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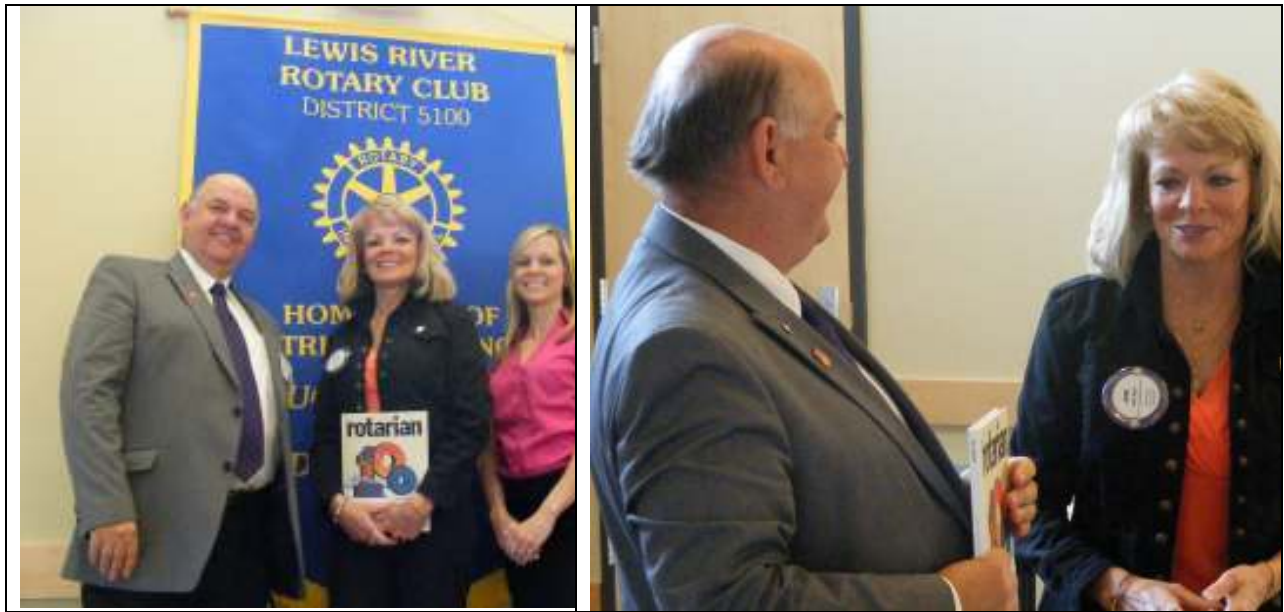
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### Rotary honors BGHS administrator Byrd



**LEFT:** District Rotary Gov. Mike Caruso of Dundee, OR., Jann Byrd and Claire Lider, president of the Lewis River Rotary Club. **Right:** Mike Caruso and Jann Byrd. (Editors: Photos also are attached. Note spelling of Jann)

A surprised Battle Ground High School Assistant Principal Jann Byrd was honored by her Lewis River Rotary Club Aug. 16 as a result of her service to the community, the school and its students.

Rotary's District Gov. Mike Caruso of Dundee, OR., and club President Claire Lider made the presentation of the "Transformer Award," at the club's lunch meeting at the Battle Ground Civic Center. Byrd, who did not know in advance that she had won the award, was praised particularly for her work in launching and guiding the Rotary-affiliated InterAct student service club at BGHS.

Several of Byrd’s work colleagues attended the luncheon, including Superintendent Shonny Bria, BGHS Principal Tim Lexow and School Board members John Idsinga, Ken Root and Mavis Nickels.

Each Rotary club may give just one Transformer Award to one of its members in 2011. The Transformer Award specifically recognizes enthusiasm, integrity and fellowship.

“My kids rock,” exclaimed Byrd. She was instrumental in establishing the club at BGHS in September 2009. Among InterAct club’s projects so far have been raising: \$1,000 for a Shelter Box ([www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)) to serve a homeless family in the Haiti relief effort; \$3,000 for the Life Straw water-purification program ([www.thewaterproject.org](http://www.thewaterproject.org)) in Africa, and \$2,000 to purchase animals such as pigs, chickens and llamas for poor residents of Peru ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)).

Among activities at the school itself, The BGHS InterAct members purchased and planted trees on the school campus.

Byrd is in her seventh year as an assistant principal at BGHS. Prior to that she was a teacher in the Vancouver School District.



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