

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Eugene Rotary Meeting Zoom Permalink

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## President's Message

After 34 years in the Coast Guard and 6 years with the American Bureau of Shipping I decided to finally retire in Oregon near where I grew up on Thurston Road in Springfield. My working life had taken me to 49 States (all but North Dakota) and over 40 countries, but I missed the outdoors of my boyhood here in Oregon. Don't get me wrong, it wasn't all business in my working days, I fished in Hawaii and Alaska and in the Gulf while I lived down there, and Jan and I had a number of nice vacations (with our kids) overseas and in the US. But I wanted to return to Oregon for the fishing, camping, hiking and just to enjoy the outdoors. While we have done that, I also became interested in photographing wildlife here and on our trips. I have been a lifelong environmentalist and a member of the Nature Conservancy for over 40 years, so moving back home to the Pacific NW was a natural.

One place I hadn't been, and visited a year after I retired, was Costa Rica. I had read a lot about its diverse flora and fauna and it did not disappoint. Costa Rica is said to be the most bio-diverse nation on earth for its size and over 30% of its land is protected and 25% is in National Parks. While there I got hooked on photographing its wildlife and in particular their colorful birds (although its sloths and monkeys are a lot easier). Wildlife photography has become a mini-passion, that I have done on most of our recent trips. But it all started with a keel-billed toucan!!

All of this talk about birds should get you in the mood for a video on "dancing Birds" attached to the Bulletin. Enjoy the beauty of our feathered friends!!

So what you may ask does this have to do with Rotary. Well our new Environmental Committee has been formed and placed as a stand alone Committee under the Special Committee which is chaired by our President elect and Immediate past President. I see it as a new outlet for a variety of activities that will help our local community and our planet. The Nature Conservancy (with 2 local preserves), the McKenzie River Trust (many preserves within 60 miles), and many local parks are always looking volunteers to help with a variety of projects to preserve and protect our local environment and I see this as a new outlet for involving and growing our club (especially younger members). I look forward to seeing this Committee thrive and involve more members!

This weeks program will be from **Ed Russo** who is a business outreach specialist for the City of Eugene. A former business reporter and editor for The Register-Guard, he acts as a liaison between the city and businesses to help firms create well-paying jobs, which contribute to a healthy economy and regional prosperity. It should be an interesting program you don't want to miss, be sure to attend and invite a friend.

Best Regards,

Tom Gilmour

## 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



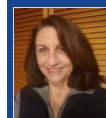
Ronald Terry Gietter  
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Club Executive Secretary  
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## March 2 Meeting Ed Russo

**Ed Russo** is a business outreach specialist for the city of Eugene. A former business reporter and editor for The Register-Guard, he acts as a liaison between the city and businesses to help firms create well-paying jobs, which contribute to a healthy economy and regional prosperity. He also responds to requests for information from Business Oregon on behalf of out-of-area businesses that are interested in locating to the state.



## March 9 Meeting Greg Brigham

**Glen the Champaign Guy!! What does that mean? Stay tuned to find out.**

## COVID VACCINES Rotary to the Rescue!

The Rotary Club of Eugene volunteered and assisted Lane County Public Health in giving out COVID Vaccinations this weekend at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Photos are from Saturday where citizens flowed through the fairgrounds getting vaccinations in their age group. Rotarians, family and friends assisted with the administration duties. The National Guard conducted the first screening at the gates. The second interaction for the 1700+ people on Saturday was with Rotarians in blue Rotary masks. The third by medical professionals giving the actual vaccinations. Just about everyone on Saturday that drove through the lines was greeted and assisted by someone nice in a Rotary Mask.



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Attendance  
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Lynne Grilley  
Club Director-  
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Club Director-  
Vocational  
Service



Jennifer Geller  
iPast President



Erik Peter  
Gribskov  
Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

Brian Leonard Michaels  
March 1st

Michelle A Blackwell  
March 4th

Nathan Philips  
March 6th

Craig A. Smith  
March 9th

John Sather  
March 15th

Ralph Parshall  
March 18th

Heinz J. Selig  
March 23rd

John Wolf  
March 26th

Mark A. Humphreys  
March 28th

Tom Gilmour  
March 30th





Larry Banks  
March 30th

### Years of Service

James W. Savage  
03-11-1997  
24 Years

John Prevedello  
03-05-2002  
19 Years

Ken Brown  
03-27-2018  
3 Years

Martin L. Jones  
03-05-2019  
2 Years

Jeannine Erving  
03-19-2019  
2 Years

## Continuing Service Opportunities.

### COVID Vaccinations volunteering for Lane County Public Health.

For applications contact Pete Gribkov: [petelauriegribkov@comcast.net](mailto:petelauriegribkov@comcast.net).

### Water Wells in Rural Uganda funding.

If you would like more information, please contact Richard Barnhart MD at [ricbar2@mac.com](mailto:ricbar2@mac.com)

### McKenzie Valley Fire Relief funding.

<https://eugenerotary.org/charitable-trust/> or contact Pete Gribkov: [petelauriegribkov@comcast.net](mailto:petelauriegribkov@comcast.net).

## McKenzie Valley Relief Center volunteering

If you have interest please call Gerri Astor at [646-437-0539](tel:646-437-0539)

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## Environmental Focus

Supporting the Environment is a new focus for Rotary International. If anyone is interested in joining the Rotary Club of Eugene Environmental Committee, contact Dick Barnhart at [ricbar2@mac.com](mailto:ricbar2@mac.com).



## Birds Can Dance!!

Where saying **◆Strut your Feathers◆** comes from.

<https://vimeo.com/517900420>



## 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.

## Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years March 2023!



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### Complete Zoom Link

Join Club Zoom Meetings Tuesdays August 4th to December 29, 2020 at 12:00 for chat and 12:15 for meeting.

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Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system for meetings to the end of 2020

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