

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gandhi would have been a great Rotarian.



On September 16, 1932, in his cell at Yerwada Jail in Pune, India, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi begins a hunger strike in protest of the British government's decision to separate India's electoral system by caste.

A leader in the Indian campaign for home rule, Gandhi worked all his life to spread his own brand of passive resistance across India and the world. By 1920, his concept of Satyagraha (or "insistence upon truth") had made Gandhi an enormously influential figure for millions of followers. Jailed by the British government from 1922-24, he withdrew from political action for a time during the 1920s but in 1930 returned with a new civil disobedience campaign. This landed Gandhi in prison again, but only briefly, as the British made concessions to his demands and invited him to represent the Indian National Congress Party at a round-table conference in London.

After his return to India in January 1932, Gandhi wasted no time beginning another civil disobedience campaign, for which he was jailed yet again. Eight months later, Gandhi announced he was beginning a "fast unto death" in order to protest British support of a new Indian constitution, which gave the country's lowest classes—known as "untouchables"—their own separate political representation for a period of 70 years. Gandhi believed this would permanently and unfairly divide India's social classes. A member of the more powerful Vaisya, or merchant caste, Gandhi nonetheless advocated the emancipation of the untouchables, whom he called Harijans, or "Children of God."

"This is a god-given opportunity that has come to me," Gandhi said from his prison cell at Yerovda, "to offer my life as a final sacrifice to the downtrodden." Though other public figures in India—including Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the official political representative of the untouchables—had questioned Gandhi's true commitment to the lower classes, his six-day fast ended after the British government accepted the principal terms of a settlement between higher caste Indians and the untouchables that reversed the separation decision.

As India slowly moved towards independence, Gandhi's influence only grew. He continued to resort to the hunger

strike as a method of resistance, knowing the British government would not be able to withstand the pressure of the public's concern for the man they called Mahatma, or "Great Soul." On January 12, 1948, Gandhi undertook his last successful fast in New Delhi, to persuade Hindus and Muslims in that city to work toward peace. On January 30, less than two weeks after breaking that fast, he was assassinated by a Hindu extremist on his way to an evening prayer meeting.

Now imagine, if you will, how different RI President Mehta's efforts to improve literacy in India would have been without Gandhi's peaceful force that led to a change in course more than 70 years ago in that country. I encourage members to read about Rotary's literacy efforts today as featured in this month's Rotary magazine. ~ President Tyler

Next Club Meetings

September 23 - Weekly HYBRID Meeting

Speakers – Jill Bower and Jane Jarman
Redmond Senior Center

September 30, 2021 No Meeting – 5th Thursday

October 1, 2021 HAPPY HOUR at WILD RIDE

October 7, 2021 - Weekly HYBRID Meeting
Monthly Business Meeting

October 14, 2021 - Weekly HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Chuck Root, Rotary Peace Fellowships

October 21, 2021 Weekly HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Rob Malone
Juniper Golf Course General Manager

October 28, 2021 Weekly HYBRID Meeting
Speaker – Bob Bohac, Oasis Village Project

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Rotary District 5110

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APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2022
CELEBRATION CONFERENCE
+ Annual Club Assembly
Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon

New Height\$ for Metal Mulisha



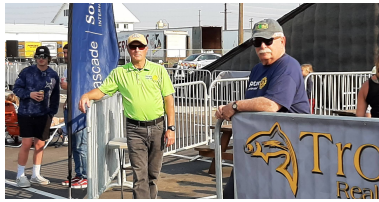
Thanks to the feats of derring-do by club member Justin Homan, with a little help from Wild Ride, sponsors, and friends, our club presented Jericho Road \$10,000 for help in getting the Oasis Village project launched.



This project, designed to provide long-term shelter for houseless community members as long as they are working toward long-term goals of self-improvement, is administered through Jericho Road, a local nonprofit active in providing food and other services to area homeless.



The amazing jumps and maneuvers, with Justin himself soaring upwards of 40 feet in the air with his MX13 bike and landing on a makeshift platform supported by 18-wheeler flatbed ramps, has become an annual crowd favorite. Redmond Rotarians Nick Mausen and Paul Spain helped guard the VIP seating while Wild Ride Brewing had things set up for great family viewing. With free attendance and good weather for the event, there was no question of being able to draw a crowd.



