

# 4-WAY FLYER

# Rotary



# Club of Redmond

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

It's been a busy week, with the wrap-up of our literacy project coinciding with the launch of the District's Disaster Relief challenge grant. As of this newsletter's distribution, I've been contacted by many members about where to send contributions toward this effort that gives me confidence we will substantially meet our matching goal. **Send to: Redmond Rotary PO Box 271 Redmond 97756**



Today, we are at \$14,225. Only \$2,775 away from our soft goal and \$5775 from our out-of-site goal. Promote to friends and neighbors inviting your contacts to chip in by sharing the link via email or social media. The deadline is coming up just days away.

To make things even more exciting, you all know now that Louise decided she needed a change in scenery (just kidding, honey). We are both so grateful for all the support and offers of help we've received. I will keep everyone posted through email and an update at Thursday's Zoom meeting.

## COVID-19 CORNER



In case you missed it, member Ken Piarulli offered a GREAT message about masking up that President Marv sent out in an earlier message. It's worth repeating....and heeding!



Thanks for sharing, Ken.

Click [HERE](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16mjJdpMNH-vH2DROWCy9NsGOI1cbhJr9/view) or type the following into your browser:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/16mjJdpMNH-vH2DROWCy9NsGOI1cbhJr9/view>

*You are braver than you believe,  
stronger than you seem  
and smarter than you think.*

~ A.A. Milne, Winnie the Pooh Library

## Your DIGITAL Presence is Requested

Topic: Rotary Zoom Business Meeting

Time: May 7, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Join us for another historic meeting when our newest member Keith Taylor is inducted in cyberspace and Paul Harris contributors reach important milestones. If you don't recall whether you wore your red or blue bathrobe last week, here's how you looked during Andi Bueger's presentation about Beulah's Place. You're welcome!! 😊



## MIKE'S STORY

You know how sometimes you make a small gesture and it becomes something way bigger than imagined? Club member Mike Larson sure does. And what he did "virtually" took him all the way back to his old stomping grounds, Astoria High School.



When Mike first heard about a former classmate's passing, he offered to help with an online campaign to raise funds for covering funeral costs for Chaz McKenzie. Mike had known Chaz in high school, but had not kept up with him or any of the other 224 classmates he graduated with in 1971. Life took him away from Astoria, and Mike didn't attend any reunions or regularly keep in touch with any of them for almost 50 years.

Hearing of Chaz's death changed that. Mike connected with a couple of classmates through a FaceBook page created several years ago. (continued next page)

The site hadn't seen much activity, with scattered postings over the years by the guy who had started it up. But it would work for setting up a GoFundMe campaign for Chaz, and the wheels were set in motion.

It took little time to raise enough money for Chaz's burial, and Mike could have ended his involvement with the neglected site. But he didn't. Mike assessed the page that he had suddenly inherited from the man who had set it up 10 years ago. He added some simple ground rules about posts, and set an inclusive, welcoming tone to the content.

He asked a couple of friends helping with Chaz's campaign about other classmates who had fallen, and more information was posted. In less than two weeks, dozens of '71 Astoria High grads had posted questions, responses, and information about other school buddies. Pictures from "back in the day" sprang up. Connections and updates on Mike's classmates really took off, with informal plans forming for future gatherings that include the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion on the horizon.

Maybe it was timing, with folks looking for diversions from our current activity restrictions. Or maybe, just maybe, Mike's instincts about keeping things positive and the importance of honoring an old classmate spawned a whole new way of sharing in a way that gave deeper meaning than before. As Mike said when explaining his desire to create an inviting platform for his classmates, "everybody has a story." Well done, Mike!

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## WHAT'S COOKING?



With Mother's Day likely a homemade affair this weekend, impress any mother with this make-ahead dish that drips decadence...a sure way to say... "I love you"!!

### Crème Brulee French Toast

- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 2 TBLSP maple syrup or honey
- 1 ½ cups half-n-half or cream
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 – 2 tsp Grand Marnier (orange liqueur)
- 6 slices French bread, crusts removed
- 5 eggs



Melt butter in small saucepan. Mix in brown sugar and syrup, stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour into 9x13 baking dish.

