



Year 34, Number 10, May 6, 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

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Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

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.



May 21: Dawn Boyd, Executive Director of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show



Dawn Boyd joined the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show as the Executive Director on January 7, 2019. She replaced Jeanette Pilak, who retired at the end of December 2018.

Boyd brought a passion for event coordination and a love for quilting to the role, with over 20 years of experience in coordinating various events before joining the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Her role involves managing an event that features 1,200 quilts from around the world and attracts more than 10,000 visitors. For more details, you can visit the article on The Nugget Newspaper's website.

June 4: 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.

Zak has worked in respected charities in Central Oregon since 2007, including serving as executive director for the Bend Ronald McDonald House from 2007-2011, and as associate director of the Deschutes Land Trust from 2011-2015.

He is also actively involved in the Rotary Club of Bend/Mt. Bachelor and served as Club President for 2018-19. Zak currently serves on the boards of City Club of Central Oregon, and the Bend Chamber as an ex-officio member representing higher education.

Zak's areas of professional expertise include major gift fundraising, community engagement, board governance, grants management, planned giving, event coordination, policy development, storytelling and nonprofit branding.

June 18: Matt Hilgers, Sisters High School Director of Athletics

Matt Hilgers is the athletic director at Sisters High School. An experienced educator and former three-sport athlete, he brings a passion for sports and a commitment to community engagement.

Hilgers, who moved to Sisters in 2021, has previously coached the varsity baseball team. His vision for the athletic department emphasizes student participation and fostering a strong sports culture within the school.



Dear Rotary of Sisters Members,

I hope this message finds you all well and filled with the same sense of joy and pride that I feel as we continue to serve our community with dedication and enthusiasm. Our recent endeavors have been nothing short of remarkable, and I am thrilled to share some exciting updates with you all.

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to the success of our **"Books for Kids"** initiative.

Witnessing the joy on the faces of the first graders as they delved into the world of the Grinch during our book giveaway on May 3 was truly heartwarming. Your unwavering support and participation made this event possible, and I couldn't be more grateful.



Mark your calendars for May 18th, when we will come together once again for the **Camp Polk**

Road Cleanup. Our commitment to preserving the beauty of our surroundings remains steadfast, and your presence at this event will undoubtedly make a difference. Let's meet at the Aspen Lakes Golf Course parking lot at 9 am, armed with smiles and grabbers, ready to make our community shine.

Rotary is also proud to announce our collaboration with the **Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show**, a cherished tradition in our town. We're excited to support local businesses by driving additional foot traffic through the Passport Program. From July 4th to 12th, passport holders can explore participating shops for specials and stamps, with a chance to win a stunning quilt crafted by the talented Lee Kelly. Contact Bill Kelly or Mike Corwin to see how you can participate in this fundraiser for the Sisters Rotary Foundation.

On July 13th, we'll need volunteers to assist in hanging quilts around town for the **Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show**. This annual tradition showcases the beauty of our community and requires the collective effort of dedicated individuals like yourselves. Last year, over 1,100 quilts adorned our streets, and with your help, we aim to make this year's display even more spectacular.

As we embark on these upcoming endeavors, let's remember the true spirit of Rotary â€" service above self. Together, we have the power to make a meaningful impact and create lasting change in our community. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Bill Kelly
President 2023-2024
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Our Club Front and Center for Fourth Fest



I am excited to announce the launch of the "Sisters 4th



tion of the Sisters 4th of July Fest," a fresh tradition replacing the Rumble on the Runway. This event is organized by the Rotary of Sisters and Citizens 4 Community (C4C), will unfold at The Village Green this Fourth of July.

Our lineup kicks off at 7:30

AM with the much-anticipated pancake and sausage breakfast, expertly led by Sandy Reilly. The day will also feature a fun run, live music, a childrenâ€™s parade, and more, promising fun for all ages until 1 p.m.

We invite each of you to contribute to this grand celebration. For those interested in supporting our pancake breakfast or any other part of the Fest, please reach out to Sandy Reilly directly.

Together, let's make this 4th of July unforgettable!

