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Dinner with Joe Tokatly, May 20, VRI

*This is a reprint from April on our May speaker Joe Tokatly.
REMEMBER TO GO TO VALLEY RIVER INN for dinner. . . .*

*Considering the important story of our slain Ambassador
Christopher Stevens and all the details coming out on Benghazi,
this gentleman's opinions and insights are more than relevant,
they are indispensable information.*

Our May Speaker is **Joe Tokatly**, who was born in Aleppo, Syria and immigrated to the United States in 1984.

Having a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing, he has had a successful entrepreneurial career of 28 years in the glass industry.

Mr. Tokatly and his wife of 28 years, Marla, have three sons: Anthony, Ben and Chris...aka the ABCs. He will be speaking on the **"Arab Spring"** & looks forward to speaking to the RWCL.

Not only will this be highly informative and interesting for us, it should prove to keep your husband's interest as well. So make this a night to take your husbands to dinner at **the new venue: Valley River Inn**. Save the date: **Monday, May 20, 2013, 5:30 p.m. \$18.00 per person** Dinner will be served at 6:00 and wine by the glass will be available from the staff.



RWCL Dinner at Valley River Inn



Nina's Corner

Ladies, it is time to elect a Nominating committee. According to the By-Laws, Article VIII;

"Five members shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the May meeting. One Member shall be elected from the board and two members plus two alternatives shall be elected from the general membership ."

There will be plenty of time for this new committee to work as they do not report their proposed slate of officers until the September meeting. Elections are held in October.

I am asking you to think of someone you know who would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. We cannot always know just who is interested in working with this active board. We are hoping you can help us find those individuals. We need women who want this organization to grow and fulfill all of our goals.

We want you to speak up and make your suggestions for this important committee. Thank you and see you at our May meeting.

Nina Rogers, Parliamentarian

Raffle for La Velle Wine Tasting

Most of us wine-lovers already know about the LaV elle wine tasting room at 5th Street Market and their beautiful Vineyard out in Elmira. If you don't, then here is a super opportunity to investigate new ground!

Thanks to a donation from Lucy and Paul Barnett, RWCL is raffling off a Winemaker Tasting & Vineyard Tour for You and up to Three of your Guests. This is valued at \$100.00 and includes: Three Wine tastings of any La Velle Wines for each guest with the Winemaker, Special barrel and/or tank samples and Cheese, Fruit, and Chocolate Plate for Four people.Yummm. . . .

So bring some moola, tickets are \$5.00 for 6 and \$2.00 for one and will be on sale at the dinner.

Remember to visit La Velle's 5th Street Tasting Room this summer for libations and jazz/blues music in the Garden Plaza soon. Call to find out their summer schedule (541)338-9875.

"BITS AND PIECES"

Dictionary Program



4th Grade with New Dictionaries

Doris McKee continues her crusade, one book at a time, bringing dictionaries 4th graders. The last two months she has given 48 books to Grace Lutheran Christian School, 78 books to Eugene Christian School and 72 books to Coburg Community Charter School for RWCL. Eugene Christian School was kind enough to write us a letter and include photos (to the left). The letter was given to our Historian, Helene O'Rourke to place in our albums.

Book Club news

A meeting was held April 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Lucy Barnett's home. We discussed "*Killing Lincoln*" by Bill O'Reilly. Present were Lucy and Paul Barnett, Pat and Jim Seelig, Betty Sheets, Jeanette Steele. We had a good lively discussion.

Our next read is "*Fall of Giants*" by Ken Follett. We will meet in late July at *Noble Estate Winery/vineyard* (29210 Gimple Hill Rd), it has a lovely gazebo we can meet in.

Submitted by Lucy Barnett

Caring and Sharing

A get-well card was sent to Chuck Moss on his surgery that occurred Monday, April 29. Chuck continues to do better every day.

