



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**A Focus on Youth:** I got some good news the other day! One of my student-athletes at Trinity Lutheran just signed their Athletic Scholarship Letter of Intent. This Senior will be headed to a Concordia University in Nebraska and will continue to run cross country and track at the next level. Few things are as rewarding as a coach than seeing an athlete blossom from a first-timer to

one of the more successful athletes in the history of their high school. And it got me thinking about all the great things we as a Rotary Club do for our youth in the community to support them and create lasting opportunities.

Here's a refresher of the things Redmond Rotary is doing for our youth:

- Donations to the Rotary Community Fields at Jaqua
- Breakfast at Browns
- Gift of Literacy Project
- High School Senior Scholarships
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Graduation Party donations
- Warm Coats and New Shoes for Kids
- Rotary Youth Exchange

Another example of great work comes from our very own Spike Biggers. He is working with the school district as we speak to create an agricultural scholarship to create lasting opportunities for students interested in the vocation. Way to go, Spike! I ask our club to keep our youth at the core of what's important to us and continue to find ways to contribute, support, and challenge them. Thank you to everyone for all that we do. Let's continue to be The Leading Service Organization in Redmond by making the most of every opportunity and supporting the next generation!

~ Keever

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

— Carl Bard

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**March 4, 2021 - NOON TODAY**

Weekly Club Gathering via ZOOM

Monthly Business Meeting

**March 11, 2021 NOON**

Weekly Club Gathering via ZOOM

Speakers: Nathan Garibay, Emergency Manager, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office

*Coming Up:*

**March 18, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM**

Bob Moore – Project Coordinator, Central Oregon Partnerships for Youth (COPY)

**March 25, 2021 Weekly Gathering via ZOOM**

Jon Stark, Senior Director, Redmond Economic Development Inc (REDI)

## Let's Welcome the Newbies!



Please plan to *join us at Noon today* to welcome

several new members into

our club through virtual induction. These will be the latest to join through ZOOM connectivity....but not the first. You may recall our pioneer of the touchless induction was member Keith Taylor back in May.

We're happy to welcome Nick, Charan, Susan, Nicole and Jake. Deets (that's slang for "details" for anyone under 35, I'm told) on each to be shared in future editions of this newsletter and, hopefully soon, in-person gatherings. See you all on screen!

## Save the (tentative) Dates

*Please put these tentative dates in your calendars for some quality fellowship time with each other while generating much-needed funds for club projects!*

**May 15, 2021** Daddy-Daughter Dance

**June 25, 2021** Desert Rose Invitational

**July 28 – Aug 1, 2021** Deschutes County Fair Parking

**TBD** Virtual Wine Tasting Fundraiser in development

# Charitable Giving Tools Explained

Rotary International and Redmond Rotary both have foundations that reach out to those in need of assistance. The following graph and information provide a comparison and background of the two foundations that serve our community and world.

Thanks for your participation.

Rocky Johnson and Spike Biggers

Quick Look at Charitable Entities	
Rotary International Foundation (TRF)	Redmond Rotary Charitable Corporation (RRCC)
<b>Founded</b>	
Started by Arch Klumpf in 1917, formally named in 1928	1991
<b>Assets</b>	
\$1.2 billion (2019)	\$250,000 (2021)
<b>Annual Distributions</b>	
\$307 million (2019)	\$6000 (2020 estimate) prior years averaged higher, typically awarding 12-15 scholarships \$500-\$1000 each
<b>Purpose</b>	
Provide funding mechanism for Rotarians worldwide to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty	Provide funding mechanism for Redmond club to support high school seniors with scholarships annually

### How funds are generated:

**TRF:** Rotary members contribute to the foundation primarily through individual donations; various giving levels are part of the recognition program to honor members' generosity, from Paul Harris Fellow status for contributions of \$1,000 all the way up to Platinum Chair's Circle recognizing gifting of over \$5 million.

**RRCC:** Redmond Rotarians contribute individually throughout the year. Anyone may donate to the 501(c)3 corporation, however, and unsolicited donations are received each year. According to Treasurer Marv, the club received a total of \$1,150 in the past month, all from club members.

### How funds are distributed:

**TRF:** Districts and clubs receive funds by matching grants at two primary levels: District and Club. *Matching Grants* are determined by each club's contributions to TRF based upon what was contributed 3 years prior. Generally, District *Matching Grants* match up to \$2,000 on projects. *Global*

*Grants* involve at least 2 clubs in at least 2 Rotary Districts and are generally for \$30,000. All projects typically target local community needs and can be located anywhere in the world.

