

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### July 14th Meeting Zoom Link

Weekly Rotary Meeting

Jul 14, 2020 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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### July 14th Meeting BitCork & Scholarship Annual Meeting

**BITCORK** with Todd Edman

Bitcork is a bit like a superhero whose power is to deliver bottles of wine faster than Superman would show up to rescue Lois Lane **Eugene Register Guard**.

Todd Edman is the Co-Founder of Bitcork and a serial Entrepreneur. He was born in Eugene, attended the University of Oregon, loves his ducks, Pinot Noir, and his community. He was a founding member of the Southern Willamette Valley Technology Association of Oregon, and an advocate for the downtown fiber project before it was cool. He lived in NYC during the Dot.com bubble while writing software and playing Guitar in a Rock Band. As a part of Bitcork, he is focused on changing how we purchase, grow, transport and buy food.

Todd Edman Co-Founder Bitcork, Inc. Tel: [\(541\) 554-6558](tel:5415546558)



### CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation has awarded scholarships to six students to attend colleges in Oregon totaling **\$15,000**. They include the following students and in following amounts: **Hannah Stevens--\$4,000, Neviah Lee--\$1,000, Sarah Beck--\$2,500, Elijah Routley--\$2,500, Jadzia Engle--\$4,000, and Shane Kruger--\$1,000**. The scholarships are awarded annually to high school graduates to assist with their first year of college. The scholarships are funded through the earnings received on the investment funds held and managed by Morgan Stanley.

**Each of you can assist in these scholarships by direct donation to the foundation, through Happy Dollars and the Birthday Fund.**

### Club Meeting

Eugene

Meets at Hotel Eugene

(formerly Hilton) (541)

342-2000

6th and Pearl 66 East 6th Street

Eugene, OR 97401

Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

### Events

No Events found

### Club Leaders



Tom Gilmour  
President



Raquel E. Hecht  
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter  
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov  
Club Admin Co-Chair  
Club Executive Secretary  
Treasurer



Doug James  
Membership Chair



David A. Frosaker  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
Public Image/Relations Chair



Lynne Grilley  
Club Director



Robert L. Hart  
Club Director



Erik Jorgensen  
Club Director



Peter M. Knight-Sheen  
Club Director

Elizabeth A. Ness  
Club Director



**Richard K. Olson**  
CCO-Club  
Communications  
Offcr



**Ken Vendley**  
Club Director



**Jennifer Geller**  
iPast President



**Erik Peter  
Gribskov**  
Assistant  
Governor



## Birthdays

Richard Axtell  
July 13th  
Margaret Hamilton  
July 17th  
Jim Howard  
July 19th  
Ed H. Barclay  
July 20th  
Michael F. Fox  
July 21st  
Don R. Doerr  
July 22nd  
R. Scott Palmer  
July 24th  
Doug James  
July 30th  
Harry B. Storr  
August 1st  
Maxine Proskurowski  
August 2nd  
Donald J. Churnside  
August 2nd  
Richard F. Olson  
August 4th  
Ward Beck Jr.  
August 5th  
Sidney I. Voorhees  
August 5th  
Erik Peter Gribskov  
August 8th  
Ryan Green  
August 10th

## Years of Service

Candice Barr  
06-07-1988  
33 Years  
Mark Douglas Musgrove  
06-02-1998  
23 Years  
Richard C. Litchfield  
06-30-1998  
23 Years  
John Sather  
06-25-2002  
19 Years  
Nathan Philips  
06-24-2003  
18 Years  
Michael J. Ritchey  
06-24-2003  
18 Years  
Irene Alltucker  
06-28-2005

## President July 14th Message

I want to thank everyone who attended last week's turnover meeting on Zoom. It was a great tribute to Jennifer and all of the great things she and the club did in spite of these trying times. Jennifer has done a GREAT job with the virtual meetings, even though it isn't the same as our in person meetings. The thing I miss the most is singing with the Rotations, as I find singing therapeutic for me even though I am not of Rotations quality. I think more than one of our speakers has equated Rotary with singing and we will work on that!

My first meeting will be a busy one, as we need to complete the annual meeting of the Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation (ERSF) with Scott Palmer running it as the chair. We will start with our usual 1200-1215 social time, but please arrive promptly so I can start the meeting on time. Since I am learning my way on zoom, I will rely on Liz Ness and Jerry Harris (and maybe others) to lend me hand and give them my heartfelt thanks in advance. I talked a little about my priorities last week and will try to use the LOG weekly to talk more about them and what is going on in the club. Today I will use the opportunity to remind everyone that "Happy Dollars" are for just that, things that made you Happy or you think might make others happy (with the objective of raising money for our youth [Happy Dollars go to the ERSF]). Please don't use it for an announcement to the club about something that is going on in the club, that should be an announcement that should come through the President. Jokes (other than from the President, or other approved speaker) should be done in the Happy Dollars time allotment. If jokes (or quips) are done out of line, I have appointed Jerry to be "Sergeant at Arms," to allot a proper fine. You have been properly warned. Hope to see you the 14th as our speaker looks like another good one (thanks to our outstanding Program Committee).

