

## DisCon 26: Saturday Breakout Sessions

With 15 different breakout sessions, conference attendees will certainly meet new people and learn more about **Rotary: We're More Than You Think.**

### Pre-Session 1: (Sat. morning 8am – noon)

1. **4-Way Test Speech Contest (Umpqua Room)** Club and regional speech contest winners will compete at the District Conference. The final three will present their speeches and awards presented at the Saturday lunch.

### Session 1 (Sat. morning 10:15-11)

1. **Beyond the Local Club (South Columbia):** Facilitated by Wyn Spiller, our Rotary representative from Zones 26-27; and Charlie Kocher, Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary. Learn about the benefits associated with RAGS, Fellowships, Zone activities, grants, Rotary Friendship Exchange, and other activities beyond the weekly meeting.
2. **Membership: New Options for New Clubs (Middle Columbia):** Facilitated by Kellie Hill, District 5110 Membership Head Cheerleader. Traditional clubs are great, but Rotary International allows so many more styles of clubs and types of memberships. E-club, Corporate Club, Alumni Club, Satellite Club, Rotaract Club, Cause-Based Club. Which meets your new needs?
3. **Rotary Peaceful Schools Program (South McKenzie) :** Facilitated by Bellah Stephan and Port Orford Rotary Interact students. This school program encourages high school students to give lessons that help to foster and promote Rotary values in our youth. They will share curricula and how to begin your own program.
4. **Sharing Success: Fundraising Strategies That Deliver Results (North McKenzie):** How does a club of 35 consistently raise more than \$100,000 at a single event? Facilitated by Trish McCracken, Terry Prestianni, Tom Boggs, and Sue Gilham from The Rotary Club of Sutherlin will share their secret and a few more. Participants will explore practical fundraising success strategies drawn from the real-world experiences of the Rotary Club of Sutherlin that have helped our club sustain a successful auction for 27 years!
5. **From Vision to Action: Start Today (North Columbia):** Facilitated by Jenni Morin, Grants Pass Rotary. Presentation and discussion of topics and concepts that allow you to make time for your vision and to have more time to do what really matters to you, including serving in Rotary.

### Session 2 (Sat. morning 11:15 – noon)

1. **Unleash Your SuperPower to End Slavery (North McKenzie):** Amelia Stansell, co-founded the Fauquier Anti Sex Trafficking Alliance (FASTA). Their mission is “to inoculate our community through awareness and prevention education, .... [They] are

*an alliance of community organizations, agencies and individuals working toward this common goal.”*

2. **Membership Recruitment and Retention (*Middle Columbia*):** Michael Angelo Caruso
3. **World Café (*South Columbia*),** Facilitated by PDG Aimee Walsh, this session will bring participants together in informal conversation to share their experiences and plans. Enjoy the ambiance of conversation around the café table with coffee and pastry.
4. **International Service (*North Columbia*):** Global grants help us to leverage our resources to achieve big goals. Two projects will be presented: Adopt-A-Village in Guatemala with former Rotarian and project manager, Emily Francona; Bob Nickel, Eugene Downtown Rotary will review general information on the primary cause of cervical cancer and the World Health Organization's (WHO) recommendations, followed by detail of their project on primary and secondary prevention of cervical cancer in the Tororo District of Uganda.
5. **Interact/Rotaract Get Together (*South McKenzie*):** Facilitated by Bellah Stephan, this is a call to all Rotaractors and Interactors to meet each other, make connections and share projects. This will be an interactive session in which members can form friendships and alliances that will only make the individual clubs better.

#### Session 3: Saturday afternoon (2:30-3:15pm)

1. **Rotary Youth Exchange Showcase (*South Columbia*):** Meet our inbound and outbound students as they tell you about their home country or the country they will visit. This is always a fun filled time for the young people to show us the difference they make.
2. **How Rotary is Keeping its Focus on Peacebuilding (*South McKenzie*):** Peace is not just the absence of war. Learn about how you can individually help pave the road to peace. Larry Strober and Al Jubitz, both from District 5100, will also present the Oregon Peace Trail.
3. **Building Rotary's Story in the Modern World (*North McKenzie*):** Rotary's image isn't defined by our logo—it's defined by our stories. District 5110 Public Image Chair Deanna Rivera shares how every post, photo, and press release can help communities see the *real* Rotary—people of action, compassion, and impact.
4. **Membership: How do we find and reach our potential members (*Middle Columbia*).** Renowned ophthalmologist Bala Ambati, MD and Michael Angelo Caruso will help us learn new ways to grow our membership and better connect with community.  
Dr. Ambati is dedicated to community service, having conducted free eye screening

and volunteered with organizations like ORBIS and SightLife, providing eye care in underprivileged regions around the world.

5. **Our Newest Area of Focus: Saving the Environment (*North Columbia*).** This session will feature two speakers. Guy Faust, Newport Rotary Club, will share how his club is cleaning up microplastics on our sandy beaches. Springfield Utility Board (SUB) will provide an update on The McKenzie River Water Supply Project.