

Rotary

Club of Klamath County



Thursday, February 29, 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:
Roxanne Gould
Life of an International Fashion Model
Chair: Jerry Freschi

Next Week's Program:
Ruthie Simpson
Guide Dogs for the Blind
Chair: Jerry Freschi

Meat distribution took place at Shermâ€™s Loading Dock on Thursday, February 29 at 11:00. We will distribute \$4,000 of Ground Turkey to the Klamath County Food Bank, Saint Vincent DePaul, Klamath Advocacy Center , the Senior Center and the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission.



Pictured: Matt Hurley and Jim Witt pass the turkey to two food bank employees. Picture by Pete BelCastro

Addressing Education in the Basin This Wednesday evening, February 28th, there is an event in Klamath featuring the education expert Robert Pondiscio, which will take place at the Klamath Union auditorium at 7 pm. Pondiscio is author of the celebrated book "How the Other Half Learns," in which he followed low-income South Bronx students through a year in New York's most controversial – and most academically successful – school. With our own local schools suffering from poor test scores, absenteeism and other problems, there is

there is
much to be
learned at
this event.
This event is
open to the
public. Hope
to see you
there.

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. If you are going to get an award, please try to attend, so you can be properly recognized. A group photo will be taken.

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.

\$8500 Remains for Worthwhile Projects for the Community

An amount of \$8500 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. The next open slot to present is at the board meeting April 10th. Please let a board member know if you plan on attending and making a presentation.

Proposed New Members

We are pleased to announce we have two new member applications that have been approved by the board. Lacey May is a Property Manager with Stewart Property Management and is sponsored by Phil Kensler. Fola Kareem is a Clinical Therapist with Grace William Health Systems and is sponsored by Larry Jespersen. These individuals are now presented to the membership for review. If there are any reasons for not approving these potential members, those reasons must be presented in writing to a board member within seven days from this notice. Any such reasons will be taken into consideration by the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on March 20th.

Birthdays



[David Carlson](#)
February 3rd



[Gary Cheyne](#)
February 20th



[Jim Hackett](#)
February 22nd