

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY



March 2006

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Did you know that books and health literacy are the two focus themes for the month of March? Thanks to all the Rotarians who are SMART volunteers! Put a dollar in the pot at the next meeting you attend if you don't know what SMART stands for.

Vocational Service Committee News

Your Vocational Service Committee has several "events" coming up this spring. Your Vocational Director is Linda Casady. Your Bring an Associate to Lunch Month Chair is Don Johnston. This is a great opportunity to thank those folks you work with for supporting you in Rotary. Don has some new ideas for this event, so invite someone to lunch in March. You pick the date, just let him know so he can help you make your

guest feel welcome and appreciated.

Your RYLA Chair is Bill Bushlen. Deadline for applications is April 15. See Linda or Bill for applications or questions.

Your High School Scholarship Chair is Chuck Haines. This is the Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior. It is a rewarding experience to be part of the selection committee. Your Adult Scholarship Chair is Diane Highberger. This is the Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to an adult resuming their higher education.

Your Lostine River Run Chair is Linda, with Rex co-chairing, and Bob Crawford assisting. We could use former committee members, as well as some new blood to help organize. This event will be held on Saturday, July 1st, and takes a lot of Rotary members to pull it off. The proceeds go to funding those scholarships. We start meeting in late March.

We also do the Student Shadow Day in the fall. You get to share what you do in the workplace with high school students for 1/2 day. These are vocational opportunities to share your expertise in making things happen in our communities, reflecting our local business world. Call Linda at 426-3636 days or 426-4164 evenings if you have questions or if you can get involved in one of our basic programs of Rotary service.

If you are curious about your Vocational Service happenings, or would like to get involved, we welcome you. Call Linda or any chair for information.

Rose Sale

The rose sale is coming up. We need strong participation from all members of the club. The funds raised from this project go to support many critical projects, and increase our capacity to respond to community needs. Get prepared. Start making your “hit” lists now. Our chair, Kathleen Negus will be giving us updates in the near future.

Important Events

There are two very important events coming up. The District Assembly, which is a wonderful opportunity to learn a lot about Rotary, and about your role in Rotary. All members of the Board, current and incoming should plan on attending. Sign up sheets will be available at club meetings the next several weeks. **The District Assembly East will be April 29th, Pendleton OR**

This is not just a “feel good” event. The purpose of this meeting is train Rotarians, and especially board members and officers, so they can be more effective at their role.

District Conference will be May 4-6, 2006 Hilton Hotel Vancouver, WA. We would encourage you to look ahead and think about attendance at this event which brings our entire district together. Keep your eyes open for more information.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 15, Chief Joseph Days Royalty speech judging

March 22, Paula Coomer, Fishtrap writer in residence (she will read a short story)

April 5, The Nature Conservancy, Weed program

April 12, Liz Rameriz --presentation about Peru

April 19, Update from committee working on Parks & Recreation District (Kathleen Negus et. al.)

April 26, Bill Finney—Club Recycling project)

ROTARY CALENDAR

March 23rd - The International Committee will meet 5:15 p.m., March 23 at Fishtrap

March 24th The Community Service Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m., March 24, someplace

March 28th Lostine River Run Committee. 7am, Cloud 9

April 9th - International Dinner - Joseph Civic Center - 5:00pm

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<http://www.rotaryclubofwallowacounty.org/>