President Tom



## Past President Jennifer Message

I know this year was not quite what we expected, but I am still incredibly grateful for having the opportunity to lead the Rotary Club of Eugene. As Tom Gilmour takes on the role of Club President, I hope you will join him make the next year successful as our community and world face many challenges. My hope is that we find new ways to support Rotary service activities, to build membership that reflects our community, and to make connections with each other. Many thanks for sharing your time, expertise, and friendship. Jennifer Geller



## July 21st Meeting ♦ The Shedd!

### **COPING: IN THE MIDST OF PANDEMIC, THE SHEDD ♦S JIM RALPH STILL MANAGES TO KEEP A POSITIVE OUTLOOK.**

Given his position as executive director of The Shedd Institute for the Arts ♦ and a premier preserver and fan of the Great American Songbook ♦ it seems appropriate to sum up Jim Ralph ♦s response to the effects of the current viral pandemic on his corner of the arts world with the refrain of a classic song from that mystical volume:

You ♦ve got to accentuate the positive,  
Eliminate the negative,  
And latch on to the affirmative ♦  
Don ♦t mess with Mister In-Between.  
You ♦ve got to spread joy up to the maximum,  
Bring gloom down to the minimum,  
Have faith or pandemonium ♦s  
Liable to walk upon the scene.

**With club member Jim Ralph.**



## July 28th Meeting ♦ The Eugene Chamber of Commerce

**ONWARD EUGENE.** Learn how the venerable Eugene Chamber of Commerce is working remotely, And continuing support of the business community with Covid-19 resources, updates, important information, community webinars, guides, state guidelines, reopening, #Lovelanebiz and more. Connected Neighbors, the Open for Business guide for 2020. And the new ONWARD EUGENE organization.

**with Brittany Quick-Warner, CEO.**



16 Years  
Jay Silverman  
06-07-2006  
15 Years  
James R. Hanks  
06-09-2009  
12 Years  
Paul A. Chavin  
06-21-2011  
10 Years  
Sherry Schaefer  
06-11-2013  
8 Years  
John Barnum  
06-18-2013  
8 Years  
James E. Barta  
06-10-2014  
7 Years  
Robert Scott Impeccoven  
06-21-2016  
5 Years  
Larry Banks  
06-09-2018  
3 Years  
Piotrek BuciarSKI  
06-09-2018  
3 Years  
Richard A Barnhart  
06-09-2018  
3 Years



## New Club Member ♦ Karen Gaffney

Karen Gaffney, Director of Lane County Health and Human Services has been approved for membership.



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## Supporting the Environment becomes a new RI Area of Focus

The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have added a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus, which are categories of service activities supported by global grants. **It joins peace building and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and community economic development.**

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus. More information about this new area of focus will be announced soon.



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## Rotary to the COVID Rescue

### The Rotary Club of Eugene

The Rotary Club of Eugene joins other clubs in stepping up to serve people hardest hit by COVID-19. Club efforts include creatively retooling an existing program during the shutdown and giving generously to a range of other local and international efforts. The Coronavirus threatened to put Artspark, one of the Clubs signature programs on hold. The Club raised over \$70,000 to fund visiting artists in schools during this academic year. Leaders moved quickly to create an online program that will deliver remote art instruction and provide income to teaching artists in the community.

The Club also made multiple donations to local nonprofits to address the deep need in the community. Donations have included \$1,275 to Food for Lane County, \$1000 to Eugene Education Foundation to meet immediate household needs of families, and \$1000 to Centro Latino providing support to local immigrants. A grant of \$3000 was also made to Looking Glass is serving as an emergency shelter facility for children in the welfare system that cannot be placed with foster or adoptive families during the pandemic.

On the international front, the Clubs International Community Service Committee provided \$2,000 to the Tororo Rotary Club in Uganda. These funds will be used to facilitate coronavirus information initiatives.

### District 5110

The 3,300 Rotary members in the 66 central and southern Oregon as well as northernmost California clubs have raised more than \$312,000 and invested thousands of volunteer hours to meet the hunger, safety and economic impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic. From producing and distributing masks and hand sanitizer to leveraging a Rotary grant more than ten times over, Rotary clubs are feeding and equipping the tireless medical community and first responders, assisting food banks, providing support for challenged businesses, school districts and senior centers.

More: <https://www.district5110.org/5110-answers-the-covid-call/>

### Volunteer Surge

Rotarians and friends, family, and coworkers have a unique opportunity to recruit one million volunteers to reduce

suffering and save lives during this crisis by participating in Volunteer Surge. Free online program that trains you to help professional healthcare workers from your home or in the field. Once trained, you can choose to apply your new skills by providing phone or online video support from your home or by assisting healthcare workers in the field. For more information, visit <https://www.theglobalimpactgroup.org> or call 628-222-7739

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## Stevie Wonder Carpool Karaoke

James Cordon and music icon Stevie Wonder carpool through 2015 Los Angeles singing some of his classic songs and Stevie suggests he and James start a group called the Wondercats.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qqrvm2XDvpQ>

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## Rotary Club of Eugene

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary club membership represents a cross-section of the community's business and professional men and women. The world's Rotary clubs meet weekly and are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds.

Rotary membership provides the opportunity to: Become connected to your community. Work with others in addressing community needs. Interact with other professionals in your community; assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts. Establish contacts with an international network of professionals. Develop leadership skills. Involve family in promoting service efforts.

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