Thanks to the many sponsorships Justin was able to line up, the total proceeds exceeded \$11,000. Funds in excess of the \$10,000 donated to Jericho Road will go into the club's fund toward staging next year's event.

RI Focus on DEI

It's tough to keep up with the alphabet soup cooked up by organizations these days, and Rotary International does its share of generating acronyms to throw in the pot. One of the latest all Rotarians can expect to hear a lot about in coming months is "DEI". What does this acronym refer to, and what does it mean for our club?



The phrase "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion", or DEI, is fast becoming part of a global lexicon meant to further efforts relating to societal norms that can determine a person's

ability to access and engage in their community regardless of race, gender, or other means of classification formal and otherwise. It's a complex subject, but the DEI tag is becoming common among corporate, government and nonprofit groups alike to signal commitments large and small made to assure employees, citizens and members are welcome and able to access services, jobs, etc. without prejudice.

RI is eager to help its clubs and members figure out how to take action to ensure this acronym is more than just a three-letter word. A task force was created to ensure prompt engagement at all levels, as outlined in this [blog by its chair, Rotarian Valarie Wafer](#). As she points out, it's not enough to simply mouth the words. Focus on these values now is paramount to strengthening clubs, districts and partnerships that give RI the power to facilitate cultural changes across the board that are truly *fair to all concerned*.

As some may expect, the formal statement includes a long list of groupings identified as having experienced barriers in the past. BUT WAIT. Before anyone gets the idea that this is window dressing or narrow in its definition of diversity, what equity has to look like, or what it means to be inclusive, read the whole statement. It's broad, as it should be. It addresses all three values, which are connected but not inseparable.

What it looks like for each club, including ours, will be determined by each club's membership. As individual members, we each have a responsibility to raise our personal awareness of what diversity means in the Rotary Club of Redmond. Beyond the traditional groups that are often referenced as examples of inherent discrimination, do we welcome diversity of thoughts, philosophies, or vocation? Do we open our hearts and minds to new ideas, regardless of whether "we've never done it that way"? Can we objectively examine our club's performance in attracting new members from different economic sectors or other criteria that aren't readily visible?

With Rotary's emphasis on DEI, we can embrace this opportunity to look through fresh eyes to make sure the Redmond club remains strong and strives to improve on its reputation for welcoming all who want to make a difference locally and around the world through high ethics and values that stand the test of time.

To read the RI Statement of Diversity and more, log in to your MyRotary account and search for "DEI", or go to the Learning and Reference tab, where you will see "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" on the left nav. Click on that title to access the statement, survey and other information.

Editors Note: It was recently decided to preserve the club's "4x4" references to the oral introductions made by new members as part of their orientation into the club. Beginning with this edition, the Four-Way Flyer has renamed its articles featuring a club member selected by a very secretive and random process. 😊

Club Member Profile - Dr. Charan Cline

If you're familiar with Hindi culture or names, you may already know that Dr. Cline's first name is pronounced Cha-ran'. Or, as a mnemonic device borne out of frequent requests that he offered, "rhymes with S(h)aran Wrap". The literal translation is "God's feet". Take your pick for what works.



We know Charan came to Redmond School District as the new superintendent last year.

What some of us may not know is

that, unlike so many professionals who managed to find a way here after years of strategic scouting, he applied for the job on a bit of a whim (though a very serious effort) after serving as the Yamhill-Carlton School District Superintendent for several years. He knew the competition would be fierce, which helped him manage his own expectations, and feels very blessed to be here. Yes, even with the challenges the COVID pandemic has created.

Now that he's here, he and his wife Linda have quickly become involved in the local community through their work. For Charan, his job with the school district is a very direct way of helping his community, and his involvement with the club adds to the opportunities for service. Linda heads up a nonprofit organization in Sisters that exists to help strengthen community connectedness.

Serving his community is a major theme throughout Dr. Cline's life. After graduating from Glendale High School in Southern Oregon in 1987, he worked for the family construction business for about a year. He then joined the US Army and served in the 82nd Airborne Division as an Airborne Infantry Scout/Sniper. Later he was sent to West Germany to serve in a long-range surveillance company (LRSC) attached to a military intelligence battalion as part of 7th Corps. When the Gulf War broke out, the entire corps was sent to Saudi Arabia. Upon returning from the conflict, the Cold War had also officially ended, so 7th Corps was drawn down and sent back to the US. Charan used the opportunity to end his enlistment and enrolled to study Criminal Justice at Lane Community College with the intention of becoming a police officer.

