



East Salem Newsletter

Service Without Borders

Week of March 5, 2018

Words for the Week

Celebrate Rotary Water and Sanitation Month!

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Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people in the world that lack access to improved sanitation and 748 million people that don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced their new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation along with improved water management to protect ecosystems and build resiliency. *

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation SDG through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

During March, Rotary Water and Sanitation Month, we're celebrating our commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Here are just a few examples of club service projects that are creating a lasting impact:

The Rotary Club of Bangalore Metro in India installed a [water purification plant](#) in the village of Ramanahalli. Due to extensive mining, the ground water in this rural community is completely contaminated with fluorides and other contaminants. The new water purification plant provides reliable access to potable water.

- In the rural community of Bharat Pokhari in Nepal, villagers walk 25 km to fetch buckets of water every day. Oftentimes girls spend two hours a day bringing home water before and after school. In partnership with the Rotary Club of Williamson (USA), the [Rotary Club of Pokhara](#) installed a water tank in the village giving more than 500 families access to safe drinking water closer to home.
- The Rotary Club of Suna Migori in Kenya [provided a source of clean rainwater](#) to students at four schools and a clinic. At each location, Rotarians provided new latrines and hand washing stations. The project has impacted more than 1500 students and their families, hundreds of patients at the clinic, and increased school attendance especially among girls.
- In rural Ghana, seven million people are at risk from waterborne diseases. Rotarians are working with partners to address community water and sanitation needs.

• **Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser**

• **If you have not signed up for a shift yet, please sign up [here](#)**



This Week

March 9, 2018

Program - Missy with Willamette Lutheran Homes will provide us with some training to prepare us for our Palm Sunday Brunch fundraiser.

Greeters: Shawn Hanson - Mary Hollinger

Raffle: Catherine Carlson

Upcoming Meetings

March 16, 2018

Program - Chuck Lee - An update on the Salem vocational school, the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC)

Greeters: Paige Hook - John King

Raffle: Andrew Booth

March 23, 2018

Program - Kurt Schrader, U.S. Representative for the 5th Congressional District will give us an update on the happenings in our District and in Washington D.C.

Greeters: Erik Larson - Dave Leonard

Raffle: John King

March 30, 2018

Program - Club Assembly

Greeters: Russ Lipetzky - Pat Mack

Raffle: Russ Lipetzky

April 6, 2018

Program - TBD

Our Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser will be March 25 at the Willamette Lutheran Homes in Keizer. We will be distributing the shift assignments at next weeks meeting. We will also be distributing tickets at our next meeting. Cost is \$12.00 for adults age 11 and up, child is \$6.00. We will need to RSVP for a party over 5. We have 250 tickets to sell...so let's get out there sell out before the event!

Service Opportunity

Rotary International President Ian Riseley has challenged all 1.2 million Rotarians to plant a tree before Earth Day on Sunday April 22, 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming. Riseley explained that, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern ... Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, and they are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility." Of his Tree Planting Challenge he said, "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself."

Our club will partner with Friends of Trees who has scheduled three tree planting events in the Salem area. We will be participating in tree planting events at Minto Brown Island on February 24 and March 24 and at Weathers Park on April 7. The Weathers Park event will be our primary focus and hope everyone can attend at least that one event. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Our Exchange Student

Klara Cadova from the Czech Republic is our Exchange Student and can be reached at [971-599-0641](tel:971-599-0641) (Home), [503-428-0492](tel:503-428-0492) (Mobile), kl.cadova@gmail.com (email), . Host family is Dagmar Amrein. Let's make sure to keep her busy this year and experience all that Oregon has to offer. Here are just a few ideas:

- Dinner with your family
- Coffee at a local coffee shop
- Pizza Night Out
- Bend
- Oregon Garden
- Silver Creek Falls
- Rose Festival
- High Desert Museum
- OMSI
- Portland Japanese Garden
- Portland Trail Blazers Game
- Volcanoes Baseball Game
- Timbers Soccer Game
- Salem Riverfront Park
- Shopping
- Oregon Coast - Aquarium
- Visit a Local University
- Symphony

Greeters: Ted Mack -
Rich Mackie

Raffle: Terry Riley

Service Opportunities

Tree Planting Sign Ups

Rotary Food Drive March 17 -Click [here](#) to sign up for one hour time slot.

Palm Sunday Brunch
March 25

Tree Planting - Weathers
Park - April 7

Rotary Work Day - April 28

Important Links

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