**RRCC:** The RRCC Board sets each year's spending levels, then the club's Scholarship Committee interviews high school seniors within the Redmond School District whose names are provided/recommended by teachers, counselors, and local citizens.

### Redmond Rotary Club Oversight

**TRF:** The club has a Rotary Foundation committee that guides the club's activities related to TRF, including recognition of donors and supporting contribution levels to meet club goals. Committee members: Rocky Johnson – Chair; Spike Biggers; Rick Phelps; Marv Kaplan; Larry Wilkins; Karl Kment; Norm Fiet.

**RRCC:** The Board consists of five members and operates in compliance with the RRCC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to manage the corporation's budget and activities, monitor fund investment, etc. The Board of Directors is led by President Lonn Johnston and includes Craig Brooks (Treasurer); Keever Henry (current Club President); Becky Lu Hummer; John Nielsen.

## ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

Last week's gathering featured presentations by representatives from St. Vincent De Paul, Jean Hrabik and Don DeLand, and Carly Sanders from Neighborhood Impact. They talked about how they each receive and distribute food to local individuals and families in need, and how their organizations work cooperatively when possible to keep the food safety net efficient.



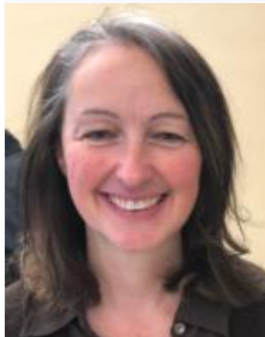
When asked what type of contributions were the most in demand, all agreed that monetary donations helped make sure they could fill in supply gaps as needed. It was clear from the statistics shared that any and all forms of help were much appreciated, however, as the region's growth and recent employment impacts from the coronavirus and other factors meant the number of people needing help continues to climb.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REDMOND



## Tara Messner 4x4

When Tara Messner recites the 4-Way test, there's little doubt she exemplifies each of the four guiding principles of Rotary, and not just when she's working on Rotary projects.



But she may be the 24/7 embodiment of that second tenet about her actions being “beneficial to all concerned”. It's likely no accident that Tarali Messner is so effective in her club role as the Gifts of Literacy project lead, nor that she has made important in-roads toward our club's sponsorship of a Interact

club. First and foremost, according to Tara, she loves learning, and loves working with that process for others. And it shows.

The oldest girl of eleven children, Tara grew up “practicing love and service”. She lived in places as far flung as Boston and Kansas City, but mostly grew up in Idaho, Utah and Oregon. She studied Music Therapy at Utah State University and worked in private and public schools teaching music, reading, language, special education and as a behavioral therapist.

Tara credits her children as being her richest sources of learning. With three children of her own and four step-children, that is saying a LOT. They currently range in age from 29 to 16. She describes them as “wonderful”, and she means it!

For our club, “wonderful” also describes Tara's motivation that led her to be a club member. Before she was living in Oregon or had any inkling that Redmond Rotary Club existed, her son Marco became a Rotary exchange student (sponsored by a Boise club) and spent a year in Santiago, Chile. Prior to becoming an exchange student, Marco discovered through careful research that Rotary International's Youth Exchange program was unmatched in its quality. He attended a RYLA camp and was given opportunities to practice engagement and leadership before arriving in Chile, which impressed Tara.

So when the time came, it was an easy sell for her to join our club, where she can pursue her interests in helping other students have equally enriching experiences through Rotary. Tara joined the club in 2017, and has been instrumental in developing

relationships with teachers and administrators in the Redmond School District ever since. She hopes that one day our club will be able to offer local students the same opportunity her son was given.

When she's not working on Rotary projects, Tara enjoys music, concerts, cooking, hiking and visiting new places. Most of all, she loves adventuring with her husband Kendall, who she credits for improving her life every day for the past 12 years, with the best yet to come. Through it all, her love for learning new things drives her passion, which in turn benefits all concerned. And *that's* the truth.

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## Book Boxing Blitz

How many volunteers does it take to label and pack bags for all the first grade classes in Redmond School District? Thanks to the organizing efforts of our Gift of Literacy project chair Tara, Treasurer Marv and their spouses (which includes member Louise!), we had enough volunteers to include a couple of folks designated as back-ups.



But first, the four volunteers – or maybe three volunteers (Tara, Marv, and Louise) and one conscripted spouse (Kendall) met in the Kaplans' living room to package the materials needed: books sorted by order, labels, instructions and pick-up/drop-off coordination).

**Note: If you're one of the designated volunteers, be sure to pickup your boxes by today (Thursday) and return the processed boxes by March 12th.**

*THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!*



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