



Year 35, Number 9, March 31, 2025

## We Meet Bi-Monthly

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

1st/3rd Tuesdays @ 12p

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## Meetings and Events

### Tomorrow: Michelle Deaderick, Oregon Adaptive Sports



Michelle has lived in Sisters since 1980 raising her three children who all graduated from Sisters school system. Her husband, Mitch Deaderick, has been a local potter for 44 years.

Michelle started with Oregon Adaptive Sports 11 years ago. She enjoys the organization and what they do for local kids with the Ski for Life program teaching middle and high school students. To get them out in the outdoors makes a huge difference in how they feel about themselves. The smiles and hugs they get after class makes it

all worthwhile.

They have taken elders from the senior center, skiers that love to ski but at 95 just can't anymore. The smiles say it all.

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

Clayton Crowhurst, a housing developer with Northwest Housing

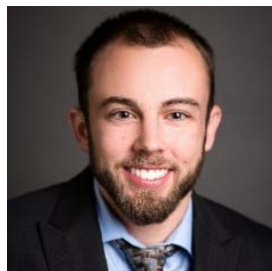


Alternatives (NHA), a statewide, non-profit, affordable housing developer) will be giving a presentation on the housing landscape in Sisters Country, upcoming developments, and approaches to addressing the acute housing shortages and affordability challenges in the Trinity



Place, NHA's newest workforce housing project in Sisters (see photo to the left).

There will also be discussion on what currently in predevelopment, final design, and permitting affordable housing is (and isn't), who it serves, and what members of the Rotary Club can do to advocate for the creation of more Housing for All in Sisters Country.



Clayton has been developing affordable housing with NHA for over six years and brings with him a decade in residential and commercial construction; working in HVAC, weatherization, and building sustainability fields. Clayton relocated to Bend in 2020, to better focus his efforts on development in rural communities across Central and Eastern Oregon. Clayton is currently overseeing pre-development of Trinity Place in Sisters as well as cultivating new project potentials in the region. Clayton brings all of his construction knowledge, community organizing, and finance skills to bear to create innovative and community-focused projects.

He is originally from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina where he received a B.S. in Sociology from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He's also received a Masters in Real Estate Development from Portland State University.

## Birthdays

Steve Auerbach  
March 31st

### May 6: TBD

### May 20: Matt Hilgers, Sisters High School Director of Athletics

Matt Hilgers is the athletic director at Sisters High School. An experienced educator and former three-sport athlete, he brings a passion for sports and a commitment to community engagement.

Hilgers, who moved to Sisters in 2021, has previously coached the varsity baseball team. His vision for the athletic department emphasizes student participation and fostering a strong sports culture within the school.



### Events/Service Opportunities

- Mega-Raffle Sales: March 4-April 13
- Supporting Sisters Student Success Event @ The Depot: Thursday, May 8
- Fourth Fest Celebration: July 4

### President Sandy: Working With Kiwanis

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This week I would like to make note of our Rotary Club volunteers and their work with the Sisters Kiwanis Club started through a conversation Jim Lanzarotta had with Dave Hiller, current President of the Kiwanis club.



The two clubs have worked on some small projects so far helping the changes that will bring the opening of the Sisters Community Center to a reality this week. Visit the great new facility sometime soon and congratulate our own Jen Holland of Park and Rec for the successful project. There will be other opportunities to work alongside our Kiwanian volunteers.

As we move forward, the Rotary Club of Sisters will be working closely with Sisters Kiwanis, C4C and The Nugget, along with the Sisters Fire Department, Deschutes County Sheriff's office and Sisters City Hall to bring several public service Fire Awareness and Preparedness forums and education to our community. The first of these is just two weeks away, April 13, at the elementary school.

This first session will be an educational overview of fire safety, fire prevention, fire preparedness. Our collective goal is to bring a review to those who have experienced wildfires and an awakening to those who have not. There will be presenters along with several hands-on tables for discussion and questions.

Spring is here and summer is quickly approaching. Preparation is the ground stone to success.

Be safe!

Sandy Reilly  
President, Rotary Club of Sisters

### Our Mega Raffle: Turn In Tickets/Money Tuesday

All club members will be responsible for the sale of 10 tickets and all 700 available

have been assigned. Turn in money and/or tickets tomorrow at the club meeting as all tickets must be in and accounted for before the April 13 drawing.

Contact Mike or Steve Auerbach to receive additional tickets, if you have buyers! We have approximately a month remaining to collect \$7,000 in ticket sales. Ironically, the total value of our prize list resembles that \$7,000 amount! Once again, the drawing will be April 13.

# 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:  
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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**

## May 8 Event to Support Sisters Country Students: Get Involved!

The Sisters Rotary Club is inviting any and all to a special event on Thursday, May 8 designed to serve as a fundraiser for the multiple projects that the club does to benefit the Sisters School District through their Sisters Rotary Foundation.

The event poster/flyer is to the right. We have 134 seats available at the Sisters Depot restaurant and bar downtown to assemble the Sisters community's best to enjoy a great Western theme dinner and program to celebrate all the Rotary Club of Sisters does for our school district including:

- Books 4 Kids program at the elementary school level
- Art Celebration contest at the middle school level
- 20 years and more than \$100,000 awarded annually to Sisters HS seniors on their way to college or a trade school

The event will have a video and stage presentation to include testimonials from School Superintendent (and a club member) Curtiss Scholl, and several teachers and students who have been recipients of our projects' benefits. The goal is to provide additional resources (minimum \$10,000) toward these projects and more, while enjoying great food, music and celebrating our local youth.

Sponsored tables of six or eight are going for \$75 a seat and a fully-tax deductible paddle raise will be conducted with 100% of the proceeds to go to projects at all levels of the school district's instruction and scholarship.

## Sing Your Heart Out in Sisters



**Rotary**  
Club of Sisters

**THE "4S"  
EVENING:  
SUPPORTING  
SISTERS STUDENT  
SUCCESS**

**MAY 8, 2025 5:30 - 8 P.M.**

An Entertaining and Informative Evening with Food, Beverage, Music and the Opportunity to Contribute to the Success of Our Local Youth

Sisters Depot, 250 W. Cascade, Sisters, OR

Tickets available at Sisters Depot or go to [sistersrotary.org](http://sistersrotary.org)

**SISTERS DEPOT**  
Dinner & Dotted Tea  
SISTERS, OREGON

**SISTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT**



# Sing Your Hearts Out, Sisters!

*with the*



**AN AFSC COMMUNITY EVENT at the Belfry**

Grab a friend, bring a neighbor, sing like a rock star. Enjoy a lively, rowdy evening with the Low Bar Chorale – a live band of nationally-known musicians – leading the way. No prior musical experience required.

**Saturday, April 5, 2025**

Doors open at 6 pm – Singing starts at 7 pm. No host bar.  
The Belfry - 302 E. Main Avenue in Sisters, Oregon

No admission charge, but due to capacity, tickets are recommended.  
Eventbrite QR Code >



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Taylor Tires  
Sisters Saloon  
GrandStay Hotels

## 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:

**April 1: Philadelphia's (photo, right)**

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!

## Levity for a Sisters Lifestyle



## Upcoming Meeting Assignments

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

**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.

**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!

**April 1 - Renee Reitmeier**

April 15: Ann Davis

May 6: Lara Eckstine



May 20: Michael Gray  
June 3: Bill Kelly  
June 17: Rand Rietmann