

# Rotary

## Club of Klamath County



### Klamath Cares/Klamath Reads (KCKR)

The annual Klamath Cares/Klamath Reads (KCKR) event is held at the end of the school year at Mike's Fieldhouse located at Steen's Sports Park. Every first grade child in the Klamath City / County School Districts, as well as, Tulelake, Dorris and area private schools attend this event. KCKR promotes literacy through a program which has music, guest speakers and small group reading. Each student is issued a book, as well as, other items in a gift bag for them to take home. Former City School Superintendent Cec Amuchastegui is the main coordinator for this event and Rashell Carvalho is the committee chair. Rotarians participate by doing a "book stuffing" a few days prior to the event. At the main event, Rotarians greet the incoming buses of children, ensure boxes of books are organized and given to the proper classes, and also

**Thursday January 25, 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:**

**Todd Kepple  
Old Time Logging  
Chair: Matt Hurley**

#### **Next Week's Program:**

**Michelle Crane  
Klamath & Lake Counties Long Term Recovery Group  
(from fires in the past year)  
Chair: TBD**

#### **Are You a Social Media Guru?**

**As part of an ongoing effort on the part of the Board to update the descriptions and responsibilities of our various committees, a need has been identified to establish a "Public Image" chairperson who, in turn, would create a supporting committee. The purpose of the Public Image position/committee would be to showcase the various worthy events our club supports by utilizing media conduits like our website, Facebook, Twitter, etc. With a few pictures, a video and some accompanying text we can make ourselves much better known to a wide variety of audiences, such as, the general public, potential new members, our own membership, and other agencies and organizations who would like to collaborate with Rotary to better serve our community. Interested? Talk to any board member and become the club's first ever Public Image specialist.**

classes, and also  
organize where  
each school will sit  
during the  
presentation.

**First Harvest** This is  
an annual  
*distribution* in the  
late winter/early  
spring of "ground  
turkey" meat from  
local grocer  
Sherm's

Thunderbird to five  
area non-profit  
organizations. The  
Club purchases  
approximately  
\$4,000 worth of  
ground turkey and  
then disburses to  
the following non-  
profits: Senior  
Center, Gospel  
Mission, Saint  
Vincent DePaul,  
Food Bank and the  
Klamath Advocacy  
Center (formerly  
Marta's House). Jim  
Witt is the chair and  
coordinator for this  
event.

### **KCKR and First Harvest Call for Assistance** (See the sidebar to understand what these events entail.)

These are two traditional events the club has always supported. While the club assures the costs will be covered for these events, we have also had member support to assist in mitigating the expense. KCKR will be take place on June 6, 2024 and the selection of books for the first graders is already underway. Costs have increased for the books (just like for everything else) and member support would be appreciated to ease the impact. Talk to Rashell Carvalho or Chris Moudry if you or your company can assist.

Likewise, First Harvest will be take place by first of March. The cost for the turkey meat is set at \$4,000 and while the club budgets for a portion of that, membership has helped in the past. Sherm's gives us the very best rate on the meat that they can. Talk to Jim Witt or Chris Moudry if you can assist on this one.

**Look for the secret word in italics. Be the first one to raise your hand and get 5 bucks and three free 50/50 tickets!!!**

## Birthdays



[Carl Sgarlata](#)  
January 2nd



[Thomas Schiess](#)  
January 6th



[Daniel Hernandez](#)  
January 7th



[Whit Simpson](#)  
January 9th



[Keith Brown](#)  
January 13th



[Jay Lunsford](#)  
January 15th



[Pete Belcastro](#)  
January 23rd



[Todd Andres](#)  
January 29th