



Year 34, Number 2, January 1, 2024

We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

??????1st/3rd Tuesdays
at noon

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Birthdays

Curtiss Owen Davis
January 1st
Pam Ossinger
January 1st
Bill Bartlett
January 19th

Meetings and Events

Tomorrow: Curtis Scholl, Update on our Sisters School District

Our own member Curt Scholl is the Sisters School District Superintendent and will be giving us an updated State of the District report to bring in the New Year!

See you tomorrow!



Jan. 16: Mark Gross, Founder/Executive Director of School of Ranch.

Mark Gross is the pioneering spirit behind School of Ranch. As the founder, Board President, and Executive Director, Mark's journey is nothing short of inspiring. With a robust 20-year career spanning magazines, newspapers, and the early days of the internet, he witnessed the evolution of information firsthand. The pivotal events of 9/11 prompted a career shift, leading him to become an award-winning International Relations teacher in San Jose's public schools.

His passion for education and community building led to the creation of School Loop, an innovative service designed to ease teachers' workload and foster a supportive community around students. After selling School Loop in 2018,

Mark, alongside his partner Carolyn, embarked on a new adventure. They purchased ten acres in rural Oregon, laying the foundation for the School of Ranch. This venture marks a continuation of Mark's lifelong commitment to innovation, education, and community. Join us in celebrating his journey and the unique educational experience at School of Ranch.



Feb. 6: Susan Windell, Past President/Incoming President for 2024 of the local Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.)

Susan, who moved to Bend in 2018, has been an active and vibrant member of our community. Her dedication to making a positive impact is evident through her involvement with Trinity Lutheran Church, Three Sisters Lions Club, and particularly with P.E.O. Chapter GH in Sisters.

In her presentation, Susan will share valuable insights about the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.), highlighting its mission and significant contributions.

Founded on January 21, 1869, P.E.O. was initiated by seven students at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. This inspiring group of women, united by their commitment to enhancing women's opportunities, has grown to include over a half a million members across the United States and Canada. P.E.O. is renowned for its work in supporting women's education and professional development, offering scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cottey College.

Susan's talk promises to be not only informative but also inspiring, showcasing how P.E.O. empowers women in their educational pursuits and career aspirations. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about this remarkable organization and how it aligns with our Rotary Club's values of service, leadership, and community engagement.

Feb. 20: Eric Strobel, Sisters Area Dir. for Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO)

Eric Strobel is the Sisters Area Director for Economic Development of Central Oregon (EDCO), a position he has been enthusiastically fulfilling since October 2022. His role at EDCO involves guiding and assisting local businesses in their expansion and development efforts in Sisters, a region known for its supportive business community and a variety of economic opportunities. Strobel's work is crucial in fostering a diversified local economy and creating a strong base of middle-class jobs in Central Oregon.

Strobel's work at EDCO aligns with the organization's broader mission of supporting economic development in Central Oregon. EDCO, founded in 1981, is a non-profit corporation that plays a vital role in the region's economic landscape by aiding companies in relocation, growth, and development.





Dear Rotarians and Friends,

As we step into the new year with fresh aspirations and renewed spirits, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all. 2024 is not just another year; it's a new chapter filled with opportunities for growth, service, and fellowship.

New Year's Resolutions & Club Goals

As your President, I ponder, "What is your New Year's resolution?" Is it personal growth, community service, or perhaps a blend of both? Whatever it may be, let's align our individual resolutions with our collective goal. This year, we aim to strengthen our club by welcoming at least one new member per member and deepening our commitment to the global community by donating \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. Every contribution, big or small, creates ripples of change.



Reflecting on the Holiday Party

Our Holiday Party was a memorable affair, thanks to Tristan and Gemma Marshal's enchanting Christmas music.



A big shoutout to Lei and Sue (pictured to the left with all the goodies) for orchestrating a delightful spread that still has everyone talking!



These gatherings are not just about celebration but also about strengthening the bonds that make our club unique.

Let's carry this camaraderie into all our endeavors in 2024.



Welcoming New Faces

It's with great excitement that we're starting the year by welcoming five new members: Suzy Fulton, Deni Reitmeier, Donna Marshall (left), Bre Miller, and Jim Nelson (right).



Your enthusiasm and fresh perspectives are invaluable to our club.

MEGA Raffle Committee

The MEGA Raffle is an event many look forward to, and the committee is convening this January. If you're seeking a fun and impactful way to contribute to our club and the community, this is your chance. Reach out and join the fun. Your participation is what makes events like these a success.

In Conclusion

As we navigate the year ahead, let's keep our club's mission at heart. Engage in service, foster understanding, and take action to create lasting change. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things.

Here's to a year of success, service, and fellowship.

Warm regards,

Bill Kelly

President 2023-2034

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Goals for President Bill's Year to Keep in Focus



2023-24 Goals for the Club:



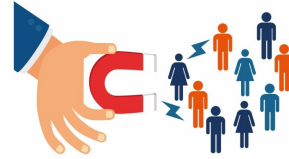
Annual Rotary Foundation goal: \$7,500 (\$3,120 to date—42%)

Polio Plus contribution goal: \$2,000 (\$808 to date—40%)

EREY: Every Rotarian Every Year— 100% participation in donating to The Rotary Foundation

\$100 annually

Goal for membership—every member find one new community leader to invite. (Current club count is 35 — net plus five this year and increase over the past year and a half of 16 new members!!)



Every Rotarian, Every Year

By William S. Kelly

The "Every Rotarian, Every Year" (EREY) initiative is an effort to encourage every Rotarian to contribute to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund each Rotary year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. The goal is to achieve 100% participation from club members, regardless of the donation amount. This initiative aims to support the Rotary Foundation's work, from local humanitarian efforts to international scholarships and project grants.

Though there's no official minimum donation amount set by Rotary International for EREY, the Rotary Club of Sisters encourages members to contribute at least \$100 per year. When members contribute \$100 or more per year, they help their club qualify for a banner recognizing this achievement.



The EREY funds are typically allocated through the "SHARE" system, which means that after three years, 50% of the funds raised go to the World Fund, and the other 50% is returned to the districts to fund local and international projects. The idea is that even a small donation, when combined with others, can make a significant impact.

By contributing annually, Rotarians ensure ongoing support for vital projects around the world, and they become part of a sustained effort to bring positive change.

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:

January 2: Three Creeks (pictured, right)

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!

Get Your Club Thermal Mug For Only \$10

Now available!

Sisters Rotary 12 oz double all, thermal hot/cold travel mugs with lids.



Stainless outside with Rotary logo. Sliding spill lock.

Only \$10.

There will be a supply on hand at the meeting.



Exciting News: Rotary 50/50 Jackpot Approaching \$500!

We're thrilled to announce that our 50/50 Jackpot has now approaching \$500! With only a few 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

January 2: Debi McCune

January 16: Curt Scholl

February 6: Jamie French

February 20: Jen Burroughs

March 5: Jim Barnes

March 17: 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.

January 2: Jim Lanzarotta

January 16: Rand Rietmann

February 6: Brandon Voss

February 20: Hal Darcey

March 5: Steve Auerbach

March 17: Judy Corwin

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

January 2: Sue Preifert

January 16: Kristin Sorenson-Hilgart

February 6: Ann Davis

February 20: Bill Bartlett

March 5: Lei Darcey

March 17: Mike Corwin

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle: 2024!

Chosen By Mike Corwin

Me thinking I'm going to actually



keep my New Years Resolution

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