

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Duality of Fall: An End and a Beginning

Fall always brings a certain excitement for me. It's the duality that I enjoy – it's a time of reflection (summer is over and all the fun we had), but also a time of excitement for what's yet to come (the best holidays of the year). It is both an ending and a beginning.

This fall is more poignant than usual for me as it is the autumn of my presidency here at ORPCA. What a run it has been! I look back with fondness and pride at the last 20 months, but I also am looking forward to the next several months that will close out my term. There is still much to do and fun to be had this year.

A fall favorite at ORPCA is Oktoberfest hosted by Past President, Heinz Holzappel and his lovely partner, Sylvia Nesson. This drive and feast have become part of the fabric of our club community. Additionally, the October mid-week drive, Grave Rave, hosted by Fred Holzheiser and Mark McGirr, is quickly becoming another annual not-to-be-missed event. Thank you, Heinz, Sylvia, Fred and Mark for organizing these events. Traditions are being built

which add to the annual cycle of events at ORPCA.

The coming few months will see the Club trying a new venue for a dinner social, Jalsa Indian Cuisine in Hillsboro, as well as dinner at Sayler's with member Mary Sayler and a new venue for the holiday party. This year's holiday party will be at Portland Golf Club on Saturday, December 5th and will feature a live band. Ticket sales begin in early October, so be sure to save the date for our end-of-year celebration.

Fall is also the season for planning here at ORPCA. Your Nominating Committee is hard at work vetting and recommending candidates for the Board of Directors. The board is also sketching out the 2027 calendar and laying the groundwork of the 2027 budget. Yet another example of the duality of fall - an ending and a beginning.

As this is planning season, if you have ideas for events in 2027 or would like to join in the fun of organizing and running the Club, please drop me a note at president@oregonpca.org or text me. Let's drive!■

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