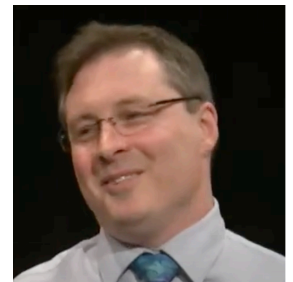
A construction accident his freshman year halted those studies, and after several reconstruction surgeries on his

legs, he restarted school, but switched his major to Secondary Education due to permanent loss of function in his legs. After graduation, he began teaching high school social studies in Philomath, Oregon, earning a Master's Degree in Geography from the University of Oregon.

It was not many years before Mr. Cline's in-classroom talents gave him opportunities to get into administration, where he gained experience and promotional advancements in a few I-5 corridor schools. Of note was a turn-around success for Winston Middle School, where he served as principal and led staff and students in developing the then-failing facility into an effective learning environment in four short years. That earned him much-deserved recognition by the U of O Alumni Association.

In 2012, after a stint at Douglas Educational Service District in Roseburg, Charan became Superintendent for Yamhill Carlton School District. He served there for eight years, where his district built the first monolithic concrete domes for educational use in the state. During that time, Mr. Cline earned a Doctorate of Education from George Fox University and he became Dr. Cline.

Charan was drawn to Rotary for its commitment to serving local and national levels in addressing community needs, and sees a direct correlation to its values as expressed in the Four Way Test standards and how he approaches his work with educational organizations. Though his time is pretty much consumed right now with handling the COVID-prompted protocols in RSD, he looks forward to a time when he is able to get to know more members and offer more of his time and talents to serving Redmond through Rotary.



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Until then, he pitches in where he can on fundraisers and activities. Charan and Linda have three adult children, with two already graduated from college, and the third a senior at OSU, majoring in computer science. When he needs a break from the intensity of work at the office, he enjoys hiking, biking and "creative woodworking". Which, if you ask him what that entails, sounds a lot like something a guy whose family business was construction would think is *fun*. But it's different than the home remodeling he and his wife have undertaken with several houses. So whether he's leading staff, talking with parents, or wielding a hammer and saw, sounds a lot like building something beautiful and functional from a pile of.....materials.

Welcome to Redmond Rotary, Charan!

Board Approves Donations



At its September meeting, the board of directors approved three awards to community projects:

- **\$1,600** – St. Charles Redmond food carts: New members Angela Saraceno (lead) and Kari Nelson are working together on implementation for purchasing and setting up four grab and go carts to be stationed at the hospital for staff, strapped for time and stretched by double shifts and longer hours due to the pandemic, to get timely nourishment. Volunteers are needed to help assemble, stock and deliver the carts next Thursday, September 23rd following the weekly lunch meeting.
- **\$1,000** – A humanitarian grant was approved for ShelterBox, designated for Haiti, to help provide temporary homes for victims of the recent earthquake.
- **\$1,000** – A support grant was approved for Hugh Hartman Bilingual Library, which strives to serve roughly half Spanish-speaking students and their families and half students whose primary language is English. See next article for details.

School Library Goes Biliterate

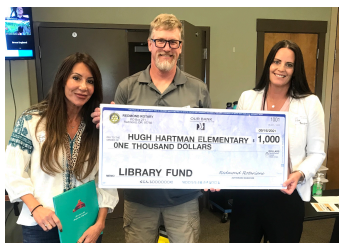
Principal Lisa Burgher and teacher Cynthia Hopkins appeared at the September 16th Rotary lunch meeting to



describe the school's approach and progress on standing up the Hugh Hartman Bilingual Library. While it was a "great story", as told by Principal Lisa, it also gave them both a chance to

thank the club for its recent donation to the cause.

Rotarians heard about the challenges of converting the school from an integrative learning center to a K-5 elementary school. Oh, and all classes are taught in Spanish and English, with the goal of ensuring the school experience produces Engaged Community – Thriving Students-Ready Graduates (Hugh Hartman School mission). They strive to keep a 50-50 ratio of English/Spanish-speaking students to enrich learning, encourage cultural appreciation and prepare them for informed living in an information-rich society, among other goals.



