

Rotary



Club of Medford Rogue

February 10 Communicator

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

Meeting ID: 984 1068 8944

Passcode: 383250

Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Linda Brown

Sergeant at Arms: Gina Clyburn

Greeters: Paul Christy

Attendance: Danielle Atkinson

Technology: John VanSickle

Song for Today

"Let Me Call You Sweetheart"

[Click Here For Song](#)

Thanks to Frank Pulver

This Week's Speaker:

Feb. 10: Dr. Bret Champion, Medford School District Superintendent

Topic: Next Steps for Medford School District

Last Week's Speaker:

Mike McGowan, President of Lakeview Rotary

Topic: Economic Development in a Disadvantaged Rural County

Summary of last week's topic:

Mike McGowan, President of the Lakeview Rotary Club, spoke to Medford Rogue Rotarians about Economic Development in Lake County, as well as some of the ways the Rotary Club contributes to the community.

According to data from *Oregon By the Numbers*, Lake County is 3 times the physical size of Jackson County, but has a population of just under 8,000 people. That equates to a population density average of one person per square mile. Their population has actually declined over the years because of a lack of living wage jobs- a result of closing timber mills. Lake County's average family wage is \$35,000 whereas the Oregon average is \$60,000. As such, Lake County, and the City of Lakeview struggle with poverty. The County is number one in the state for food insecurity.

Because of these issues, the Lakeview Rotary Club has really focused their work on how they can help with these challenges. They are known in the community for getting things done and done quickly. They partner with other organizations and non-profits to work to alleviate some of these hardships. One of the projects they have recently been involved with is to start little free pantries (similar to the little free libraries) where folks can have access to food. The Rotary Club is a great way to interact with the community and to be part of the community.

Feb. 17: Matt Heverly, Mars exploration engineer and former driver of Mars lander

Topic: Mars Revisited!

Feb 24: Randy Sparacino, Medford mayor

Topic: Thoughts From Medford's New Mayor

Health News

Covid-19 Vaccination Program by Dr. Bud Bergstrom

As your opportunity to receive the vaccine occurs, I implore each of you to take advantage of it. The degree to which the vaccination program will be successful will be determined largely by the degree to which "Herd Immunity" is achieved, which requires approximately 80% of the population to be immunized.

Receiving the vaccine gives each of us the opportunity to "live" the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self". Yes, the vaccine will protect you from the virus, but more importantly, it will contribute to the protection of many others. On a personal note, I was very disappointed to read in our local newspaper a few weeks ago, the school board, in their "wisdom" (which I consider to be a combination of ignorance & gonadal inadequacy), stated they would not require teachers to receive the vaccine. I don't mind if some of the teachers want to risk becoming ill due to COVID, but I mind greatly that some will be so selfish as to be unwilling to contribute to the welfare of others, especially their students & co-workers.

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, gdnw@charter.net; Debbie (McHargue) Graunke, dmchargue@hotmail.com; Beth Zerkel, 1bzerk@gmail.com.

Rotary Action Group For Peace

[Click Here For Video](#)

Is it 💎Love & Food💎 or 💎Lovin'💎 Food💎? Fellowship Event

One Plate Dinner - \$15

Chicken Stroganoff over Wild Rice with Green Salad & Roll with Limoncello Cake for Dessert

1. Reserve your meal by **Tuesday, February 16 at noon**. Email Jeff at jeffdancingcats@gmail.com with the number of meals you would like to purchase
1. Pick up your meal(s) **Wednesday, February 17** between 6-6:15 p.m. at StoneRiver Vineyards 2178 Pioneer Rd, Talent
2. Join Rotary Zoom Dinner Chat **Wednesday, February 17 by 7:00 p.m.** [Click Here To Join Chat Room](#)

Wine available to purchase; arrive as early as 5:45 p.m. to make wine selection. **White** recommendation **2018 Chardonnay \$20**. **Red** recommendation is **2017 Mourvedre \$26 or 2017 Pino Noir \$26**.

Wine by the glass \$8.

Questions or concerns, contact Danette Moss dmoss@laclinicahealth.org 541-621-0918 or Kellie Hill kellie@therightplan.com 541-951-5564

Rotary Foundation💎s Polio Plus program, By Eric Hodnett, Co-Chair 💎 Polio Committee

District 5110 places an emphasis on Polio during the month of February. With that in mind I thought I would share some information that from a recent issue of the Rotary Magazine.

You may wonder what your donations to the Rotary Foundation💎s Polio Plus program go toward. One-month last year the Rotary Foundation approved the following grants:

- 19,306 vehicles were hired for frontline workers in Afghanistan
- 90 million doses of oral vaccine
- 12,139 vaccinators were trained in Sudan
- 2,530 community health workers recruited in Pakistan

Remember, all donations to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus account are matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A

\$100 donation generates \$300 toward polio eradication.

Finally, it has been recognized how valuable the polio eradication infrastructure is for other medical responses. Currently this infrastructure is being used in many countries for their Covid-19 response. We should all be proud of that as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to Polio eradication.