



Year 33, Number 18, September 4, 2023

We Meet Bi-Monthly

at Brand 33 Restaurant
Aspen Lakes Golf Club
16900 Aspen Lakes Dr
Sisters, OR 97759
1st/3rd Tuesdays at 12 PM

Club Officers



William S. Kelly
President



Francis A. Reilly
President -Elect
Vice President
Club Executive
Secretary



Jennifer Holland
Secretary



Ann Marie Davis
Treasurer



Rand Rietmann
Membership
Chair



Harold M. Darcey
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Michael D. Corwin
Public
Image/Relations
Chair



Lei Darcey
iPast President



Keever T. Henry
Assistant
Governor

Birthdays

Meetings and Events



TUESDAY: Bruce Abernathy and the 10 Friends Projects

Ten Friends, a Sisters-based non-profit started over 15 years ago by two local teachers, will have representatives on hand to update the Club on the impact the organization is having in Nepal.

We will also hear about the recent merger with Elevate Nepal, an initiative started by the owners of High Camp Himalayan Food and Taphouse, and a student just returning from a Ten Friends' sponsored trip to Nepal in support of the organization's programs.

September 19: New Assistant Governor for our Area Keever Henry

Keever Henry was elected to the Area Governor position for the Central Oregon Rotary clubs of Redmond, Sisters, Jefferson Co. (Madras), and Crook Co. (Prineville). Keever has been a Rotarian since 2017 having served as past president for the Redmond club.

He enjoys fundraising and working with our youth having been involved with the Deschutes County Fair, Daddy Daughter Dance, Scholarships, mentoring, and interactions with the Redmond School District in many ways. Keever enjoys golfing and is involved in coaching with one local high school boys' team for spring golf season.

Keever's wife, Kristin, is the 8th grade Language Arts teacher at Sisters Middle School.



President Bill: A Club Excelling at Service!

Dear Sisters Rotary members:

I write to you today with gratitude in my heart. Our recent Sleep in Heavenly Peace "Bed Build" day was nothing short of extraordinary. This initiative, which aims to provide beds for needy children in Central Oregon, was a resounding success, thanks to each one of you.

A special shout-out to Hal Darcey for his tireless efforts in making this event a reality. Your dedication has not only touched lives but also exemplified the true spirit of Rotary.

I also want to extend my deepest thanks to Lei Darcey for stepping in as President during my absence. I am currently on the Big Island dealing with a medical issue



and will be back by September 13th. I assure you, I'm not seeking sympathy, just sending my heartfelt appreciation from afar.

As we bask in the success of our recent project, let's not forget our upcoming Glory Daze car show on September 23rd. Next up is our Sausage Cookout at the event held in Fir Park between 9:30am - 1 p.m. I urge you to sign up and continue this incredible momentum we've built together.

Thank you for your help!

Bill Kelly
President 2023-2034
Rotaryofsisters@gmail.com

Sisters Club Earns City and Rotary Brand Grants

By Mike Corwin

The club has received a pair of \$500 grants of late--one toward our youth reading effort and the other toward our branding and promotion of our successes as a club in Sisters Country toward increased membership potential and awareness in town. Below are the approval notices recently received:



Dear Sandy,

Congratulations, the Sisters City Council has awarded the Sisters Rotary Club a \$500 community grant. After reviewing 22 applications totaling \$63,603 in grant requests, the Council decided to award your organization funds to support the annual books for kids project.

As a condition of the grant award, the City Council would like a report on how your organization used the funds. Please note that funds cannot be used for travel, budget deficits, or routine operating expenses, including payroll expenses.

Sincerely,

Kerry Prosser
*Assistant City Manager
City of Sisters*

DG Jim, Bill and Mike,

The requirements of this \$500 Rotary Brand grant award include preview of mockups for newly designed materials. However, (knowing who is involved on your side), I see no reason for preview. I realize as well that you may be planning to use materials already out there from established vendors.

So, I am approving your application and sending it on to DG Jim to contact our District Treasurer. She will send along the check to your club shortly.

Best wishes, have fun, and make Rotary Magic!

Yours in Service Through Rotary,

Joe Vincent
District 5110, Executive Assistant Governor
Rotary Club of Greater Albany, Chair International Service Committee

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build A Huge Success

By Bill Kelly

The Rotary Club of Sisters sponsored a Build Day for Sleep in Heavenly Peace pairing with EXPION360 and The Rotary Club of Sisters to fabricate and prep 50 beds on August 18.

