

Rotary



Club of Medford Rogue

May 5 Communicator

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

Meeting ID: 943 6169 1343

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Involved Rotarians

Inspirational Moment: Linda Brown

Sergeant at Arms: Judy Basker

Greeters: To be announced

Attendance: Steve Dickson

Technology: John VanSickle

Song for Today

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Thanks to Frank Pulver

This Week's Speaker: Sally Clough, CEO, Mercy Flights

Topic: Mercy Flights

Last Week's Speaker: Bill Thorndike

Summary of last week's topic: Butte Falls Community Forest

Bill Thorndike filled in for the Butte Falls, Mayor Laura Spencer for today's program. Bill gave a great presentation stating with a brief history of the small town. In 1906, the Sugar Pine Sawmill was built, and powered at the falls on the Big Butte Creek. It is Jackson County's smallest incorporated city with a 6-member council. It is the only city surrounded by timber around all sides. In 2019, Governor Kate Brown designated Butte Falls Community Forest a Solutions Project. The land is managed for private timber harvesting. The town has been working hard to purchase the property by the end of 2021. They have received a US Forest Service Matching Grant that must be matched with non-federal monies. What better way to manage forestland in your community than by community members themselves. When the project is completed, the Community Forest will increase wildlife resilience drinking water preservation and improve fish and wildlife habitat, expand recreation opportunities support education and research through charter schools and local colleges and boost the area's economy.

Next Week's Speaker:

May 12: Ryan Robertson, MRR member, DMA board president

Topic: Downtown Medford Association

May 19: Ashland Police Chief, Tighe O'Meara; (introduced by Laz Alaya)

Topic: Ashland Police Dept.

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 EVENTS

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 cherylddyer@yahoo.com.

Rotary YOGA

Join Sally Buck for Yoga!

Bring your own Yoga mat, aids if desired, towel (for damp grass or hot tub/pool), and drinks (your choice on the definition). Third Friday of every month in Sally's backyard from 12-1 p.m. Plenty of room to social distance. **All skill levels welcome.** Music will be "spa" or "classical". Spouses, friends and kids are welcome as long as they can be respectful of those desiring meditation conditions.

Hot tub/pool available for post practice recovery.

Friday May 21, June 18

RSVP is not necessary. Location: 2680 Country Park Lane in Medford. Questions? sbuckemail@gmail.com or 402-916-0047.

*will list each date as they get closer

Health Topic for May provided by Ruth Rabinovitch. Ruth has provided us with 5 Newer COVID finding we will feature a new one each week. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Ruth @ Ruth.robinovitch@gmail.com

1. In a multistate network of U.S. hospitals during January-March 2021, receipt of Pfizer=BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines was 94% effective against COVID-19 **hospitalizations** among fully vaccinated adults and 64% effective among partially vaccinated adults aged 65+ years

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.