



SERVING SISTERS COUNTRY THROUGH ROTARY SINCE 1989

Year 35, Number 7, March 3, 2025

We Meet Bi-Monthly

at Brand 33 Restaurant
Aspen Lakes Golf Course
16900 Aspen Lakes Dr.
Sisters, OR 97759

1st/3rd Tuesdays at noon

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Meetings and Events

Tomorrow: Dave Benson, Chairman/Co-Founder of BASX Solution, LLC



BAGELS AND CREAM CHEESE TODAY: All in attendance will be able to partake in Sweet Easy's new and super delicious sourdough bagels for our March 4 meeting. We will also have cream cheese, butter and jam ready.

DUTIES FOR THE MEETING include Brent MacCluer as Sergeant in Arms, Sandy Brink our Greeter and Bre Miller with the Thought for the Day.

HELP OUT HIGH CAMP: Post-meeting lunch will be at High Camp. Please attend and enjoy their cuisine as they are opening specially for us after some repairs to the building closed them temporarily.

Dave Benson is the Chairman and Co-founder of BASX Solutions LLC, a leading manufacturer of custom-engineered products serving the healthcare, military, high-tech, and construction sectors. With over 35 years of experience in the HVAC industry, Dave has significantly influenced air-handling technology and efficiency standards.

Before establishing BASX Solutions in 2013, Dave held pivotal roles, including HVAC Design Engineer and Operations Manager at Intel. He also founded and served as President of Cleanpak and Huntair, where he pioneered the development and manufacturing of products that have shaped today's industry standards.

Under his leadership, BASX Solutions has experienced remarkable growth, expanding its headquarters in Redmond, Oregon, to a 200,000-square-foot facility employing over 525 individuals. The company has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing manufacturers in the U.S.

Dave's commitment to innovation and excellence continues to drive BASX Solutions to new heights, making significant contributions to the HVAC industry and the Central Oregon community.

March 18: Tony Prior, Sisters Fire Chief

So many timely issues to talk about regarding fire prevention and potential in our area, we are fortunate to have Sisters Fire Chief Tony Prior as one of our own club members.

Tony will address preparation for the spring and summer in Sisters Country as well as the fire mapping of the state that many of us have concerns about.

Feel free to bring back your purchased raffle tickets at this meeting and the next as we get ready for the Mega Raffle drawing on April 13 for more than \$7,000 in local prizes.



April 1: TBD

April 15: Clayton Crowhurst, Senior Housing developer with NW Housing

Birthdays

Harold M. Darcey
March 5th
Rand Rietmann
March 18th
Jennifer Holland
March 24th
Lei Darcey
March 28th
Steve Auerbach
March 31st

Clayton is involved with the workforce housing project in Sisters and can tailor his remarks to which part of the housing issues Sisters faces that we choose. There is a national focus on workforce housing and it relates to our Sisters Country as something of interest to our members concerned with our local businesses' ability to achieve adequate staffing.

Events/Service Opportunities

- Mega-Raffle Sales: March 4-April 15
- Sisters Middle School Art Program: March 4
- Supporting Sisters Student Success (4S) Fundraiser at Sisters Depot: Thursday, May 8
- Fourth Fest Celebration: July 4

President Sandy: \$7k Mega-Raffle Starts; SMS Art Event Tomorrow

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

March has arrived and started with a wonderful weekend. A couple of quick notes.

MEGA-RAFFLE: We will all be receiving our raffle tickets this week. For our new members, we are each expected to be responsible for the sale of 10 tickets. Several members have made it a great challenge to sell the most tickets. We all really appreciate their strong efforts in salesmanship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART CONTEST: On another note, one of our new projects is happening this Tuesday. Our club's support of the Sisters Middle School Art Celebration. Bill Bartlett and I are part of the judging group that includes artists and art specialists from here in Sisters.



The visual art judging was Friday afternoon and it took the judge team almost 90 minutes to arrive at a consensus for the 5 categories. There was a discussion around two pieces and a decision was made to allow for a Rotary President's selection for a piece worth merit outside the judges consensus. (my selection).

Bill Bartlett and I judged the short story pieces this weekend with the theme provided by the English Department, "A day in my life, when I'm 50". Very interesting reading so far.

The Art Celebration evening is at Sisters Middle School, 5:00-6:30 p.m., with awards presented at 6:00 p.m.

Light fingerfood from Oliver Lemons will be available, as well as some desserts provided by a couple of Rotarian bakers.

You are all welcome to enjoy the art by 5th, 6th, &7th grade students---again tomorrow at Sisters Middle School.

Thanks!
Sandy Reilly
President, Rotary Club of Sisters

Our 2025 Mega Raffle is Underway

Mike Corwin has your tickets to be distributed at the club meeting, if you don't have them in hand already.

All club members will be responsible for the sale of 10 tickets and all 700 available have been assigned. Contact Mike or Steve Auerbach to receive additional tickets, if you have buyers! We have five weeks to collect \$7,000 in ticket sales and we have a like number of value within our great list of local prizes collected and offered!

