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## TODAY

Our speaker today is Ron Fox, executive director of Southern Oregon Regional Development Inc. or SOREDI. The organization is tasked with improving the economy of South-ern Oregon.

When he joined SOREDI, Fox brought a wealth of previous economic development ex-perience at the state wide, regional, and local levels.

He spent six years with the Oregon Eco-nomic and Community Development Depart-ment (now Business Oregon) as business and development trade manager. He is now serving as past president of the Oregon Economic De-velopment Association (OEDA) and was instru-mental in bringing OEDA's summer conference to Grants Pass.

In addition, Fox spent 29 years with Pa-cific Power in various capacities ranging from district manager in the communities of Madras, Portland, Astoria, and Seaside, to director of wholesale energy marketing and economic de-velopment, to director of property management.

According to Fox SOREDI represents one of Oregon's fastest growing regions. It has a strong history of capturing significant new busi-ness investments that create well paying jobs.

## NOTES AND DATES

### March 13

District meeting—Roseburg  
Who should attend? Any Rotarian interested in knowing more about the workings and pro-grams if the District.

### March 28

Greater Grants Pass Rotary rose sale

### May 1

Rotary Invitational Track Meet at GPHS

### May 22

District Conference and Assembly—Eugene

### March 31

If you have a compelling shot -- from a fund-raiser, international project, the RI Convention, or local club event -- enter it for a chance to be featured in the June issue and to win the grand prize: a digital camera. Enter up to three photos that illustrate the spirit of Rotary for your chance to win. Upload photos on the Rotary website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## GREETERS

*Dorian Corliss  
Phil Hart*

## SONG & PLEDGE

*Al and Tori Francis*

## INSPIRATION

*Craig Dent*

## NEWS

*Roy Lindsay*

## SERGEANT AT ARMS

*Keith Heck*

**"THE ECONOMY  
IS A WHOLLY OWNED  
SUBSIDIARY  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT."**

*~Gaylord Nelson*

## NEXT WEEK

*Vocationals  
Cameron Camp and  
Gary Caperna*

## COMING UP

**March 10**  
*The Raging Sea  
Dennis Power*

**March 17**  
*TBA*

**March 24**  
*Davis Brewer  
Appellate Court*

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT

### Alexis Mersino

is a fifth grade student at Parkside Elementary School Amber and Harold Mersino are Alexis's parents Alexis will be introduced by principal Diane Mease

## VISIT TO THE DOCTOR

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed. "Breast-fed," she replied.

"Well, strip down to your waist," the doc-tor ordered. She did. He pinched her nip-ples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination. Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, "No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk."

"I know," she said, "I'm his Grandma, but I'm glad I came."

## GROANERS

- Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bar-tender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
- Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
- "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home.'" "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome." "Is it common?" Well, "It's Not Unusual."
- Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning." "I don't believe you," says Dolly. "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.

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## THE \$2.99 SPECIAL

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "seniors' special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

"Sounds good," my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs."

"Then, I'll have to charge you three dollars and forty-nine cents because you're ordering a la carte," the waitress warned her.

"You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked incredulously.

"YES!!" stated the waitress.

"I'll take the special then," my wife said.

"How do you want your eggs," the waitress asked. "Raw and in the shell," my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake.

Don't mess with seniors. We've been around the block a few times.

*From Gene Kettwig*

## MOUTHS OF BABES

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him."

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she



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### ROGUE GATEWAY

[www.roguegateway.org](http://www.roguegateway.org)

Meets Thursdays at noon

Wild River Publick House

2/25—Identity Theft

### GREATER GRANTS PASS

#### ROTARY

[www.greatergrotary.org](http://www.greatergrotary.org)

Meets Fridays at 6:30 a.m.

Grants Pass Golf Club

2/26—World Community Service/

Steve Savoloch

#### ROTARY CLUB

#### OF ILLINOIS VALLEY

Meets Tuesdays at noon

Junction Inn

2/16—TBA

### ALTERNATIVE MEETING

#### CYBER MAKEUPS

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy, the oldest of a family, answered, "Thou shall not kill."

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?"

Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Mommy, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, "There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer," or "That's Michael, He's a doctor."

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."

A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face."

"Yes," the class said.

"Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?"

A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

*From Gail Bauer*

**Something to ponder: If you could design any new ride or attraction for Walt Disney World, what would it be?**