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ROTARY AT WORK IN COTTAGE GROVE



Community Service

The Rotary Club is a valuable asset to our community embodies Rotary's "Service Above Self".

Youth and Vocational Service

In 2020 during the pandemic the Rotary Club of Cottage Grove, with support from donors, sponsors and club members, the club joined with local organizations and community members to help with the following:

- Provided and distributed basic needs to local youth and families through Community Sharing, Rural Organizing Project and Looking glass.
- Purchased books from local bookstore and delivered to children who did not have access to library books or other reading materials.
- Wildfire Relief: Collected basic needs such as tents, clothes, diapers, bedding, hygiene items, gift cards and distributed locally to those impacted by the wildfires.
- Unable to host our annual Holiday Party for the community, we joined The Tree of Joy efforts. We provided over 270 books from local bookstores for children of all reading levels and donated another \$1,300 toward Tree of Joy gifts.
- Purchased weekly hot lunches for several months and delivered to local, unhoused youth clients of Looking Glass Rural Program.

- Provided \$10,000 in continuing education scholarships to seven seniors graduating from high school.
 - Funded a new fence replacement for the playground at Family Relief Nursery to provide confidentiality and safety for the children.
 - Participated in other community projects leveraged by Rotary grants and member donations.
- With the help of Rotary District Grants donated \$4,000 in books to Dorena and London school libraries.
- COTTAGE GROVE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS** – Your local Rotary Club believes in investing in the youth of our community. Scholarship money is a major contribution by Rotary. Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for youth ages 14-18. The Interact Club at Cottage Grove High School is one of more than 11,000 clubs worldwide. They are self-governing and

self-supporting. The global Interact youth network is dedicated to community and international service. Our amazing Interact club members have collaborated with other school clubs to provide volunteers at many school and community events. They also conducted several fundraisers for international projects. RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) is a weeklong youth education leadership academy for sophomores only. In 2020 RYLA was postponed, however will be held virtually this year and five outstanding Cottage Grove area students will learn more about self-discipline, better self-expression, the willingness and self-confidence to express themselves to their peers, and participate as leaders in educational and social activities, as well as community service.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Our international focus is on clean water and sanitation projects in Uganda and literacy and dialysis projects in Thailand. Recently, our club has taken lead with other Rotary clubs to provide books and develop libraries in regions of Thailand and energy efficient stoves and agricultural support in rural Central America.

IN ADDITION, ROTARY CLUB OF COTTAGE GROVE ASSISTS WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL PROJECTS, ACTIVITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS:

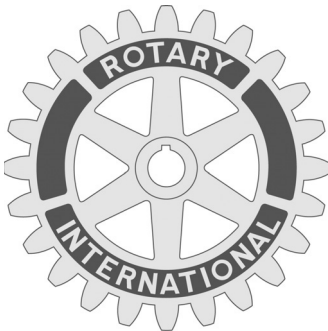
Cottage Grove Carousel Wheelchair holder, ShelterBox, Aqua Lion Mural, South Lane Children's Dental Clinic, Dental Kit Distribution, Bicycling Safety Program, CGHS Literacy Project, Annual scholarships to High School students, Community Sharing food boxes, Car seat clinic, Family Relief Nursery, Student Exchange Programs.



Heather Tucker
2020-2021
Rotary Club of Cottage Grove
President



Diane Hazen
2021-2022
Rotary Club of Cottage Grove
President Elect



Won't you join us at a meeting?
Rotary Club of Cottage Grove meets Thursday at noon (currently on Zoom), after COVID restrictions are lifted the club will meet at El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant 725 E. Gibbs Ave. (across from the Community Center) in Cottage Grove



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