1. Will the Wine Industry Support H.R. 763?

_BCL has created the Winemakers Climate Declaration to help gain support for carbon pricing._

Following the success of our Brewers' Declaration we are focusing on the wine industry to generate support for the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

In the House and Senate, 145 members from all 50 states belong to the Congressional Wine Caucus, which pays attention to the issues faced by winemakers and growers. Ask winemakers and growers to let Congress know where they stand on climate change and the threat it poses to their industry.

The Winemakers' Climate and Carbon Pricing Declaration is a great place to get started with this campaign. Also available are the Winemakers TOOLKIT and a flyer that volunteers can send to chapter members and CCL friends. You can also join our team here!
2. CCL Featured in Rotary International Magazine

*In Wijdemeren, the Netherlands, peat was harvested from a bog until it became a lake with long, narrow islands.* (Photo courtesy of the Rotarian © George Steinmetz)

Rotary International took an expansive look at climate change in their April issue and focused in part on the work of CCL.

The article notes that CCL today has more than 500 chapters and over 130,000 supporters, and that many of them joined after they heard CCL founder Marshall Saunders talk at Rotary clubs. “Those are the people I want to connect with,” he says. “You find really good people in Rotary clubs.”

One of those Rotarians is Peter Garrett, a Nigerian-born, Johns Hopkins-educated hydrogeologist who is CCL’s Maine State Coordinator and president-elect of his local Rotary Club in Waterville, Maine. “Our kids are going to have to pay for this,” he says of climate change. “I know Rotary stays out of politics. But climate change is not a political subject. Like rainfall, it falls on the good and the bad alike.”

Karen D. Kendrick-Hands, a CCL volunteer and Rotarian in Madison, Wisconsin, suggests writing a letter to the editor of the magazine to commend them for their enlightened exploration of this subject matter ([yourletters@rotary.org](mailto:yourletters@rotary.org)).
3. ICYMI: Ag’s Role in Solving Climate Change

New land-management practices, known as “regenerative agriculture,” show promise in restoring the Earth’s disrupted ecologies and climate.

Visit BCL’s website for the video of the Agriculture Sector webinar we held this week. Klaus Mager, co-leader of the BCL Ag Sector team, provided an update on the profound role that agriculture will play in securing our climate future.

Any solution to the climate change crisis, he says, must include agriculture -- a huge economic sector that provides food, fuel and fiber for humanity. The sector is one of the largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions (10% of net emissions) and it can help reduce overall emissions through best practices.

“It is becoming increasingly clear that we will not be able to stop CO2 emissions in time to prevent severe impacts to the global climate,” Mager says, but carbon sequestration can “buy time to transition to a net-zero emissions economy.”

Mager explained how regenerative agriculture, which focuses on soil health, will require changes in the entire food system -- starting with personal consumption patterns. “It is a change driven and demanded by an informed consumer,” he says.

Want more? Join the Agricultural Action team to connect with other ag savvy volunteers and stay updated on the team’s activities.
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