

## Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club – District #5110



## **President's Message:**

**Greetings Rotarians!** 

Our club stepped up this week and helped **Star of Hope**, after vandals torched and destroyed a vital
transport vehicle that had been donated to them. Our **President Nominee, Randy Thompson,** recently saw
an effort underway on Facebook to help cover the
costs for a new vehicle and brought it to our board to
see if we could help. The board agreed to help but,
before long, discussions with the Coos Rotary
Foundation indicated that going that route would be



the way we could do the most good. So, last Thursday, I joined with **Foundation spokesperson Steve Schneiderman** to present a check to **Stacy Dewater** at the Star of Hope in the amount of \$2,000 dollars. The donation helped cap that community fundraising effort, which had been launched Aug. 25, raising \$3,200 before the Rotary donation helped the effort exceed the \$5,000 goal. Everyone there was very appreciative.

"I would like to extend a huge thank you to Coos Rotary Foundation, Mike Chavez, K-DOCK, Linda Strine and many individual donors," Stacy wrote. "It was a tough loss for Star of Hope and the client whose transportation was taken away. Thanks to you, and others like you, we will soon be able to replace the vehicle and resume normal operations. All of us here at Star of Hope are deeply touched by your quick response, along with the response from others in the community."

On another front, I remind you that #RotaryStepsTogether will start in just one week! The virtual fundraiser will run from **Sept. 15 to Nov. 15**, as Rotary Clubs in District 5110 can collectively take part in a fitness fundraiser suited to any fitness or ability level. Friends, family and other club members pledge online in support of your efforts, measured in miles. Proceeds will go toward Club funds, The Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or all three! You can walk, run, hike, golf, swim, dance, row, box, CrossFit or rake leaves and vacuum your way to those Rotary Foundation goals! Individuals who raise \$150 or more, and teams that raise \$1,500 or more by Nov. 15, will receive a #RotaryStepsTogether water bottle! Look for participation information on the District5110.org People of Action Web posts.

Yours in Rotary Service,

**President Tim** 



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This week's presentation: This week's program will be Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay City Manager. He will be talking about, among other things, the tremendous amount of construction activity going on in Coos Bay, plus other recent positive community developments.

Rodger joined the Coos Bay Police Department full-time in 1995. He held various positions, including K-9 Officer, School Resource Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Field Training Officer, Watch Commander, Administrative Sergeant, Administrative Captain and Chief of Police. In September 2009, Rodger transitioned from managing the City's Police Department to managing the day-to-day business of the City, after being appointed as the City Manager.



<u>Last week's presentation:</u> Last week, we heard from Guy Tauer, Regional Economist with the Oregon Employment Department, who gave us an informative presentation on the pandemic's impact on the Coos County Economy, Workforce and Industries. He also talked about sectors that have seen the most recovery and what sectors are still feeling the brunt of the impacts.

## **Happy Dollars!**

\$5 – Minimum for publication in bulletin, but any amount can be transferred on Venmo! (Send in happy dollars through the Venmo account, email timnovotny@rocketmail.com with what you are happy about, and you can get it placed in the bulletin. YES – IT'S JUST THAT EASY! Or, you can also drop off Happy Dollars and fines in person, with our chief justice at Marshfield Mercantile.)

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive, and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor and some style."

Maya Angelou