



Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club – District #5110



President's Message:

ROTARIANS! Welcome to a new Rotary year!

The theme this year is Rotary Opens Opportunities. While it could not have been known at the time it was selected, a better theme could not have been chosen for 2020-21. As a nation, as a community, and as a club, we are facing greater challenges than we have seen in generations. But challenge also brings opportunity and, through Rotary, those opportunities can be realized for the benefit of all who are in need.

Make no doubt about it; this year – like all years – is your year. The success of our club rests with each one of us being able to rise to the challenge and accept our role as Rotarians. We also must find others in our community who will join in our quest to bring about positive change wherever we see a need.

Though this time in our history may be difficult, I consider it an honor to be your President now and I promise to help wherever I can to support our club and our committees as we successfully work our way through it.

In closing, I want to thank our immediate Past President Eva Germaine-Shimotakahara for all her hard work and effort over the past year, as well as her assistance preparing me for what lies ahead. And, I also want to thank all of you who helped make such a huge difference in the lives of so many this past year! Through our commitment to the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self,” we will continue to find ways to change lives for the better, no matter what obstacles lie before us this Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary Service,
President Tim



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This week's presentation: This week's presentation will be somewhat in keeping with our Fourth of July weekend merriment. We will hear from our new club and Rotary International presidents.

Tim Novotny is your new club president and will deliver a PowerPoint presentation on his background and his "Rotary moment." He also will address themes that were brought up in PETS and at the RI Convention. He also will discuss the recent introduction of "Supporting the Environment" by the Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International as the new seventh area of focus in Rotary. Discussion on the topics to be discussed also will be invited.

The club also will hear a recorded message from new Rotary International President Holger Knaack!

Knaack – a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany – has been a member since 1992. To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians. He also believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibility for Rotary.



"This campaign conveys our global image, while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he said.

Please join us on Tuesday and learn more about your two new presidents.

Last week's presentation: Last week, we were joined by fellow Rotarian James Layport. James, a member of Rotary since 1966, is also a proud Paul Harris Fellow. During his time in Rotary, James has maintained a perfect attendance record, something for which we all should strive. He keeps up that attendance by visiting other clubs throughout the world when he travels on vacation. In addition to hearing from James, we also were joined by a multitude of members who discussed the programs and committees that ran this past year – including President Elect, Tim Novotny. Tim announced the new Board of Directors and talked about the Rotary Virtual Convention, which a number of us also attended.

"Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further."

- Thomas Carlyle