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Local dentist, police chief win big at Rotary Club raffle-banquet benefit



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The Rotary Club of Keizer held its annual Go for the Gold fundraising raffle and banquet on Saturday, April 2, at the Keizer Civic Center.

Hundreds of attendees dressed in the event's theme of The 1980s. A cross section of the Keizer community dined on dinner catered by Elegant Catering, bid on silent auction items and participated in an oral auction, conducted by emcee Nathan Bauer, of R. Bauer Insurance.

More than 1,000 \$50 raffle/dinner tickets were sold by Rotary Club members starting last December. In-coming club president Jason Lewis headed up the committee that staged the event, the major fundraiser for the club, which has donated more than \$1 million worth of projects to the community since 1965.

After a spirited oral auction, Lewis, Bauer and club president Brian Lea announced the raffle winners. Grand prize was \$10,000 in gold and silver; second

prize was \$1,200 in cash.

Grand prize winner was Dr. Dave Anderson, a Keizer dentist and a Rotary Club board member. When notified of his good fortune, Anderson said, "I'm speechless, for the first time in my life."

"I'm excited, and happy to donate to my community." A prior commitment kept Anderson from attending the banquet. Anderson sold all his 15 tickets to himself. Each Keizer Rotarian were obliged to sell 15 raffle tickets.

The second prize of \$1,200 in cash was won by Keizer Police Chief John Teague, also a Rotarian. His reaction to winning? "That's great," he said. Teague bought all 15 raffle tickets himself and has plans for the prize money. He plans to use the cash to purchase tickets for the club's weekly luncheon raffle for the foreseeable future.

Jason Lewis reported that the raffle netted about \$47,000 that the Keizer club will use to fund local and global Rotary projects.



A - Jane Lowery (left) and Alana Lang Neads represented sponsor Willamette Valley Bank.
B - Michele Roland-Schwartz and husband Sam Schwartz.
C - McNary High School Athletic Director Scott Gragg (from left), his wife Toni Gragg, McNary principal Erik Jespersen and his father Paul Jespersen.
D - Jim and Carol Adelman.
E - (From left) Lore and Ron Christopher, J.W. Smith and Kim Steen.
F - Pam and Bob Zielinski.
G - Keizer City Councilor Roland Herrera, Spencer Todd and Sheronne Blasi.

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