

Rotary

Club of Klamath County



Leap Year and some thoughts...

I did a little research and found out some interesting things about the 366th day this year:

A decent proposal

In the 21st century, women are free to propose to their partner at any time they choose, but for centuries it was solely the gentleman's prerogative. Tradition states that once every four years, on 29 February, the tables are turned and matrimony-minded women have the chance to ask their sweetheart to marry them instead.

Folklore suggests the tradition began in Ireland in the 5th century, with a deal brokered between St Brigid of Kildare and St Patrick, but the tradition has spread across Europe and beyond. In Scotland women intending to propose are advised to wear a red petticoat visible to their love "perhaps to give them fair warning."

The cost of a refusal

Unfortunately, it isn't always happily ever after. Supposedly originating from a law passed by Queen Margaret of Scotland in 1288, any man who refuses a Leap Day proposal should be

Thursday, February 8, 2024

The Rotary Club of Klamath County meets at The Ross Ragland Cultural Center, 218 N 7th St.
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Thursdays at noon

This Week's Program:
Lee "Bangkok" Bouma

Base Commander Update - 173rd Fighter Wing
Chair: Tom Schiess

Next Week's Program:
Bohdan Fedorfchek
Exchange Student
Home Country Update
Chair : Jim Calvert

FEBRUARY 22 WE WILL MEET AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 601 PINE ST.

Special Guest at the February 15th Meeting

As was mentioned at last week's meeting, we will have an Official Football Referee present during Happy Bucks/Dammit Dollars to explain any questionable calls that took place during the Super Bowl and to control any incendiary comments from members stemming from the outcome of the 49ers/Chiefs match-up. Be forewarned there may be some penalties levied (max of \$5.00) so bring some extra dollars and your best trash talk on why you think your team was maligned. The attending ref will sort out any controversies.

issued with a fine, which can amount to anything from £1 to a *silk gown*.

In Denmark the penalty is 12 pairs of gloves, which the spurned maiden can wear to hide the ignominy of having no ring, and in Finland a man who declines must provide enough fabric to make a skirt.

Aging Parents in Taiwan get Pig Trotter Noodles.

Leap years are not an auspicious time for old people in Taiwan. In fact, the belief is that they are more likely to die.

To increase their chance of survival, daughters return home to cook up pig trotter noodles for their parents. Tasty, filling and a harbinger of good health and good fortune.

"Leepers" Festival in US

In the USA, the New Mexico town of Anthony has declared itself the Leap Year Capital of the World. Every four years, "Leepers" (those born on 29 February) gather here to celebrate their rare birth date.

Leapers from as far away as Australia and Europe gather at the Sombra Antigua Vineyard and Winery for a "Mix and Mingle" (highlight of the celebrations). Leapers and their plus ones get in for free. Everyone else has to pay for their buffet and wine.

Recognition of Paul Harris Contributions at February 29th Meeting.

A portion of the February 29th weekly meeting will be devoted to recognizing the many Rotarians who have contributed to the Rotary Foundation via the Paul Harris Fellow fund. In the second half of last year, the board, on recommendation from Barney Simonsen, opted to match 1 for 1 any donation made by a member towards their Paul Harris Fellow account with up to 1000 club points per member.

Many Rotarians stepped up to the challenge and we want to recognize all who have achieved a Paul Harris Fellow award since that challenge began. This match will continue through the end of June of this year, so there is still plenty of time to start or to add to your Paul Harris Fellow fund.

\$15 Thousand Remains for Worthwhile Projects for the Community

An amount of \$15,000 from the \$40,000 of proceeds from the Livestock Auction remains available for additional worthwhile programs brought to the board by membership. Proposals must fall into one of the following criteria for consideration: 1.) Mental Health and Wellbeing, 2.) Youth and Families, 3.) Literacy, 4.) Clean Water, and 5.) Humanitarian, i.e. food security. Proposals must be made in person to the board or by a presentation at a weekly Rotary meeting with the request for funds made to the board.

To allow for ample time to review a proposal, the board will limit the reviews to two proposals per board meeting. Proposals will be addressed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Two proposals are already scheduled for the February 7th board meeting. There is one slot open for the March 13th board meeting. Please contact President Jim to schedule a proposal before the board.

Birthdays



[David Carlson](#)
February 3rd



[Gary Cheyne](#)
February 20th



[Jim Hackett](#)
February 22nd