### **Events**

March 27th
Weekly Club
Meeting
Speaker: Chris Kealey
- CDO Neighborlmpact
Subject:
Neighborlmpact
April 3rd
Monthly Club
Business Meeting
April 10th
Weekly Club
Meeting
Speaker: Nicole
Ramos

## **Birthdays**

**Economist** 

Subject: Regional

Dawn Ann Hudson March 25th Louise Sande Kaplan March 25th Debora Sepich March 30th Ryan Sale April 4th John Nielsen April 9th Gordon Sepich April 20th



# This Week's Luncheon Meeting



Our guest speaker this week is **Christopher Kealey**, Chief Development Officer at NeighborImpact. Chris spearheads NeighborImpact's development initiatives, focusing on expanding reach and resources to better serve the community.

Please reply to: rotaryredmond@gmail.com if you are attending and let us know if you plan to invite a guest.

Greeters: Deb and Gordon Sepich, Jake Waardenburg (Greeter instructions)

## **Rotarians Having Fun**



Congratulations to the Gift of Literacy committee for a wellorganized Saturday morning work party assembling personized backpacks for the first-graders with their chosen hard-back book. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to finish the task in record time. Check out the VIDEO

## Winner-Winner-Chicken-Dinner



Nick Mausen is our latest raffle winner for selecting the correct marble from the bag to win the weekly drawing. A winning raffle ticket number announced earns the ticket holder the chance to reach into the bag of marbles to select a winner. Congratulations Nick!!

**Weekly Member Profile** 

#### **Ryan McNulty Featured Profile**

At first, it may seem that Ryan McNulty is kind of quiet, content to go about his work – including club stuff – with little fanfare. If you get the impression that being quiet equates to low impact....think again. There's a lot going on in Ryan's world, and his contributions to the Redmond business and our club speak loud and clear. More on that later.



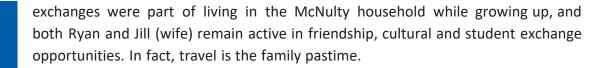
Keizer, Oregon is where Ryan grew up, and where his folks and brother still live. He graduated in 2004 from OSU (that's the home of the Beavers, lest there be confusion on the acronym) with a degree in Finance and International Business and some economics studies thrown in. Part of his college experience included attending a half year in Norway, where Ryan says he enjoyed NO homework! Class scheduling and transportation logistics were other parts of

the experience club members should ask him to describe.

So, Ryan had already dipped his toe in business in high school by starting an online company that involved eBay-style buying and selling worldwide. Influenced in part by an uncle who had shown him the potential for turning trade deals, Ryan was learning "on the job" before the professors taught him about market systems and such. But he opted after graduation to seek more traditional employment in the finance sector, and went to work in Spokane, Washington for Northwest Farm Credit Services (NWFCS), an ag-lending institution. Within a year, Ryan moved to the Redmond NWFCS offce, and would eventually manage the office while maintaining a lending portfolio focused on commercial financing for family farms and ranches stretching across the region from Madras to Christmas Valley and over to Burns.

After 17 years with NWFCS, Ryan left the company in late 2021 to focus on a business he purchased back in 2007. It's called Fin & Fire. For those familiar with fly shops in the area, the first question that may come to mind would be, "Does Ryan fly fish?" Answer: he does now. But he didn't back in 2007 when the business opportunity came up while chatting with then owner Tyson Traeger. The Traeger family business needed Tyson elsewhere, and the deal was made. Until 2022, Ryan was running the business on the side, relying on the management team he put in place to handle the operational aspects of the fly shop-BBQ-taphouse located now on South Hwy 97 across from the Safeway store. According to Ryan, the beer thing is simply to help lure guys into the shopping mode while there, just part of the experience. *Get it? Lure...In a fly shop....oh, never mind*.

Anyway, it seems the strategy works, as Ryan has significantly grown the business over the years. The "Fin" is now one of the largest fly fishing shops on the West coast. Another club member, Spike Biggers (also formerly with NWFCS), was a natural to sponsor Ryan into the club in May 2006. No introduction was needed about Rotary, as Ryan's father was a member of the Keizer club. International



Ryan and Jill have 7-year-old daughter Emma, and they enjoy visiting Hawaii and traveling throughout the U.S. Between the two Rotarians, the countries visited so far number in the dozens and they have hosted Rotary friendship teams from the Philippines, Australia and India, to name a few. Ryan is a past President of our club (2011-12). He also served as club secretary for one year, treasurer for a number of years and was a board member for 10+ years.