Rubicon

For local issues and good conversation: RUBICON, every Thursday at Kowloon Restaurant, 2222 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd (close to Autzen Stadium) Noon to 1:00 p.m. *Lesley Craig, President. 541-935-4567*, Website: (<http://www.rubiconsociety.org>)

Military Donations

Nancy Scalf is our military coordinator and she has been in touch with Chelle Young (January RWCL issue) National Guard family coordinator. She and her group are putting on a picnic for the service families and we want to support that. Here is an e-mail from Chelle on what they need:

Good morning, Nancy. I hope this finds you well and all healed up. I want to thank you again, albeit way too late, for the opportunity to speak to your group. I had a great time and it is refreshing to find like minded folks with similar passions.

We had previously discussed how your group could assist units, soldiers and their families. We are deep in the planning stages of their picnic and have some needs. Please let me know if there is anything that the group can/want to assist with.

Adult prizes for drawings, about 4 or 5 nice items (\$10-\$20); a child's wading pond; 1 dozen 3" rubber ducks and 6 rings to toss over them for one of the games. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. The picnic will be held in Cottage Grove on the property of one of our service members and there will be camping, fishing and pony rides available. The date for the picnic is 13 July.

If you would like to donate one of these items, please contact Nancy and she will make sure Chelle gets it.

Nancy Scalf Says "Thank You!"



Nancy Scalf, RWCL Vice President with Suzanne Gallagher, Chair, ORP at our Fashion Show

I want to take a moment to give a special word of thanks, not only to the RWCL board but, also to the membership. The last few weeks, filling in as acting president for June Conard has been a positive learning experience for me. The board members were generous in their support and help whenever needed. Thank you!

The membership has been generous in their acceptance and encouragement as I took the role of "President in Training". I enjoyed every minute of working with and getting better acquainted with each and everyone of you. Thank you!

June, I appreciate your trusting me to do your job. I have a much greater appreciation for the work you do for our club now that I have had the privilege to walk in your shoes for this short while. Thank you!

I am so glad that June is able to be back with us again. Let's all get behind her and see what great things we can accomplish in the rest of this year as we work together.

Nancy Scalf, Vice President RWCL, Moving ahead in 2013,

Our Buckets of Sunshine FUN!

Our RWCL Fashion Show April 22nd, on Earth Day was a perfect day for our "Buckets of Sunshine" Fashion Show. We had over 50 ladies from various clubs, friends, and new potential members and a few gentlemen to supported their wives. (Greg Stallings for one, and Shaylor who did a fabulous job picture taking, with even a video of the event...Many thanks.)

Our District Director, Emily Blakely, attended our show, and she placed the highest bid in our silent auction for the beautiful yellow "O" purse made and donated by our member, Elisa Later, owner of "TomBoy Totes." Each place setting included spring flower seed packets to take home for the spring garden, along with the centerpiece of a "Bucket of Sunshine" Flowers for purchase.

Each model received a small token of thanks from the event Chair for helping make this event special, along with lots of fun gift giveaways.

Each of our RWCL members 13 models, wore two different outfits to show the wonderful colors for this spring year. Fashion clothing and jewelry worn was from Christopher & Banks in Eugene. Among our fabulous looking models were Suzanne Gallagher, ORP Chair, and our OFRW President, Sally MacLeod, both speaking on the principles of our club and being a strong Republican woman. This day was successful for



both our club and Christopher and Banks which a majority of the models purchased their outfits. Nancy Scalf, our VP, did a great job in keeping all of this in order. Thanks to my committee for their help. Smiles were everywhere... Everyone so far has heard great

responses with the food prepared and the fashion show. I thank the RED LION for their efforts in making this a great send off for our club. *Kaye Ridley, Event Chair RWCL*



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Dictionary program—Doris McKee

Events Chair—OPEN (Kaye Ridley would like to pass this on to an interested lady)

Historian—OPEN (Helene O'Rourke would like to pass this on to an interested lady.)

