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Club of Medford Rogue

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Zoom meeting link: [Click Here For Meeting](#)

Medford Rogue Rotary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 969 2121 8695

Passcode: 234510+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Judy Basker

Sergeant at Arms: Claudette Moore

Greeters: Paul Christy

Attendance: Shaun Franks

Technology: John VanSickle

Song for Today

Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In

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Thanks to Frank Pulver

This Week's Speaker: Bill Thorndike

Topic: Butte Falls Community Forest

Last Week's Speaker: Kellie Hill Facilitating, 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Summary of last week's topic:

Each year, our Rotary hosts a four-way test speech competition. Created in 1932 by a Rotarian, this test is an essential part of being a Rotarian to use for personal and professional relationships. For this year's competition, five students applied and the top three were picked to present today. Each winner will receive a cash prize and one of the winners could go to the finals!

Speech #1 was on the topic of student grades. The student feels mental health and wellbeing are not as much of a priority as receiving a letter grade. An example is the high rates of cheating among high schoolers showing that honesty is not as important as receiving a good grade. The speaker believes to promote honesty, fairness

and good-will, schools need to adopt systems that also grade for investment in school projects and students' abilities to learn. Speech was by Sophia from St. Mary's HS.

Speech #2 was about how the country is divided and how the election caused more mistrust in people due to political beliefs. Whether urban versus rural, rich versus poor, or republican versus democrat these labels cause an us versus them and right versus wrong opinion. The speaker believes everyone has unique perspectives but that does not mean it should cause violence or divisive views and a person is more than the color of their skin or the candidate they voted for. The speaker asks us to consider if how we respond will bring us closer to a person, or grow you apart? The speaker concluded that we have common enemies such as war, hunger and the pandemic that should unite us. Adam, SMHS

Speech #3 was on the topic of the distribution of the Corona Virus Vaccine. Wealthier countries have received more vaccines than poorer countries. At least 30 countries in the world do not have any vaccines at all. Is it fair for rich countries to not share vaccines to poorer countries? When you share vaccines you are saving lives. Offering protection will help build partnerships across the world. Imagine that vaccines now eligible for the general public would be available to others with underlying conditions in other countries. Offering aid in a time of crisis is beneficial for all concerned. Matthew, NMHS

The results were very close and winners were 1st Place- Adam, 2nd Place- Sophia and 3rd Place- Matthew

Next Week's Speaker:

May 5: Sheila Clough, CEO, Mercy Flights
Topic: Mercy Flights

May 12:
Ryan Robertson, MRR member, DMA board president
Topic: Downtown Medford Association

May 19: Barbara Hurd
Topic: BioMed Diagnostics

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Cheryl Dyer announced a Pickleball Tournament on September 17-19.
Stay tuned for details

Dues Structure for 2021-22 Rotary Year

The Board will be sending out member dues statement in the beginning of May. For renewing Rotarians, your net dues will be \$150. This figure includes a \$50 reduction from last years dues of \$300 to \$250 and a one-time rebate of \$100 from the Inn of the Commons meeting fee surplus. There are no meeting fees in the dues statement as the Board is unable to determine at this time what they may be or how they will be paid.

About 60% of your dues is goes for District and Rotary International dues, and the remaining 40% goes for club administration and our youth programs.

For new Rotarians joining our club, their dues will be \$250, except for new members under the age of 40 where their dues will be \$180 for two years.

FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Come say "hi" to our previous in-bound Rotary Exchange Student Cristobal who is visiting the Medford area again!

Sunday May 16th at 3 p.m. for an outdoor gathering.

Hosted by Cheryl & Bruce, 3285 Larue Dr, Medford.

Please RSVP to cheryllddyer@yahoo.com.

Health Topic for April:

Health Topic for April: Advance Directives

Advance directives are important in directing medical providers and family members during moments of crisis or grief. It seems to be a decision for older people, but that is not true. Unexpected crisis can occur at any age requiring decisions the document can direct. Review your will and advance directive periodically and update the information as needed. For more information check the Mayo Clinic Consumer Health Newsletter at

www.mayoclinic.org.

Todd Anderson

Friendship Zoom Groups

The New Members Committee has created Rotary Friendship Zoom Groups (RFZGs) to enhance our social connections during the Covid restrictions. It will help us expand our Rotary friendships and be especially helpful to our newest members. Zoom Group hosts will send Zoom invitations to those who send an email of interest to join a particular host. Members are encouraged to visit any of the hosted sessions. There are no rules as to frequency, length or topics discussed. But, in general, Rotary avoids political and religious topics.

Here are our Rotary Zoom Group Hosts and their emails. Let them know if you wish to join them for a session.

Emmett Armstrong, emmett@metronomeagency.com; Paul Christy, ptc97504@gmail.com; Gary Newland, gdnew@charter.net; Debbie (McHargue) Graunke, dmchargue@hotmail.com; Beth Zerkel, 1bzerk@gmail.com.