



Year 35, Number 4, January 20, 2024

We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

1st/3rd Tuesdays at 12pm

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Birthdays

Bill Bartlett
January 19th
James Christopher Lanzarotta
February 4th
Barbara Turner
February 10th

Meetings and Events

Sergeant-At-Arms: Mike Marshall

Greeter: Kristin-Sorenson-Hilgart

Thought for the Day: Jim Lanzarotta

Tomorrow: Suzanne Linford, outreach coordinator of wildlife crossing projects along Hwy 20

This presentation is an overview of an initiative to build four wildlife crossings across Highway 20 from Bend to Suttle Lake. Tristan Henry will give an overview of this initiative and why it is critical for passage of mule deer and elk.

Tristan Henry serves as the Oregon Field Representative of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving public lands. His work focuses on building coalitions for conservation solutions in Central and Eastern Oregon. He is a resident of Tumalo.

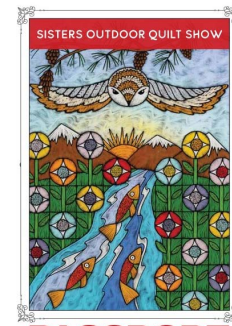
Suzanne Linford is an educator explaining the challenges wildlife has in moving across the landscape. She interprets wildlife biology and habitat needs weekly for the public at the High Desert Museum. She also serves as a community outreach educator on collaboration of public and nonprofit agencies for the Bend to Suttle Lake Initiative, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation, Protect Animal Migration and Movement and the Willowa partnership for wildlife crossings and migration. She is a resident of Bend. Today, she will confine her remarks to allow for time to cover the Bend to Suttle Lake Initiative.



February 4: Upcoming Club Event Opportunities: Sign-up to Serve!

We have a second half of President Sandy's term that will be busy with endless opportunities for all members to serve. Whether it's getting our annual Mega-Raffle Campaign underway in the weeks to come, work with Jim Lanzarotta on International Service plans or dedicating time and talent to our

Thursday, May 8 Sisters Rotary Foundation 4S Fundraising Evening (Supporting Sisters Student Success) to be hosted by Sisters Depot. As we transition from Sandy's presidency to Jim's term, many other projects will be well underway (i.e. July events: Fourth Fest on Fourth of July, Passport partnership with Quilt Show effort). We will be detailing all those plans at this meeting---please be part of it!



PASSPORT

February 18: The RYLA experience & a Ten Friends Trip

Cooper Merrill (photo, right) is a senior at Sisters High School who attended the Rotary Leadership Leadership A in 2023 and was a part of the 2024 Ten Friends Youth Corps Trip to Nepal.

Cooper will be joined by SHS junior Styopa Myagkov (photo, left), who also traveled to Nepal with the Youth Corps trip last summer.

Together, they will relay their experiences with Rotary and abroad.



President Sandy: Are we/you fire-ready? A lesson from LA

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Halfway through January, winter really hasn't hit us yet.

Our thoughts aren't on snow but on fire. The views brought to us from the L.A. region bring memories that have hit close to home.



Even if you haven't lived in Sisters long, you probably have lived here in the west and have been a part of or witnessed the devastation wildfires can bring. This being said, there is work to be done, the questions are around what preparation can we do?

Bill Bartlett's article in this past week's Nugget helps us prepare in our minds. Jim Lanzarotta met with Bill B. and Jim Cornelius this past week and I followed up with Jim Cornelius as well. The discussion identified the need for a well-defined public preparedness session sometime this spring, well before our fire season gets underway.

From the early discussion this should be a full force session, providing updates for new locals and reminders for longer residents.

Hopefully to have presentations from Fire Chief Prior, the Sheriff's department for safe egress routes, specialists on preparing "go bags, or go boxes," even talks with insurance agents who can help bring understanding to closing of policies and greatly increased rates.