C4C awards \$1,000 to Rotary-related community projects

Local nonprofit Citizens4Community (C4C) recently selected 10 organizations, businesses, and individuals as the recipients of its 2024 Momentum Grants. Now in its fifth year, the program offers funding for grassroots projects aligned with the Sisters Country Vision.

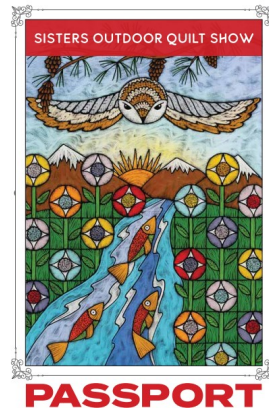
The Vision is a "guiding light" for the community, developed through a citizen-led process and designed to offer a long-term framework for the future of Sisters Country. A Vision Implementation Team (VIT) composed of local agency, organizational, and community leaders currently serves as steward of the Vision.

This year, C4C committed \$7,000 for projects that make Sisters Country more prosperous, livable, resilient, and connected. They received 24 applications "a nearly three-fold increase from 2023. This made for a difficult process for the Selection Committee, which included two C4C board members and three VIT representatives.

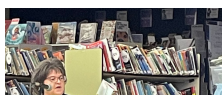
Among the committee's 10 selections were several of our Rotary Club's projects:

• Living Well With Dementia Sisters, to produce local events focused on providing support, education, and resources for community members with dementia and their care partners.

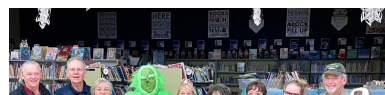
• Rotary Club of Sisters, to launch a "Merchant Passport Program" during the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, boosting community engagement and foot traffic for downtown merchants. **Draft of the Passport pictured right.**



Club Presents the Book Bags to Kids



Music, the Grinch, Princess Sue, and Books for Kids!





The Sisters Rotary Club was well represented as the club made their 14th annual presentation of book bags to school kids locally just days ago.



Thanks to all who braved the cold outside Aspen Lakes on that chilly club meeting date to prepare the bags which were well received on this special day of presentation day!

Redmond/Sisters Clubs Team Hosts Philippine Visitors

A great thank you to our fellow members who come out on Saturday morning to start the day by having coffee with the RFE Rotarian members from the Philippines.

Paul Spain, PE of Redmond Rotary, was the guide for their several-day visit and he brought them over to Sisters for a morning walk around.



All four of the visiting Rotarians have been past presidents for their local clubs. Hal Darcey was gracious to offer and bring them on a tour of our local Catholic church, which they enjoyed. They did visit several shops along the way from Sisters Coffee down to High Camp Restaurant where Nurbu and Pema Sherpa prepared lunch for our large group of Rotarians from both Sisters and Redmond.

It was a culinary experience of great food and great company.

Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us This Week!



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:

May 7: Ski Inn (pictured, left)

May 21: Spoons

June 4: Three Creeks

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!

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

May 7: Bre Miller

May 21: Mike Corwin

June 4: Jen Holland

June 18: Jen Burroughs

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

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!

May 7: Kristin Sorenson-Hilgart

May 21: tba

June 4: Mark Ossinger

June 18: Curtiss Davis

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: Toward Mother's Day!

10 things I know how to do BECAUSE I'M A MOTHER

by HollowTreeVentures.com

1. cook, eat, fold laundry, and check Facebook with one arm while rocking a baby to sleep in the other
2. communicate my level of irritation, on a scale from Mild to YouAreGonnaGetIt, simply by raising an eyebrow
3. ask my husband if we have any cookies without saying the word "cookies" out loud
4. drive anywhere in town without passing a McDonald's
5. change a diaper in the dark
6. eat a meal made up entirely of food left on my kids' plates
7. rationalize spending \$300 at Target when all I needed was baby wipes and fruit snacks
8. clean faces with my own saliva
9. embarrass my kids with kisses in front of the school while still getting in and out of the drop-off line like a ninja
10. make almost anything happen by the time I count to 3