, Land Trust Development Director

Sarah leads efforts to meaningfully engage and develop support from Land Trust donors, foundations, and corporations. Prior to joining the Land Trust in 2022, Sarah was the development director for the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation in Reno, Nevada.



Sarah holds a degree in Public Relations and Business Administration from the University of Oregon. She is passionate about development and working within animal welfare and environmental sustainability causes.

March 7: Tom Bracken, Bend Film Director of Communications and Development



Tom Bracken brings more than 30 years of entertainment and technology marketing expertise to BendFilm. Most recently he served as Vice President of Marketing for Fathom Events, the world's leading distributor of event cinema.

He previously held multiple senior executive roles with Technicolor, a leading services provider to major motion picture studios. As Global Project Director for Technicolor 3D, he led the effort to develop and launch a low-cost alternative for 3D movie projection. As VP of Worldwide Marketing and Communications, he created an integrated marketing and communications programs and helped grow revenue from \$2.6B to \$3.5B. At the start of his career, Tom was part of the team that developed and launched DIRECTV and was responsible for branding, national marketing.

March 21: TBD

April 4: Scott Penzarella, Executive Director of the Sisters Trails Alliance

Scott moved to Sisters in January of 2021 after purchasing Sisters Motor Lodge. He jumped in with both feet, getting involved with the Sisters High School Transitions Program and becoming acquainted with the trail systems and Forest Service land surrounding Sisters. An avid outdoorsman, he spends time in the backcountry hiking, biking, mountaineering, and climbing. Several times a week he hikes the Whychus Creek trail with his dog, Louie. Just two weeks ago he climbed Middle Sister. And he's just getting started.



Along with being a new local business owner, he will be the first executive director for the Sisters Trails Alliance (STA). His background as a business owner, nonprofit fundraiser, and board member made him a perfect fit for the position.

A passionate outdoor enthusiast since attending college in Durango, Colorado, he found that connecting with nature was a big part of his DNA. Penzarella begins his new position on June 10. He'll take the time necessary to learn the landscape of the organization and looks forward to meeting stakeholders. He's already met with the Forest Service to hear what their management goals are.

He will also continue to operate Left Coast Lodge, formerly Sisters Motor Lodge. The STA is a nonprofit organization. Their mission is to connect people and communities to each other and their natural surroundings. The STA plans, builds, and maintains multi-user, non-motorized trails in and around Sisters, Oregon. Visit their website at www.sisterstrails.org.

2023-24 Fundraising Events To Book in Your Calendar

By Bill Kelly

April 14 - MEGA Raffle - Easter Weekend 2023 for our Operating Fund

Co-Chairs Bill Bartlett and Bill Kelly

Committee - Steve Auerbach

500 Tickets @ \$10: Each member responsible for selling a minimum of 10 tickets



15 Prizes minimum value of \$100
Goal of effort: \$5,000

May 4 - Books for Kids Celebration 12:30-1:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary School

July 4 - Rumble on the Runway

Pancake feed followed by a Sausage feed with Raffle all to benefit Neighborhood Impact
Co-Chairs Sandy Reilly and Michael Gray
Raffle Value \$500 -- 250 tickets @ \$5 = \$1,250
300 sausages at \$10 profit = \$3,000
Fundraising Goal for Event: \$4,250



**September 23: SRPD Glory Daze Car Show---
Sausage/Raffle to benefit Neighborhood Impact**

Raffle Value \$500 -- 250 tickets @ \$5 = \$1,250
100 sausages at \$10 profit = \$1,000
Fundraising Goal for Event: \$2,250

Fall Christmas Ornament Sale to benefit Sisters Rotary Foundation

The MEGA Raffle and July 4 Rumble on the Runway events will be repeated in 2024.

Service Project, Upcoming Speaker, Fundraiser in Our Future?

By Mike Corwin



Do you have a service project, fundraiser or upcoming speaker scheduled in our club's future? Looking to maintain an effective and simplified communication line to all club members, it will be vital to have all we are planning in this newsletter and the pending website update.

Do remember that I could use a related photo to use or we can discuss what might be a great illustration to accompany your story/information.

Please email me at mike.corwin@comcast.net so I can include it in this Club eNewsletter and the club website calendar!!

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

Sergeant-at-Arms

February: Bill Bartlett
March and April: Jennifer Holland
May and June: Mike Corwin

Greeter Duty

February 21: Bill Kelly
March 7 and 21: Ann Davis

Thought for the Day

February 21: Hal Darcey

March 7: Rand Reitmann

March 21: Curtiss Davis

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle

By Mike Corwin

to do list

1. Make vanilla pudding. Put in mayo jar. Eat in public.
2. Hire two private investigators. Get them to follow each other.
3. Wear shirt that says "Life." Hand out lemons on street corner.
4. Get into a crowded elevator and say "I bet you're all wondering why I gathered you here today."
5. Major in philosophy. Ask people WHY they would like fries with that.
6. Run into a store, ask what year it is. When someone answers, yell "It worked!" and run out cheering.
7. Become a doctor. Change last name to Acula.
8. Change name to Simon. Speak in third person.
9. Buy a parrot. Teach the parrot to say "Help! I've been turned into a parrot."
10. Follow joggers around in your car blasting "Eye of the Tiger" for encouragement.