



Year 34, Number 19, September 16, 2024

We Meet Bi-Monthly

at Brand 33 Restaurant
Aspen Lakes Golf Course
16900 Aspen Lakes Drive
Sisters, OR 97759

1st/3rd Tuesdays at
12pm

Club Officers



Francis A. Reilly
President
President-Elect



James Christopher Lanzarotta
President-Elect
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William S. Kelly
iPast President

Birthdays

Francis A. Reilly
October 5th
Judith Corwin
October 7th
James R. Barnes
October 13th

Meetings and Events

Tomorrow: Sarah McDougall, Sisters Planning Commissioner

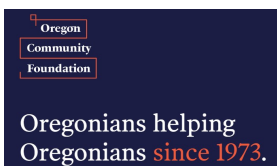


Sarah will be speaking to the Urban Growth Boundary(UGB) Amendment process being followed and seeking feedback.

This is part of a greater outreach program by the city in an effort to make the process as inclusive as possible.

Saturday, September 21: Glory Daze Car Show--Signed up to volunteer?

Volunteers still needed for the "kitchen" at Glory Daze on Saturday, the 21st, two cooks and two cashiers. Set up and cooking starts at 7:30 as does cashier station set up.



October 1: Valarie Rundquist, Sr. Program Officer, Oregon Community Foundation and Julie Gregory, Sr. Philanthropic Advisor and Regional Director, Central & Eastern Oregon

Valarie has served as our Sisters Rotary Foundation endowment through Oregon Community Foundation since it was established in 2021. The account has grown to six figures during our relationship and provides an annual draw that serves us well in providing for Sisters High School college scholarships and other community projects of our choosing.

Val joined OCF in 2007 after 13 years in the financial services industry. At OCF, she oversees the administration and management of the endowments of more than 450 of Oregon's charitable organizations.



Julie provides support with building the endowment through a donor's estate and planned gifts. Prior, she practiced law in the private and public sectors in Virginia and Oregon. She helps individuals, families, businesses and organizations throughout central and eastern Oregon create charitable funds to support their passions. Julie is inspired every day by Oregonians who support their communities with innovative and creative thinking sparked by

an extraordinary generosity of spirit.

October 15: Juli DiChiro, Rotary District 5110 International Service Chair

Club PE Jim Lanzarotta has had several discussions with Juli about International Service and the Sisters Club's opportunities to contribute time and treasure. She will come visit with us to address recent International Service successes of our District and what is planned for the future.

Jim is hoping to have the discussion include how our Club can also work with the rest of the Deschutes County club on some significant international projects.



November 5: Club Summit with Current President Sandy Reilly and Prez Elect Jim Lanzarotta

Our current and future leaders will address the club budget, project calendar and the three-year Rotary International strategy and how it sets up our club for additional success.

Sandy and Jim have been working on such a significantly project for several months now and are ready to unveil some of the planning, numbers and dates for all club members to know as we continue to serve Sisters Country.

President Sandy: Thoughts and Upcoming Service Opps

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I've returned to the town I grew up in this week and it has reminded me of a favorite poet and poem; Robert Frost opens with this line;

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
And sorry i could not travel both
And be one traveler, long i stood
And looked down on as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth

And finished with this statement;

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I,
I took the one less traveled by,
And it has made all the difference.

I hope your path has made the difference and will continue to make the difference.

Short notes for club members:

- Volunteers still needed for the "kitchen" at Glory Daze on Saturday, the 21st, two cooks and two cashiers. Set up and cooking starts at 7:30 as does cashier station set up.
- Club board meeting, Monday October 14, 4:30pm at Pine Meadow clubhouse. Club members open to attend to see how we work.
- All grant requests have been approved as funds received to our club accounts.

Yours in service,

Sandy Reilly
President, Rotary Club of Sisters



Club Profile #3: Michael Gray

Who is Michael Gray in 1-2 sentences? I am a proud Midwesterner who was born & raised in Chicago. As the black sheep of my family of two older brothers and three sisters, I headed west to San Jose, California post graduating from the University of Illinois where I began my professional career in Finance. I knew no one post arrival & spent my first 30 days in Silicon Valley sleeping on the floor of the Vagabond Hotel until I was able to settle in. The rest is history.



Profession(s)? Senior Finance Executive / Retired Chief Financial Officer and Board Member as Audit Committee Chair. Managed two different companies from their start-up stage through successful initial and secondary public equity offerings.



Years in Rotary? Three years. I joined in July '21 & was recruited by Bill Kelly.

Family? Father of three, five grandchildren, married for 41 years to wife, Mary Kay and still going. I enjoy playing ice hockey, ice skating, biking, fishing and hiking. My favorite band is the Doobie Brothers.

Why Rotary? "Service above self" says it all. I want to give back to the local community by actively volunteering and supporting various projects, causes and events to enrich the lives of others and help increase Rotary's contributions within the Sisters area.

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:

September 17: The Barn (pictured, right)

October 1: Ski Inn

October 15: Three Creeks

November 5: Spoons

November 19: Sisters Saloon



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 Rotary Leadership Prep Opportunity in Ashland

Wanted to relay an invitation from the District to attend the Ashland, OR RLI, or Rotary Leadership Institute. September 28 & 29. Here is an excerpt from the note I received this week. (Yes, I know that is SFF weekend here in town).

Our club has budgeted funds to support a member going to these district sessions, so if you are interested in the Leadership Institute, and I hope some of you are, let me know and I will forward the details over to you. You could be seeing me there:



The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) planned for Ashland has opened for registration and spaces are filling up. Registration is limited, so securing a spot now is wise. RLI is our District's primary learning opportunity and is available to all Rotarians and Rotaractors. Session topics cover Rotary basics, The Rotary Foundation and grants, Rotary public image and brand, membership, leadership, teamwork and more. Sessions are interactive, fun, based on principles of adult learning, and facilitated by Rotary topic experts, some of whom are past District Governors.

TIMES/DATES/COST

RLI Ashland is \$200 and will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28 and will conclude not later than 3:30 on Sunday, September 29. The registration link details the meals that are included along with the Refund Policy, along with payment options. Please note: Refunds are not subject to the cancellation fee when a person on the waiting list takes your spot.

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

September 17: Mike Marshall

October 1: Steve Auerbach

October 15: Judy Corwin

November 5: Hal Darcey

November 19: Mike Deal

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

September 17: Mark Griffin

October 1: Sandy Reilly

October 15: Mike Corwin

November 5: Tom Counos

November 19: Linda Fulton

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

September 17: Jen Holland

October 1: Bill Bartlett

October 15: Lei Darcey

November 5: Ann Davis

November 19: Jim Barnes

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle

If liars' pants really *did*
catch on fire, watching
the news would be a lot
more fun.