



Year 34, Number 1, December 18, 2023

We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

1st/3rd Tuesdays at Noon

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Birthdays

Susan Priefert
December 17th
Curtiss Owen Davis
January 1st
Pam Ossinger
January 1st

Meetings and Events

Tomorrow: Our Club Party at the Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse

Join the Rotary of Sisters for a festive holiday party on December 19, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse. This special event, hosted by Lei Darcey and Susan Priefert. This event replaces our regular meeting with a Christmas-themed celebration.



The Rotary club will provide a delightful array of food, and members are encouraged to bring their favorite holiday drinks to share. The atmosphere promises to be joyful and merry, filled with laughter and good cheer.



Families are warmly invited to this festive gathering, making it a perfect opportunity to enjoy the holiday spirit with loved ones and community members. Please sign up at the December 5th meeting to join in the fun.

Don your festive attire and bring along your holiday spirit for an evening of community, joy, and celebration. It's more than just a party; it's a magical start to the holiday season!

Jan. 2: Curtis Scholl, Sisters School District Update

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!

I know it's right up against your back-to-work after the Holidays, but get this presentation on your 2024 calendar.



January 16: TBA



February 6: Susan Windell, Past President and the 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.

February 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.



Purchase at the Party: Ornament Sale To Benefit Our SRF



The Holiday Ornament fundraiser for our Sisters Rotary Foundation will continue with their availability to club members at tomorrow's Holiday Party.

If all 100 ornaments produced sell at the \$25 price, we will have made a \$1,000 profit for SRF. **Please look to sell or purchase yourself for family and friends!**

The tile was designed by local artist Kathy Deggendorfer (see photo to the left). Fika Coffee will continue to sell the tile through the Holidays, but it would be appreciated if club members could purchase one or more each.

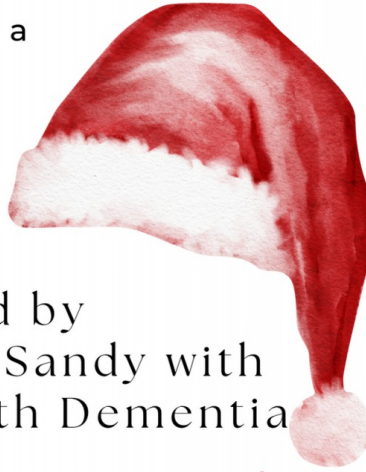
Thank you to Kathy, Ann Davis and Fika owner Renee

Reitmeier.

Continuing the Spirit: Special Social Day After Our Club Party

Please Join us for a

Christmas Social



Hosted by
Bill, Debbi & Sandy with
Living Well With Dementia

Light Hors d'oeuvres and
Beverages Provided

Dec 20th



2 - 4 pm

It's a great time to visit
with others who are living with some form of
Dementia, or carepartners, family, and friends to have
some holiday cheer! Many of you will know one
another! And if you don't, you'll meet someone new.
Information will be available for our Living Well With
Dementia plans for 2024 including but not limited to
quarterly events, movement classes, local resources,
and support groups.

Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse
596 W Jefferson Ave, Sisters, OR 97759
RSVP to 541.647.0052 or Debbi@LWWDS.com

President Bill: Holiday Celebrations and Early 2024 Highlights



Dear Rotarians and Friends,



See you tomorrow at our annual Christmas party at the Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse from 5 pm to 8 pm. It's a time for joy, fellowship, and holiday cheer. We encourage you to bring your families and share in the merriment of the season.

Additional social to share cheer on Wednesday! As you see above, there will be another event to recognize our efforts to battle Alzheimer's/dementia locally. It will be Wednesday afternoon once again in the same clubhouse!

January's Educational Insight: Curt Scholl's SSD Update

Looking ahead to January, we have an enlightening session planned for our first meeting of the new year. Curt Scholl will provide an insightful update on the Sisters School District. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about our educational community and how we can contribute.

Mega Raffle Committee: A Call for Volunteers

January also marks the beginning of our preparations for the Mega Raffle - our largest fundraiser of the year. The success of this event is critical as it funds many of our impactful projects. We need your help! Whether you're skilled in securing prizes, selling tickets, or eager to work on the committee, your participation is invaluable. Let's make this year's Mega Raffle a grand success!

In closing, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm. The holiday season is a reminder of the warmth and strength of our Rotary community. Let's end this year on a high note and step into the new year with renewed energy and purpose.

Warm regards,

Bill Kelly

President 2023-2034

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Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

December 19: Keith Hyde

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.

December 19: Michael Gray
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!

December 19: TBA
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: Happy Holidays!

