

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week we drew down our five active Paul Harris Fellowship 5/5 Pools. Each pool has five members pitching in \$150/year. Over five years each participant will have paid \$750 toward a \$1,000 Paul Harris Fellowship with the club covering the remaining \$250.

The first “drawing,” dramatically selected by past president Jay, was for the fifth name in that pool, Roger Jordan.

Of the other five running pools were drawn Brian Doyle, Bob Travers, Rod Federwisch, and Brian Doyle (again).

Five members quickly joined a new pool to fill the void created by Roger’s drawn name.



Jennie Delp is championing this year’s Newberg High School Grad Night.

The night after high school graduation is an historically dangerous night for partying teenagers. That means that community adults have a fairly daunting task on their hands.

How hard could it be to plan a fun night for teenagers? Well, consider the obstacles.

First, it costs each kid \$75 to participate. It doesn’t cost \$75 to get inebriated. Second, it’s got to actually have enough appeal to not only

justify the cost, but to be a desired event to attend. The festivities are kept secret until the actual night of the event. That adds a little to the mystique, but also means a LOT of people have to keep a secret.

Then there’s venue research/availability & expense along with cost and logistics of transportation.

2019 was Grad Night’s biggest year. Then 2020 happened when COVID shut the world down leaving graduating seniors a drive-thru graduation experience. 2021 was marginally better with a real graduation, but only students and staff were allowed to participate in person.

With the world re-opening we are now in a position where 275 students of the 300 senior population have signed up for Grad Night

2022. In 2019 they had a \$50,000 budget. In 2022 their goal is a mere \$30,000.

It’s been a challenge but they get in-kind donations like the parent donating T-shirts and local merchants contributing with their own fund raisers. Like Artisanal Wine Cellars, Odd Moe’s Pizza, Evergreen Aviation Museum, Vista Balloon Adventures, Krispy Kreme, Panda Express and La Sierra.

In case you wondered, yes, there are students that can’t manage \$75. That could be an opportunity for you, dear reader.

Your 501(c)(3) tax deductible donation sponsorship can be based on as-needed or can be designated to a specific student via the [Grad Night](#) site, via [Venmo](#) or [Square](#).

Questions can be directed to nhsgradnight@gmail.com or JennieDelp19@gmail.com.

You can also track, engage and promote via their [Facebook Page](#) because awareness and community excitement also holds great value.

If you can’t spare money to donate, Grad Night STILL needs parent volunteers and this is where you contact Jennie directly.

Melody Stone, representing Tigard’s Lunch Club and “Creating Friendships for Peace.”

CFP, a grassroots organization strengthening friendships between teens from divided communities.

Communities like Ireland (1987-2007), Cypress since 2009, and Israel/Palestine since 2018.



The COVID travel window was too tight for a trip this year but the idea is to plant the seeds in our brans for next year!

Bringing students from both sides of the Green Line (nickname for the demilitarized zone between the Turkish and Greek Cypriots) to share a common host family for a month goes a long way in dispelling the bitterness held by both sides from conflict in the 1950s.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, Nicosia remains the last divided capital in Europe.

There are many parallels between CFP and Rotary, particularly our Peacebuilder initiative. Our own [District 5100 Peacebuilder history statement](#) even cites CFP directly.

While parents and grandparents still harbor resentment toward either side of the Green Line. Still, they entrust the safety of their children to us while they spend a month here “with the enemy.” And it costs parents US\$850 for their kids to participate.

100% of donations made to CFP fund airfare. Spread the word by sharing their Facebook page or YouTube channel. Or by sending friends and family around the world to [CFPs Donations page](#) (check, credit card, wire transfer or stock donation).