Discussion will hopefully begin this next week to set a date, create an agenda and gain cooperation from presenters. More details will be coming soon.

Spring is only eight 1/2 weeks away.

Sandy Reilly
President, Rotary Club of Sisters

Rotary Supporting Victims of LA Wildfires

Dear Sandy,

This pMail has been sent to all Club Presidents, Assistant Governors, TRF Committee members, and District Leadership members. Please forward as you see necessary. Presidents, please forward to your members. They are no doubt wondering how to help.



These are reliable 501(c)3 Disaster Relief Foundations set up in advance by SO CA Rotary Districts. Here is a message sent out from our Zone Director Dan Himelspach.

"As you know, the Los Angeles area has been devastated by large fires that are burning out of control in several areas. Many thousands of homes have been destroyed, and tens of thousands of

residents have been evacuated. Our Rotary colleagues in the affected Districts - Districts 5280 and 5300 - have activated District Disaster Relief Funds to assist the victims of the fires. District 5280 (Los Angeles) has also created a Resource Directory and online spreadsheet for In-Kind Donations.

To access information and links to **District 5280's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund** and other resources, please click [HERE](#).

To access information and a link to **District 5300's Wildfire Disaster Relief Fund**, please click [HERE](#).

District Governors: Please share this information with your Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, and Members.

Thank you,

Dan
Daniel C. Himelspach
RI Director 2023-25
Dg13-14@DisputeManagementInc.com

Meet Your Best Rotary Friend: Our Mentor-Mentee Program Underway



Here is the list of mentor assignments toward developing ongoing discussions of our Rotary role locally, regionally and globally. There will be a refresh of the Mentor Guide out shortly, but don't hesitate to get started meeting with your mentees and establishing a relationship to optimize our Rotary experience for each and every club member.

Mentor Assignments

Mentor/Mentee

Steve Auerbach/Mark Griffin
Jennifer Holland/Lara Eckstine & Renee Reitmeier
Jim Barnes/Josh Smith
Bill Kelly/Mark & Pam Ossinger
Jennifer Burroughs/Barbara Turner
Ann Davis/Deni Reitmeier
Jim Lanzarotta/Bre Miller
Tom Counos/Michael Deal
Lei Darcey/Donna Marshall
Rand Rietmann/Michael Richards
Judith Corwin/Debbi McCune
Mike Corwin/Brent MacCluer & Tony Prior
Kristin Sorenson-Hilgart/Sandy Brink
Hal Darcey/Jim Lanzarotta
Curt Davis/Sheree Vance
Sandy Reilly/Tammy Taylor

Mike Gray/New member TBA
Bill Bartlett/New member TBA
Curt Scholl/Future assignment TBA
Mike Marshall/New member TBA
Francie Kibby/Future assignment TBA

Club Profile #6: Bill Bartlett

Who is Bill Bartlett in 1-2 sentences? Having spent 25 years in advertising working on major national brands in New York and Chicago, I began a 30-year run as a small business entrepreneur owning businesses as diverse as printing, collectible toys, animal flooring, office supplies and women's riding apparel. Now, I run Optum Travel, the only travel agency in Sisters, and I write for the Nugget.

Years in Rotary? Five years, two as Club President and two as Treasurer

Profession(s)? Brand management, graphic arts,



photography and accounting.

Family? Wife, Anne, four children and eight grand children

Why Rotary? The values of the Four-Way Test

Post-Rotary Lunch...Join Us This Week

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

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:

January 21: Ski Inn (photo, right)

February 6: Hardtails

February 20: High Camp

March 5: R Spot

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

January 21: Mike Marshall

February 4: Bill Bartlett

February 18: Bre Miller

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

January 21: Kristin-Sorenson-Hilgart

February 4: TBA

February 18: Steve Auerbach

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

January 21: Jim Lanzarotta

February 4: Zoe Schumacher

February 18: Sandy Reilly

Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle



What a year, huh.

Girl, it's January