

Green sees impact of Rotary by attending convention

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ENTERPRISE — The 107th year of Rotary International is proving to be a special one for the Rotary Club of Wallowa County.

Stacy Green, the president of Rotary Club of Wallowa County, attended the annual Rotary International Convention from June 3-9 at the Houston Convention Center in Texas. It marked the first convention — which rotates sites around the world — since 2019 because of the global pandemic.

“The convention brings the 1.5 million Rotarians from around the world together,” Green said. “It really shows

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Stacy Green, president of the Rotary Club of Wallowa County, is presenting about her experiences at the convention during the rotary club’s installation banquet on June 29. For more information, email Green at srgreen@eoni.com.

when we come together we multiply our impact, and that impact becomes significant.”

Green met, learned from and shared the message of Eastern Oregon with the 11,000 people who attended the event, down from a typical 25,000. She met with individuals from Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, India, Taiwan, Mongolia, Nepal, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the United States.

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“Where else would I be able to make those kinds of international connections, and by the time I left I had invitations to stay with people in Iceland, Mexico, Taiwan and other places,” she said.

Some of the challenges

talked about were similar to what Green sees in Wallowa County, while others were basic human needs like supplying feminine hygiene products.

“It is a huge barrier for girls and women that forces them not to go to school or work because they have no ability to manage it,” she said.

Green participated in morning general sessions with speakers that included Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi; Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarth; director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization Dr. Hamid Jafari; astronaut Charles Duke, who went to the moon on Apollo 16; and Bruktawit Tigabua, a

social entrepreneur who created a groundbreaking educational children’s television program in Ethiopia that has been scaled to reach millions of children in Africa and beyond.

Afternoon breakout sessions focused on topics of interest from how to build a stronger club to how to mobilize resources at the local club level to help address the opioid addiction crisis.

Green said attending the convention illustrated the impact that working together can have.

“The Wallowa club raised about \$3,500 for Ukraine, which was then sent to the district level to become

\$118,000, and that was sent to the Rotary clubs in Poland and that became \$15 million,” she said.

Getting and keeping the younger generation engaged both in Rotary and their communities was another consistent topic of discussion. Rotary has made an effort to have options for high school students and young professionals to interact and engage with clubs before becoming rotary members. It has led to an increase of 14,000 members globally.

Because of her experience, Green said she is going to propose that the Wallowa County club help all future presidents attend the international convention.

Wallowa fourth graders revamp community garden

By Ann Bloom
For the Wallowa County Chieftain

WALLOWA — “EWWW! It’s a worm!” “It’s cut in half!” “Don’t worry. It’ll grow back together again.” “No, it will just become two worms!”

Once Brandy Bronson’s fourth-grade class from Wallowa Elementary School got over its interest in earth worms, it was all business as they worked to turn the dark, rich soil at the community garden they adopted in front of the River House in Wallowa. It was a sunny day, and the work was hard for the eight students who wielded pitchforks and rakes.

Once the garden is weeded, and leveled, the class plans to plant vegetable starts, vegetable and flower seeds and strawberry starts. The seeds and starts were donated by Alder Slope Nursery. The strawberry plants were donated by



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Wallowa Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Brandy Bronson and her students work on a community garden June 7.

the Enterprise Main Street Garden, located at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church.

The workday happened Tuesday, June 7, under partly cloudy skies. The students and Bronson first spent Friday, June 3, the school’s community service day, starting the clearing process of removing years of weeds and overgrowth in the garden.

The idea for the community garden project came to Bronson as she was trying to

think of ideas for her summer programming activities. “I’m a firm believer in teaching my own kids that food doesn’t come from the grocery store,” she said. “It’s possible to do it on your own (grow your own food) and acquire life skills, I guess. Anyway, if I can incorporate it (gardening) into my classes or summer programming, I’m all for it.”

The plan is to start with a small garden area and plant it

with seeds and starts, keep it watered throughout the summer and use some of the vegetables — lettuce for example — in some of the summer programming cooking activities to make salads. Some of the vegetables will be harvested in the fall. Bronson explained she would like to see her current fourth grade class, who will be fifth graders in the fall, use the vegetables to make a few dishes for her incoming fourth grade class.

“With the project started at the end of the year, the (current) fourth-graders can see it go all the way around,” she said.

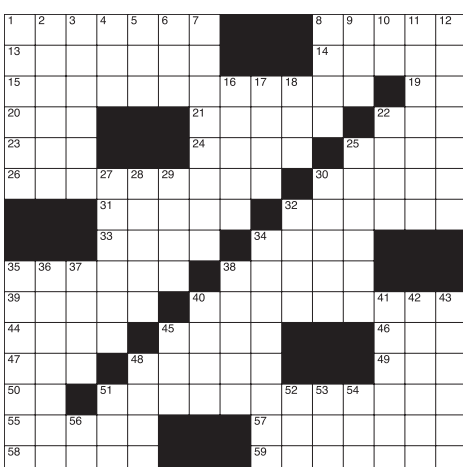
“It’s my belief that to get the most out of learning, teachers have to create experiences. Students get more out of learning if they are engaged,” she said. “Creating experiences such as the garden project allows students to feel like they are active in their learning process and this yields more growth and development.”

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23. Helps you hear

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2. Recur
3. Current unit
4. Neither
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7. Peace
8. Supplemented with difficulty
9. The last section or part of anything
10. Dorm worker
11. Bones
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