SISTERS COUNTRY 2025 MEGA RAFFLE

40 PRIZES

WORTH MORE THAN \$7,000!

DRAWING APRIL 13 AT NOON

Prizes Include Snowmobile Tour,
Tickets for Mariners, Trail Blazers,
Hoodoo, Oregon Ducks, OSU Beavers,
Wildlife Safari, Britt Festival,
Bend Elks and High Desert Museum.
Gift cards for pizza party, gourmet foods,
dining, and wine tasting.
Certificates for auto service, hardware,
sporting goods, hair products, yoga,
vet care, gym entry, lodging,
a home made quilt and more!



ONLY 700
TICKETS
TO BE SOLD



FOR TICKETS CALL:
541-904-5132



SCAN ABOVE FOR
COMPLETE LIST
OF PRIZES
AND DESCRIPTIONS

Winner(s) get
first choice of
remaining prizes.
You do not have to
be present to win.

**All Proceeds Benefit
Rotary Club of Sisters
Service Projects**

Club Profile #8: Francie Kibby

Who is Francie Kibby in 1-2 sentences? Born in Portland, OR; lived in Corvallis for 30 years; moved to Sisters in 2008; lived in Virginia, New York, Canada, England, Switzerland; spends winters in Borrego Springs, CA; loves making new friends and keeping the old, as well as traveling and enjoying nature.

Years in Rotary? 26 years

Professions: Secretary, Family Practice RN, Hospice RN



Family: Married for 59 years to Hal Kibby — I was 5 when I got married. Two daughters — Marja who is a teacher in Highland Village, Texas; and Karin who has been living in Italy for the last 20 years as a tour guide for Rick Steves.

Why Rotary: Originally a member of the Rotary Club of Corvallis Morning because Hal was in it, and I wanted to join. Best part of Rotary is the international part — we hosted nine Rotary Youth Exchange students over the years. Now we count those students as part of our family. Have enjoyed Rotary experiences taking me to Mexico, Dominican Republic, Viet Nam, Nepal, Peru and Thailand. All of the Rotary friendships made over the years are priceless. Once friends; always friends.

Help Shape the Future of a Community Arts Center in Redmond!

Dry Canyon Arts Association is partnering with COCC's Marketing Research class to explore the potential for a new Community Arts Center in Redmond, Oregon. This center would provide valuable resources for local artists, offer art classes for all ages, and serve as a creative hub for the Central Oregon community.

To better understand community interest and support, we invite you to participate in a brief survey that will help shape the vision and practicality of this project. To access the survey, please visit the link below. The survey will take approximately 5–10 minutes to complete, and your responses will remain confidential, reported only in aggregate form.

PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE THE SURVEY MORE THAN ONCE EVEN IF YOU RECEIVE AN INVITATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. THANK YOU!

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/R6ycTAGghVziSLWGA>

Your feedback is invaluable in determining how we can best support arts and culture in our community. Thank you for your time and participation!

Best regards,
Dry Canyon Arts Association
www.drycanyonarts.org

Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us This Week

The post-meeting lunches in town are growing!!!! Join us!!

Several club members have assembled for lunch in town immediately after our bi-monthly meetings and all are welcome. Here is a list formalizing the plan and hopefully getting many of you to keep your hunger in check until the 1 p.m. hour on club meeting days:

March 4: High Camp

March 18: R Spot

April 1: Philadelphia's

April 15: Luckey's Woodsman



The main goal is additional interaction and networking to get to know our fellow Rotarians better and maybe conspire to further our community service locally.

We are also very open to suggestions/recommendations for additional lunch stop potentials looking to spread our patronage of our Sisters eateries!

Upcoming Meeting Assignments

Sergeant-at-Arms: Help meeting set up/tear down, Lead pledge, Collect appreciation dollars, Handle raffle drawing

March 4: Brent MacCluer

March 18: Jim Lanzarotta

April 1: Tony Prior

April 15: Mike Deal

May 6: Mark Griffin

May 20: Hal Darcey

June 3: Tammy Taylor

June 17: Mike Corwin

Greeter: Greet all prior to meeting start, Badge help and assist with sale of raffle tickets, help set up/tear down if possible.

March 4: Sandy Brink

March 18: Curt Davis

April 1: Josh Smith

April 18: Debbi McClune

May 6: Judy Corwin

May 20: Jen Holland

June 3: Sheree Vance

June 17: Sandy Reilly

Thought for the Day: Exactly that and nothing more....short and sweet....and thoughtful!

March 4: Bre Miller

March 18 - Lei Darcey

April 1 - Renee Reitmeier

April 15: Ann Davis

May 6: Lara Eckstine

May 20: Michael Gray

June 3: Bill Kelly

June 17: Rand Rietmann

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle



sarah
@nightsgravity



this is how i stare at people after not understanding anything they just said