Club members came through in spades as noted by Joe Myers, the President of SHP, Bend in a note to Hal Darcey:

Hal, your group of contacts were the best volunteer group we have ever had. The beds are top notch and they were able to complete everything really quick. I usually don't get home after a build until 10:00 pm. Today I was home by 3:30. I couldn't believe it. Please give each one of the volunteers my thanks.



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Needless to say, the real benefactors of your effort are the children that will finally have a bed to sleep in. Joe said we fabricated about 40 beds ... that will be scheduled for delivery within the next two months.

I was not able to connect with some of you during the busy day yesterday ... but MAHALO NUI LOA (thank you very much)

for joining me on this fun project.

SHP is a national nonprofit that has a chapter in Bend. They provide new beds and bedding for children in need in the central Oregon area. There is a current demand for 50 bunkbeds for needy families in our community.



For more information about Sleep in Heavenly Peace ... SHPbeds.com

GLORY DAZE Car Show

Sisters Rotary Sausage Cookout

Sept. 23rd, 2023

Location: Fir Park, 9:30am - 1:00pm



**SISTERS MEAT
AND
SMOKEHOUSE**

Kids Hot Dog-Chips-Water \$10

Sisters Smokehouse Polish Sausage-Chips-Water \$12

Benefits NeighborImpact Food Bank

SPRD
SISTERS
Park & Recreation
DISTRICT

The event is a benefit for Neighbor Impact food bank.
<https://www.neighborimpact.org>

Rotary
Club of Sisters

A FUN FAMILY EVENT!

Post-Rotary Lunch Get Togethers Growing...Join Us!

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:

September 5: R Spot (pictured)

September 19: The Barn

October 3: Spoons

October 17: Philadelphia's

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!

FROM RI MONTHLY: Tips Toward Sustaining a Vibrant Club

By Mike Corwin

FROM ROTARY MAGAZINE'S AUGUST ISSUE: Invigorate your club with these four timely tips, a club health check, and data that reveals what matters most to members.

1. Create the Club You Crave: Do a Club Health Check (see below)
2. Plan Projects That Pack Punch
3. Connect to Amplify Impact
4. Don't Forget the Fun



The Health Check

- **Club Experience:** Are members feeling they are participating in the Rotary experience beyond club meetings?
 - Connect members with various Rotary programs (Interact, RYLA, scholarship programs, Fellowship or a Rotary Action Group)
- **Social:** Is there a sufficient scheduling of Socializing and Networking events?
 - Put one or two members in charge of a social calendar
- **Service:** Do you measure the effectiveness and impact of your service efforts?
 - Connect members with the Rotary Foundation cadre of technical advisers to guidance project guidance.
- **Members:** Are we growing smartly?
 - Create a membership development plan reminding current members of the process for growth and tips toward how to search for the right member prospects locally. There are some great membership assessment tools at rotary.org/membership. They include:



- 1) a member interest survey
- 2) a diversity assessment
- 3) a prospective member exercise
- 4) retention and assessment analysis
- 5) a member satisfaction survey
- 6) and, should members leave, an exit survey tool.

• **Image:** Is our community cognizant of our presence and achievements?

- Give the Public Image people in the club the opportunity to manage the club's web and social media presence and evaluate how to best increase

community awareness of the club's work.

- **Business and Planning:** Is there sufficient effort to plan and set goals?
 - Regularly scheduled board meetings to create/constant review of a strategic plan. Set and measure goals. Communicate progress to the rest of the club membership and adjust bylaws/other documents as needed.

2022 Rotarian data: Why did you join?

- 23% Community service (this remains strong for all age sectors as need for connections/leadership skills wane)
- 17% Friendship (this increases to the top reason for those over 60)
- 14% Professional connections
- 14% International service
- 8% Leadership skills
- 24% All of the above
- 2% Other
- 1% Don't Know

Overall Rotarian satisfaction with club membership and involvement stood at 86.6% in 2022.

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

September 5: Curt Scholl

September 19: Jamie French

October 3: Jen Burroughs

October 17: Jim Barnes

November 7: Bryson French

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

September 5: Rand Reitmann

September 19: Brandon Voss

October 3: Hal Darcey

October 17: Steve Auerbach

November 7: Judy Corwin

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

September 5: Kristen Sorenson-Higart

September 19: Ann Davis

October 3: Bill Bartlett

October 17: Lei Darcey

November 7: Mike Corwin

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle

WHEN YOU FORGET TO



PUT SUNSCREEN ON

