



Year 34, Number 7, March 18, 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
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Lei Darcey
Past President

Birthdays

- Rand Rietmann
March 18th
- Jennifer Holland
March 24th
- Lei Darcey
March 28th
- Steve Auerbach
March 31st

Meetings and Events

**Tomorrow: Need a strong showing for our 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.

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

1. **Service** is the major element of our mission. Through the plans and actions of our clubs, we create a culture of service that provides unparalleled satisfaction for those who serve.
2. **Fellowship** knows no limitation, it multiplies resources, and broadens our lives and perspectives.

3. **Diversity** of people and vocations within our membership provides a true representation of our communities. A club reflecting its business and professional community holds a key to the future.

4. **Integrity** and high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships are mainstays to Rotary service. We are fair and respectful in our interactions, and we conscientiously steward the resources entrusted to us.

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.



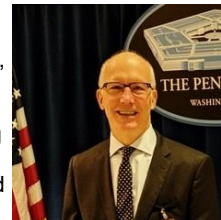
Alongside her brother, she established the distillery, renowned for encapsulating the essence of the region in every bottle, from the snow melt water of the Cascades to regional botanicals.

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

May 7: Rob Jasper, National Speaker on the 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. His career includes pivotal roles at PayScale, Intelligent Results, and First Data, focusing on data sciences and technology development.



Jasper also contributed as a technology officer and educator, influencing big data and software engineering fields. His leadership extends to advising academic programs, reflecting his commitment to advancing technology and education.

FREE Bill. Near From the DG, Spring & Rotary Service Ahead!!



I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates to brighten your day. I must confess, there was a moment when I questioned if we would ever bask in the sunlight again. At our last meeting, amidst the shadows of winter, our spirits were lifted as we generously tossed our happy dollars into the hat, hopeful that winter's curtain had finally closed. Lo and behold, Central Oregon has graced us with its first spring! Let's enjoy every sunbeam and gentle breeze, for we know the whims of weather all too well.

Now, for some exciting news that's sure to bring a smile to your faces – our Mega Raffle tickets have completely sold out! A roaring round of applause to each of you for your incredible efforts.

A special shoutout to Jen Burroughs, Steve Auerbach, and Kristen Sorensen-Hillary, our fundraising champions, who together sold an astonishing one-third of the tickets. Remember, the deadline to turn in your ticket stubs to the ever-diligent Bill Bartlett is at our meetings on March 19th and April 2nd. For those who've graciously sourced prizes, please deliver them to Bill Kelly posthaste. Your contributions are the jewels in our community crown. Looking ahead, summer beckons with its promise of warmth and camaraderie. We're buzzing with excitement for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Passport program, a delightful downtown business promotion leading up to the grand day. Plus, we're assembling two teams of quilt hangers to add a touch of Rotary flair to the show. It promises to be a stitch in time that saves nine – or countless memories, at least! Our anticipation builds for the Rumble on the Runway, currently floating in the realm of possibilities. With Bill Bartlett leading the charge, we may soon rally our fundraising might to ensure this event soars. The Sisters Community, ever supportive, has already pledged donations and volunteers aplenty. Stay tuned for more updates as we navigate the path ahead.

In the spirit of Rotary, let us continue to serve and uplift our community with joy, humor, and unwavering dedication. Here's to making a difference, one project at a time. Yours in Rotary,

Bill Kelly
President 2023-2024
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Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us & DG Jim This Week at High Camp!

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:



March 19: High Camp (Lunch this day with the District Governor!)

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



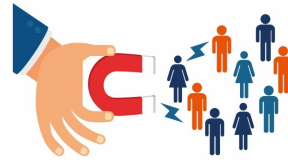
GOALS IN BILL'S YEAR:

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!!)

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

This story meets SRC'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.

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

We're thrilled to announce that our 50/50 Jackpot is exceeding \$700! With only a few cards left in the deck the excitement is building and the



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

March 19: Steve Auerbach

April 2: Sandy Reilly

May 7: Bre Miller

May 21: Mike Corwin

June 4: Jen Holland

June 18: Jen Burroughs

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

March 19: Judy Corwin

April 2: Curtiss Davis

April 16: Keith Hyde

May 7: Deni Reitmeier

May 21: Michael Gray

June 4: Leri Darcey

June 18: Tom Counos

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

March 19: Mike Corwin

April 2: Mark Griffin

April 16: Pam Ossinger

May 7: Kristin Sorenson-Hilgart

May 21: Suzy Fulton

June 4: Mark Ossinger

June 18: Curtiss Davis

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: More Thought Into Layout?