Hospitality/Phoning—

Dee McManus, Nina Rogers

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Programs—Nancy Scalf

If you wish to volunteer, contact Gerry, 541-484-0732

RWCL Calendar of Events 2013 — Save These Dates

Please **R.S.V.P. Nina** at 541-485-4100 or alnine17@comcast.net for all meetings so we can have an accurate count for food.

May 16, OFRW Legislation Day in Salem. Possible "mob dance" and OFRW will have new T-shirt "ROCK OREGON" to bring back the red to Oregon.

May 20, Dinner meeting VALLEY RIVER INN, 5:30 p.m. with Speaker Joe Tokalty who will talk about the "Arab Spring." Nominating Committee to be elected.

June 8, District VI meeting at Red Lion Inn, Coos Bay. Lunch, speakers and election of new District Director. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 31. Coupon below.

June 24, Lunch meeting at Valley River Inn.

September 23 general meeting. Place and speaker to be determined.

OFRW Convention, October 11-13. Plan on attending the OFRW Convention, held at the Holiday Inn, Wilsonville. Stay tuned for more information.

October 28, general meeting. Elections of RWCL officers.

To attend the **District VI meeting June 8, at the Red Lion Inn at Coos Bay,** Please fill out and send to Elaine Neasham, Secretary, 70362 Stage Rd. #4. North Bend, OR 97459. Phone 541-759 or e-mail: meneash@aol.com by Friday May 31.

Meeting starts at 11:00 to approximately 2:30

Name

Club

E-mail

Guest names

We will order lunch off the menu. No money needed for reservations

Members Update Page



Muriel Kurtz was one of the first RWCL members that I got to know along with Doris McKee and others. These ladies use to have a glass of wine after the meetings and then laugh and enjoy life. Muriel was on the "Calling Squad" and once a month I would get a call to remind me about our meetings.

I miss Muriel and her smile. She has since gone to Africa to live with her daughter, who posts a newsletter herself on the Charity work she does there. They will be here in June for a short visit. This is an excerpt from (Diane Alder's) newsletter.

"Dementia is a terrible disease. I guess that goes without saying. The only thing predictable is that every day has the possibility of being same ole same ole or crazy with no forewarning. Although it hasn't happened for quite some time, Mom had one of her 'episodes' where she goes sort of catatonic and non-responsive ... then 10-

15 minutes later, she's OK again. It happened one morning and then again that evening. The evening episode required me to call Tadesse (the guard) to help me carry Mom to bed. The next day, she was clearer than usual, followed by a day of confusion, followed by a night of hallucinations (something she hasn't done for a long, long time). At one point, she called me into her room because she wanted to tell me something. In a moment of clarity (she actually knew me and knew I am her daughter), she told me "I love you very much and always will—don't ever forget that." It was a bittersweet evening."

I highlighted Ina's family's story last month, and they won the challenge. Here are some highlights and a new photo of Ina, looking very good and she's not smoking any more.

The Reese family of Windsor (Jackie, her husband, Kenny Reese, 48; their son, Landon, 10; and her mother, Ina McElroy, 69.), Calif., has collectively lost about 103 pounds since mid-January. "Over the last three months, we have pulled together and have simply cut out most of our bad habits," says Jackie (Ina's daughter), 41. "Our eating has changed, and our activity has changed." The Reeses and five other families have been participating in *USA TODAY's Family Fitness Challenge* — an initiative to help

people across the country get more active and lose weight. Jackie offers her assessment of the family's accomplishments (reprinted in part):

Biggest diet change: "We have family sit-down meals every night. We used to eat whenever we got hungry, and dinners were cobbled together or were bought on the run. Now, with my mom's help, we are planning menus and eating at home every night."

Hardest obstacle to overcome: "Mom's (Ina McElroy) smoking. She gave up

smoking after 50 years."

Best lesson learned: "I learned that my family looks to me to be the leader of our health. We were all in the slump together. Now we are all in this healthy lifestyle together, and I know that I need to lead by example."



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