Arrange bread in dish. In small bowl, whisk together eggs, cream, vanilla and liqueur, pour over bread. Cover and chill at least 8 hours or overnight.

Bring dish to room temperature, bake uncovered in preheated 350 degree oven until puffed and lightly browned. Serve with toppings of choice. Berry sauces flavored with cinnamon and nutmeg and a dollop of whipped cream will make this a special treat, especially when served with a side of bacon or ham. Bon Appetit!

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## High School Students Shine on Digital Stage

The District's 4-Way Test Speech contest, turned digital when events were canceled, challenged our high school students to upload a recorded speech to YouTube for all of us to enjoy. At this time, fifteen students representing eleven clubs



in our district have stepped up to the plate to employ the Rotary 4-Way Test against a topic of their choice. We encourage all Redmond Rotarians to access the speeches to learn how students view issues such as "Voter Suppression," "Cyberbullying," "The Power of Truth," or, among others, "Novel Coronavirus." The speeches are very entertaining, demonstrating both the talent of our youth and the power of our ethical standard. The speeches can be found by accessing the District 5110 website (under the heading "E-News") or on YouTube; search for the words "District 5110 4-Way Test".

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## IN HONOR OF MOTHERS

*"When God Created Mothers"*  
by Erma Bombeck



When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one." And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." (continued next page)

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded. One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure." Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model." It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear." What's it for?" It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius," said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

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## **NORM FIET – 4x4**

Club member Norm Fiet's early years were spent on the family farm in northeastern Iowa, attending elementary school in one of those Rockwellian one-room school houses before eventually getting degrees in General Science and German, doing four years of med school and interning in Tacoma for a year.



Then the Vietnam war convinced him to sign up with the Air Force instead of waiting to be drafted into the Marines. He spent two years at Beale AFB as a general medical officer. Norm noted his patients, including local retired military as well as active personnel with general ailments, were in better shape than he was, at times, after the occasional over-indulging at the Officer's Club the night before.

Reluctantly, Norm had to leave those jet airplanes when his duty was up. He selected a radiology residency in San Jose where he saw a "huge amount of pathology as well as stacks & stacks of x-rays". He made his way to Coos Bay/North Bend following his training, as that is where the job was. After almost thirty years there, he retired and headed to a drier climate to shake the rust off coastal living. Norm and wife Irene moved in 2000 to a house they had built in Crosswater south of Bend, then to Eagle Crest a couple of years ago.

Norm and Irene have a son, Kevin, who just moved from Redmond to Crooked River. Since 2006, they have been spending winters in Surprise, AZ. Norm's hobbies include hiking, golf, travel, water color painting, and reading.

His history with Rotary extends back to Coos Bay/North Bend, transferring to Sunriver in 2000 and to Redmond Rotary when they left Crosswater. Norm's love for jet planes and smaller aircraft he flew as a private pilot stays with him, as he claims to miss flying...including what he called the "associated close calls". Being a devoted sky junkie must have its own kind of pathology!

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## **ROTARIAN KNOWLEDGE QUIZ**



1. Beginning in 1939, The Rotarian magazine published articles by 160 world leaders. Which of these men did not contribute an article to The Rotarian?  
A. Mohandas K. Gandhi      B. H. G. Wells  
C. Franklin D. Roosevelt      D. George Bernard Shaw
2. In the center of the Rotary emblem is a 'keyway' In what year was the keyway added to the Rotary emblem?  
A. 1923      B. 1945  
C. 1987      D. 2001
3. In 1999, a human chain of children lined up to support the fight against polio. How many children formed the human chain?  
A. 5,000      B. 100,000  
C. 1,500,000      D. 3,000,000
4. Rotary membership reached one million in which year?  
A. 1957      B. 1970  
C. 1985      D. 2001

(ANSWERS 1C-2A-3D-4C)

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