

ROTARY CLUB OF NEWPORT: MAKING A DIFFERENCE LOCALLY (AND OTHER FUN STUFF)...

Applying the new Rule #5 (Is it fun?!) as often as possible, the Rotary Club of Newport was busy throughout the year **MAKING A DIFFERENCE** by its members generously providing their time, effort and funds in many ways throughout the community. Here are a few examples of what we were up to this year:



Seafood & Wine Festival Fundraiser: The Club returned to the festival for our year's top fundraiser. Megan Schain-Park rounded up the group to serve wine to the festival attendees. The group was successful in raising funds to assist with the Club projects and activities.

Olalla Center Warren Project: The Club provided materials, manpower and more to enhance the facilities of the outdoor mentoring program designed to promote a healthy relationships and send of community to kids who many need it the most.



Celebration Bags: Aimee Thompsons spearheaded a new project and the members were able to do a hands-on project to create Celebration Bags which were donated to the Food Share of Lincoln County. These bags are given to families in need and contain cake mix, frosting, candles and more in an effort to provide some joy to those wanting to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or whatever may be their cause to celebrate.

Foster and Homeless Children: We continued to provide funding to the Homeless Connect and HELP Programs. The Club also sponsored the Foster Parent Appreciate Picnic again this year by providing food, supplies, tables, chairs and volunteers.



Human Trafficking: Gae Linfoot, Julie Carlson and committee continued their efforts to spread education and awareness to the issue of sex trafficking.

Exchange Student Weekend: The Club hosted the District inbound and outbound exchange students for a fun-filled weekend in March.

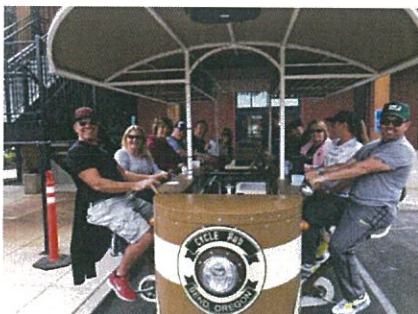


Dictionary Program: Rotarians delivered dictionaries to the third graders of Newport schools which was a big hit once again.

Swim Lessons: The Club was able to obtain a District Grant for funding of swim lesson vouchers for children wanting to learn how to swim at the Newport Rec Center.

4-Way Test Speech Contest: Freddy Saxton coordinated the annual 4-Way Test Speech Contest. The speeches were vastly different from each student and \$600 in prize money was awarded to the top 3 contestants. The winner went to the District Conference to complete at the District level on behalf of the Club.

Other Contributions: The Club also made their annual donation to the Boy Scouts of America Local Troop, Polio Plus, Samaritan House and other programs throughout the community.



OTHER FUN: Happy Hour Club was continued. We were visited by ghosts from the Wild West past through a Guy Faust original. The Inaugural Bend Invasion Took Place! Many Rotary Moments were shared and many more to be made...