

Bellringers
Rotary Club of Salem
12/16/20

Dawn Bostwick is ringing the bell for the Rotary Club of Salem's extremely generous members who donated to the Tree of Joy project this year. Despite a challenging year for everyone, this is the best year the Tree of Joy project has had since I have been involved!! We were able to give more to the children this year and we also helped the Oregon State Hospital fill a few more of their gift tags as their patient numbers are increasing. Thank you, friends, for always serving where there is a need!

Alison Kelley is offering a bellringer in honor of her fellow bellringing partners on the committee! She was supposed to do bellringers today but was taken offline unexpectedly. Thank you so much for your support and for filling in. Acting President Ron, please ring the bell!

Alison Kelley writes: "I am so inspired by all of YOU – as Rotarians you give so generously to support our community! I would like to invite you to remember Liberty House in your holiday giving – we are in the middle of our "Season of Hope" campaign! This year is incredibly special because of a matching challenge from the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Foundation! Your gifts of \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,500 will be matched dollar for dollar – up to \$30,000. As of today, we have raised \$12,050 – if you are able, please help us meet our goal. We are already in the middle of a surge in referrals and your generosity will help us meet the needs of children who need our services. Thank you! Acting President Ron, please ring the bell.

Ron Kelemen would like to ring the bell today for all our new members who joined in the past year, and for those who are awaiting their induction ceremony. These members did not have the advantage of bonding over lunch prior to meeting starts, nor the opportunity for other Rotary social and community service events. So, thanks for your patience and persistence. Hang in there and you will someday get to experience more and better Rotary relationships. The new members are:

Kelsea Balde
Laura Foley
Steven Goto (transfer)
Cameron Hunt
Cathy McInnis
Bo Nyleen (re-joined)
Trevor Phillips
Julia Robertson
David Souter

Cyndi Leinassar would like to ring the bell for Salem Health's investment in the local restaurant community. Announced today by CEO Cheryl Nester, 5 units within the hospital serving on the front lines of our COVID response have received \$10,000 each, totaling \$50,000, to purchase lunches, dinners, and snacks for team members. Caring for our staff and caring for our community is what this is all about. Please ring the bell for Salem Health as we feed first responders and support local businesses.

Rus McCracken says: "My December Rotary lunch budget is now a \$56 Bell Ringer."

Richard Pine is ringing the bell twice! First, for Evergreen Charitable Trust. Evergreen Trustees voted to make special distributions this year to help – even in a small way – organizations offset by the negative impacts of COVID-19. These special distributions, along with normal annual November distributions, totaled just over \$9,000. Thanks to the generosity of its donors, Evergreen is closing in on \$2.5 million of distributions in its corporate history.

Second, Evergreen Charitable Trust is sponsoring Willamette Heritage Center's Virtual Magic at the Mill which goes live December 19. Until the 19th, Willamette Heritage Center is providing daily fun activities and stories for about local traditions as they count down to Magic. See Willamette Heritage Center website for the countdown and Virtual Magic!

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