They described the approach and the challenges of starting up a library from scratch to support the school's goals.

STEAM teacher Cynthia admitted she knew little of library management when she was tapped to lead the effort. With a robust planning team that included our own Tara Messner and several Deschutes County librarians, she learned about book collections, circulation systems and purchasing plans.

The library supports the school's commitment to engaging Latinx students and families (an estimated 30 – 40 families will be served weekly beginning in October) in an integrative approach, with all teachers bilingual and biliterate.

DRI Scores

The club's annual golf tournament, that serves as a fundraiser that helps support the school district's athletic fields, achieved its highest net proceeds in the event's history. The Desert Rose Invitational scored \$12,723.28 after expenses. With less overhead this year, thanks to COVID restrictions that eliminated the auction and banquet activities, the streamlined tournament relied on sponsorships for the bulk of its revenues. Proceeds go to support the Rotary club's commitment to fields maintenance and projects as requested by the Redmond School District.



Co-Chair Andrew Fitch expressed the committee's thanks to the premier sponsors: Central Oregon Trucking, Safeway and Mann Mortgage. He credited the Juniper Golf Course management and staff, as well as the volunteers from Rotary, including Trish Pinkerton, Marv Kaplan and Angela Saraceno, for making things run smoothly.

Finally, he noted that much of the event's success was due to the ongoing support by Maarty Leunen, and thanked Maarty and his family for their help.

D5110 Awards Go ZOOM

Late breaking news from the District's virtual awards ceremony held Wednesday night. The ZOOM session was a back-up plan after the August celebration event was forced to cancel due to COVID conditions.



The Redmond Club received recognition, along with two other clubs, for our success in retention and recruitment of new members! In addition, our club was one of five clubs

to receive the Presidential Citation Award, which required meeting all criteria in a performance measurement-based scoring.

Kudos to President Keever and all who helped make last year's efforts count!

Flag Labor Welcomed



It was our club's turn to give assistance to the Flag USA committee responsible for seeing that 1800+ flags are put up and taken down on select holidays throughout the year. The fitting title of "Labor" Day saw a handful of Rotarians sipping coffee while waiting for the prerequisite safety talk by club member Jeff Casserly. Jeff heads up the committee, which has made steady improvements in recent years to streamline the whole display process.



As usual, there were honks of appreciation from folks driving by, and a couple of overheard comments about "so that's how it happens".



For participants, time flew by while trailers led volunteers along their routes, flags were planted and later rolled up for the next time, and everyone vanished to home chores or football practice. Not much "labor" to it, in the end. Mark your calendars for next year and come along!



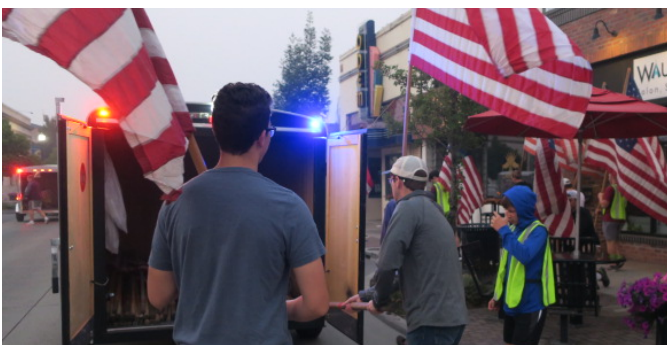
It wasn't real cold at 5:45 AM on September 6th, but it was pretty dark and a little smoky until about the time all trailers left for their routes. The Ridgeview High football team players who showed up to help were a welcome sight, as it would have been challenging to meet our mission that morning.



Watch the [Rotary Flag City Video](#) by Joe Kosanovic

Save the Dates

- **September 22, 2021** Club Conclave for Women
- **September 24, 2021** St. Charles Snack Carts assembly
- **October 1, 2021** Wild Ride Happy Hour (5th Thursday)
- **October 24, 2021** World Polio Day
- **December 18, 2021** Club Christmas Party
- **February 19, 2022** Daddy Daughter Dance



That night, Redmond High football players were tapped to bring some younger, stronger legs to the take-down.

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