

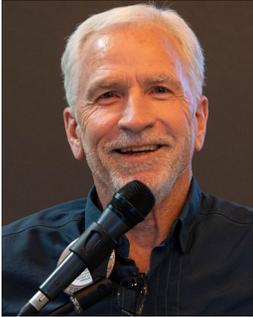
EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Last week (former president) Bill Rogers promised to don a pig tail and tutu raising pledges for his participation raising funds for Mountain View Middle School's PTA in their Pig Pen Plunge obstacle course. He picked up \$430 in pledges.



Ted Crawford presented a \$4,000 check to Ben Williams for the Butteville Store's deck rebuild. This is the oldest continuously operating retail establishment in the state of Oregon and is now owned by Oregon Parks and Recreation.

Its aging deck was budgeted and approved for construction but the \$40,000 project took a sudden hit when lumber prices hit the roof causing a \$7,000 overrun of which the Early Bird Foundation covered \$4,000.



OP&R is also restoring the landing for free public access on the site where the ferry crossed between Butteville and East Butteville, and historic way-point for the stage coach between Portland and Salem.

Our program last week were our outbound Youth Exchange Students talking about their stories leading up to their participation in Exchange, how they hope to represent America, and experiences they hope to bring home.



Corrie Radcliffe opened with, "Goedemorgen." She'll be spending her year in the Dutch speaking region of Belgium.

She's taking French in high school which, she quickly learned, is quite different from Dutch.

She was originally on the short-term track until COVID closed the world but is now on the long-term program.

With her host family she looks forward to sharing our club's Dr. Love antics and the Pancake Breakfast experience.

Corrie would also like to join us via Zoom for one of our meetings.



Grace Sellars, also COVID delayed, will be doing her senior year in Nagpur, India. Her sister had been an exchange student to Germany. Grace looks forward to sharing Oregon's culture and geography.



Rowan Myers, also a short-turned-long term Exchange, will be spending her year

in French-speaking Switzerland. She looks forward to building her language skills while there and sharing her experience when she gets back.

She's in to sports but will have to find a club since the public schools don't have sports programs.

Maddi Klink is this batch's only short-term and bound for Maku, Finland. She is fortunate that her host family speaks English because Maddi has no Finnish skills.



Maddi was chatting with her friend, Grace, and learned about Exchange on Sign-up Day.

She also lucked out with a gluten-free family and looks forward to being a not-weird foreigner.



This is **Max Kavanagh's** third year in the Exchange program and finally gets to go on his long term to Turkey.

His is a story where Exchange has changed his life and he's not even gone yet. A lot of his friends have made bad choices that led them down wrong paths. Max made conscious efforts to make better choices that wouldn't ruin his chance at representing Rotary's trust in him as an ambassador. He looks forward to long term because he feels better able to be part of his host country and not feel like a tourist.

Like Maddi, "When I am an ambassador I hope to dispel the poor image of Americans."

