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TODAY



Today, Dennis Roler, long time Editor of The Daily Courier will tell us about the changes and challenges of the newspaper world.

Dennis Roler was born and grew up in Albany, OR, so he's one of those increasingly rare Oregon natives.

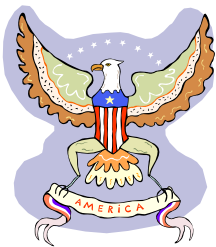
He graduated from Oregon State with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies/Communications, then went on to Syracuse University, where he earned a master's degree in Newspapers/Communications.

In Pottsville, Pa., he worked as a reporter and later moved to Lake Tahoe, where he ran a twice-a-week newspaper. Later, he was a reporter and editor at the News-Review and then an assistant city editor at the Marin Independent Journal in the Bay Area.

In 1986, he and his family moved to Grants Pass, where he joined the Daily Courier as city editor. Three years later, he was named editor.

Roler and his wife, Shawn, have a daughter, who is an elementary school teacher.

TODAY'S SONG



AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.

Land where my father's
died,
Land of the Pilgrims
pride,

From every mountainside
Let freedom ring.

Our fathers God, to Thee
Author of liberty
To thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright
With freedoms holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

GREETERS

*Cindy Harelson
John Harelson*

SONG & PLEDGE

Jeff Keyser

INSPIRATION

Carl Wilson

NEWS

David Reeves

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Kevin Gill

**"HAPPINESS IS
WHERE WE FIND IT,
BUT RARELY
WHERE WE SEEK IT."**

~J. Petit Senn

NEXT WEEK

*KAJO/KLDR radio
Carl and Matt Wilson*

COMING UP

September 29
*Votionals
Bill Haferkamp
Vince Lucido*

October 1
*Chuck Rund
Political Forecasts*

October 13
DG Claire Little

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

FIRST POSTING

Kate Lasky

Classification: Executive Director-Libraries
Business: Josephine County Library
Proposer: Cheryl Brown

OUR ROTARY YOUTH

Friday night September 17

The GPHS Interact Club is hosting the first after game dance this Friday the 17th and we are looking for some chaperone. If any brave Rotarians are interested in learning some new dance moves, we will need them to chaperone from after the game (approximately 9 p.m.) until 12 a.m.. If interested please contact either Josh Welch or Cameron Camp. This is one of Interact's largest fundraisers so any help is greatly appreciated.

Saturday December 11

The District Youth Exchange is looking for volunteers to join them in Ashland to help with the interviews for the new outbound students. Volunteers will be on teams with experienced Rotary Youth Exchange committee members. It is an exciting day to work with the outstanding youth of our district. The process generally takes a full day. Let Ann Bauer know if you are interested. 541-660-2696

A PAIR OF SURPRISES

A parapsrodoxian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part. It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax. Some examples:

1. I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
2. If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.
3. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
4. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
5. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
6. The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
7. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you

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why it isn't.

8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
10. How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
11. I thought I wanted a career; turns out I just wanted pay checks.
12. A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?
15. Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for President and 50 for Miss America ?
16. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
17. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
18. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
19. The voices in my head may not be real, but they have some good ideas!
20. Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.
21. A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.
22. Hospitality: making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.
23. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
24. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
25. When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.
26. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
27. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
28. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
29. Some people hear voices. Some see invisible people. Others have no imagination whatsoever.
30. A bus is a vehicle that runs twice as fast when you are after it as when you are in it.
31. If you are supposed to learn from your mistakes, why do some people have more than one child?
32. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

From Jack Luce



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www.roguegateway.org
Meets Thursdays at noon
Wild River Publick House
9/16—Mid Rogue Fire District
Jes Webb

GREATER GRANTS PASS ROTARY

www.greatergrotary.org
Meets Fridays at 6:30 a.m.
Grants Pass Golf Club
9/17—District Governor
Claire Little

ROTARY CLUB OF ILLINOIS VALLEY

Meets Tuesdays at noon
Wild River Brewing
249 N. Redwood Highway
Cave Junction
21—TBA

ALTERNATIVE MEETING CYBER MAKEUPS

www.rotaryclubone.org

WRITERS' CRAMPS

For all lovers of good writing, here are this year's winners of the Bulwer-Lytton contest, (aka "It Was a dark and Stormy Night" Contest) run by the English Department of San Jose State University, wherein one writes only the first line of a bad novel.

10. As a scientist, Throckmorton knew that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber, he would never hear the end of it.
 9. Just beyond the Narrows, the river widens.
 8. With a curvaceous figure that Venus would have envied, a tanned unblemished oval face framed with lustrous thick brown hair, deep azure-blue eyes fringed with long black lashes, perfect teeth that vied for competition, and a small straight nose, Marilee had a beauty that defied description.
 7. Andre, a simple peasant, had only one thing on his mind as he crept along the East wall: "Andre creep... Andre creep...Andre creep."
 6. Stanislaus Smedley, a man always on the cutting edge of narcissism, was about to give his body and soul to a back alley sex-change surgeon to become the woman he loved.
 5. Although Sarah had an abnormal fear of mice, it did not keep her from eking out a living at a local pet store.
 4. Stanley looked quite bored and somewhat detached, but then penguins often do.
 3. Like an over-ripe beefsteak tomato rimmed with cottage cheese, the corpulent remains of Santa Claus lay dead on the hotel floor.
 2. Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word "fear"; a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death -- in short, a moron with suicidal tendencies.
- AND THE WINNER IS...
1. The sun oozed over the horizon, shoved aside darkness, crept along the greensward, and, with sickly fingers, pushed through the castle window, revealing the pillaged princess, hand at throat, crown asunder, gaping in frenzied horror at the sated, sodden amphibian lying beside her, disbelieving the magnitude of the frog's deception, screaming madly, "You lied!"

Things to ponder: If you were a songwriter drawing from recent experiences in your own life as material for your next big hit, what would be the song's title?