

Rotary



Club of
Redmond

e-Bulletin

March 25, 2024

Events

March 27th

Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Chris Kealey
- CDO NeighborImpact

Subject:
NeighborImpact

April 3rd

Monthly Club Business Meeting

April 10th

Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Nicole Ramos

Subject: Regional Economist

Birthdays

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



Rotary Club of Redmond "Service Above Self"

Congratulations to the Gift of Literacy committee for a wellorganized Saturday morning work party assembling personalized 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 (NWFC), an ag-lending institution. Within a year, Ryan moved to the Redmond NWFC office, 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 NWFC, 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 NWFC), 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



exchanges were part of living in the McNulty household while growing up, and both Ryan and Jill (wife) remain active in friendship, cultural and student exchange opportunities. In fact, travel is the family pastime.

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.
