

Rotary

Club of Klamath County



Question: Why is the Air Guard's air-to-air combat school located at Kingsley Field? Answer: Col Steve 'Slick' Harper. Steve is a Florida native, growing up in Miami, attending Stetson University and receiving his Bachelor's Degree from University of Nebraska. He received his commission in 1965 as a Rated Navigator thru the Aviation Cadets program, graduating in the last class before the program was disbanded. He completed pilot training in 1971 and spent the next 22 years as a fighter pilot. Following two tours in Viet Nam, accumulating over 1000 hours of combat time, he was assigned to the Pentagon as F-4 Program Manager for the Air Guard where he was tasked with finding a new location for the air-to-air combat school with adequate air space. His search brought him to the mothballed Kingsley Field where he established the school, serving as Commander of the 114th Fighter Squadron from 1984 to 1993, and overseeing the transition from the F-4 to the F-16. During his career he accumulated over 7000 hours of cockpit time. In 1992 Steve chaired Klamath 2002 in which over 1000 citizens

Thursday, March 27, 2025

The Rotary Club of Klamath County
Meets at The Ross Ragland Cultural Center.
218 N 7th St.
Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601
Thursdays at noon

This Week's Meeting:

Kat Maynard
Oregon Ownership Deed Transfer Tips and Tricks!

Chair:
Lexi McNair

This week's meeting, March 27, will be at the First Presbyterian Church.

Next Week's Meeting:

Taylor Hampton
IYS Work to Learn Program
Fire Mitigation

Chair:
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April 19th is the anniversary of our founder's birthday, Paul Harris. To honor him, possibly consider a gift to the foundation.

District Conference is May 16-18 in Grants Pass

teamed to lay out a vision for the future of our area. He served as Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce from 1994 to 1996. From 1997 to 2005 he represented us in the Oregon Legislature: four years in the House, two of which he was House Majority Leader, and four years in the Senate. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, 11 Air Medals, Legion of Merit, 3 Meritorious Service medals, the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award, the Favell Museum Western Heritage Award, and the NFIB Defender of Small Business Award. He has served on numerous local task forces and committees and is currently a Klamath Works Board Member. His wife of 52 years, Sherry, is a Viet Nam veteran and a retired Registered Nurse from Sky Lakes They have three sons, one daughter, and ten grandchildren. They now enjoy their cabin at Lake of the Woods. Thank you Steve for all you have done for our community.

Submitted by Alan Eberlein

We are looking for a few members to establish a grant committee. Both RI and district have funds available to help fund our existing projects or possibly new ones, but we need to tap into that.

There is training available and this is super important. Please dig deep and help out if you can.

We are still taking grant applications for our Rotary Auction funds.

A Big Shout-Out to Dr. Doug McInnis

CORVALLIS, Ore. – A Klamath Falls veterinarian is the newest recipient of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Association's (OVMA) Meritorious Service Award.

OVMA says the award, which was presented to Dr. Doug McInnis, represents the generous time and energy an individual dedicates to the advancement of the profession and the community.

McInnis graduated from the Oregon State University's veterinary program in 1987 and since then has done vital work within the local animal services community.

He established the Animal Control Advocacy Task Force, which helps the Klamath County district attorney, animal control, local attorneys and veterinarians address local animal neglect and abuse cases.

He has also served on the Sky Lakes Medical Center board, with Klamath County CASA, and is a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Klamath County as well as serving as an OVMA delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

McInnis received the award during a ceremony at the Oregon Veterinary Conference in Corvallis on March 8.

Birthdays



Nesli Alp
March 1st



Randy Shaw
March 6th



Jennifer Scanlan
March 6th



Steve Bocchi
March 10th



Jackie Bland
March 16th



Jason Nalepa
March 16th



Frank Jakubowski
March 17th



Tracey A. Lehman
March 21st



Frank O. Ganong
March 24th



Gary Harlan
March 26th



Dan Bunch
March 29th