

January 10, 2026 Rotary Club of Newport Newsletter

Vocational Service Month



Recent News:

Thanks to Tonya and Dana (and to the Hallmark Staff) for everything they did to make our Holiday Party worth braving the storm.

Thanks to Aimee and Thompson's Sanitary for providing the great service opportunity at the 2026 Seafood and Wine Festival. (please signup at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D48ABAC2FA3F94-55288192-sfwcleanup>

Upcoming Events:

Vocational lunches are regularly scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month with the location dependent on the presenter – please contact Keith for more information.

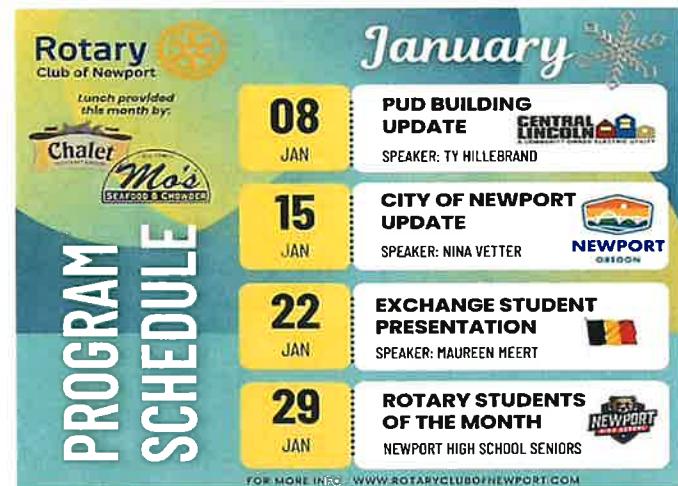
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February 18-21 Seafood and Wine Festival and Service Opportunity

March 13-15 Newport Youth Exchange Student Weekend (host opportunities)



Upcoming Meetings and Speakers:

January 15 Nina Vetter Newport City Manager Update

January 22 Inbound Exchange Student Presentation-Maureen Meert

January 29 Students of the Month

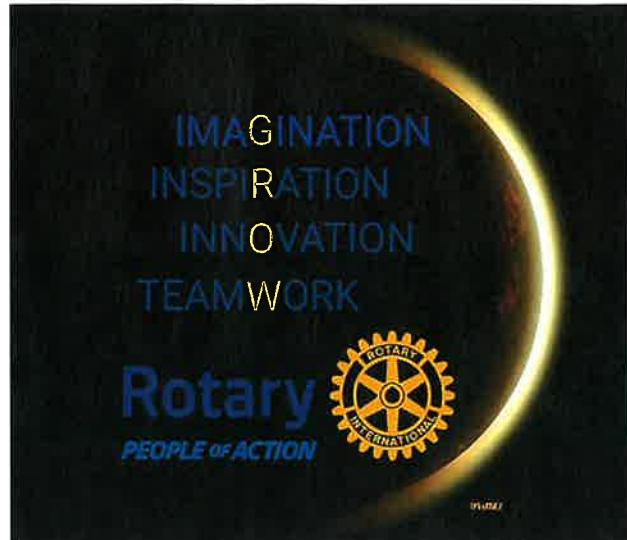
February 5 David Irwin with the OSU Patent and Trademark Resource Center

February 12 Kathy Heater with the Jamaica Dental Mission Trip

February 19 Helen Beaman Older Adult Behavioral Health Program Initiative

February 26 Students of the Month

March 5 Four Way Speech Contest



Other Announcements:

Our Greeter Duty Roster for 2026 has been sent out. Please take a look at it and let me know if you have swapped with anyone or need coverage and I will get it updated.

Open Club Positions:

President Nominee (presumed President for 2027-28)



Highlights from July through December 2025:

It's been a busy, eventful and service oriented 6 months. These are some of the highlights (in no way exhaustive and in addition to the daily and weekly efforts of our club board, committee chairs and members) I brought up at our Holiday Celebration:

1. Move to new facility at PMHC – meals, IT, and all the logistics involved (Special TY to Jon, Tonya, Aimee and Rob).
2. Partnership with 4H for the livestock auction. (Special TY to Richard).
3. Installing our new signs with our new meeting location. (Special TY to Rick).
4. Summer Microplastic Beach Cleanup, 59 cleanup days, 180 volunteers, 180 pounds

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of microplastics removed. (Special TY to Guy).

5. Our Club 70th Anniversary Celebration and Summer BBQ. (Special TY to Tonya).

6. Our Youth Services Committee efforts to facilitate exchange students coming and going through the Summer and for the school year. (Special TY to Aimee, Marcia, Gretchen and Dustin).

7. Community Fundraiser Concert and Auction at the PAC. (Special TY to Rick).

8. Club Storage Facility Cleanup. (Special TY to Mark, Aimee and Rob).

9. Representing at the Samaritan House Fundraiser Dancing with the Coastal Stars. (Special TY to Kristi and Billy).

10. Representing at the Halloween Newport Recreation Center Ghost Walk. (Special Ty to Gretchen).

11. Partnering with the Newport Community Thanksgiving Meal. (Super special TY to Julia and to all of our members who volunteered).

12. Microplastic Cleanup Award Celebration. (Special Ty to Guy).

13. Representing and Supporting the Salvation Army of Lincoln County holiday activities, including pumpkin carving, Angel Tree, and bell ringing. (Special TY to Michelle).

Things to look forward to in the next 6 months:

1. Completing our partnership project with Newport for our water bottle filling stations.
2. Seafood and Wine service opportunity.
3. Getting our Rotary Peace Pole installed.
4. Facilitating our current exchange students and getting set up for our Summer short term exchanges and next school year's long-term exchanges.
5. 4-Way Speech Contest.
6. Scholarship review and awards.
7. Gearing up for another microplastic beach cleanup season.



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