

Rotary



Club of Eugene

President's Message

I am very pleased that we plan on Inducting another new member on Tuesday (see this week's video) and I would ask that when that happens you listen carefully to the Past President who officially inducts the member. At the induction we will learn a little about the inductee from their sponsor, but then the Past President gives their version of what it means to be a Rotarian. Liz Cawood recently gave an excellent induction talk. I learned something about Liz and Rotary. In fact the Dali Lama says " when you talk, you are only repeating something you already know. You can only learn something new by listening to others."

In todays world we too often are caught up in our own version of the world and what that version's truth is. We often only listen to experts who agree with our version of the truth. If Covid hasn't taught us anything else, it should have taught us there are a lot of experts out there, they don't all agree, and their truth may change over time. In our world, doctors disagree on diagnoses of the same patent, economists disagree on the state of the economy, investment managers disagree on what investments to buy and even sportscasters disagree on who will win March Madness (a lot of them were wrong this year too.) Listening to conflicting views helps us make better decisions.

In my time working in the Coast Guard and in the Maritime industry I have spent a lot of time trying to solve problems, minimize the effects of oil and chemical spills, and make things safer on the water worldwide. Sometimes you have plans to follow or have trained for a situation, but often times not. But one truth I learned during all of this was to listen to my people, especially those on scene, and that often good solutions came from the least expected places. If you listen!!

In New York we had to move a grounded tanker to deeper water in a bay on Long Island Sound to offload its oil. I asked a room full of "expert" operators where we should take it, with no answer. I heard the low voice of a Maritime cadet, who had just started drilling with us as a reservist "take it here" he pointed to a spot on the chart that no depths marked. "Who are you and how do you know this," I asked. "I'm Cadet Dennis Miller and I fish there all the time with my Dad", he proudly answered. I sent Cadet Miller went off with the group of "experts" to determine where to anchor the lightering vessel and they **listened** to him. The operation proceeded flawlessly. Two years later I was privileged to Commission Ensign Miller in the Coast Guard at his graduation from New York Maritime University at Fort Schuyler, NY. Yesterday I wished Commander Retired Dennis Miller a happy birthday on FB and he replied, I was fishing!

Good Rotarians should be good listeners, even to those whose views they may not agree with. The 4-way test certainly pushes us in that direction, as does the Dali Lama. Tuesday we will be listening to the Stove Team International and their efforts to bring safe cooking to the world. It should be a interesting program we can all learn from. I hope you will attend and bring 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



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April 6th meeting StoveTeam with Forest Resener

StoveTeam's mission is to assist local entrepreneurs in Latin America to produce and distribute clean-burning cookstoves.

Forest Resener is a musician, environmentalist and outdoor enthusiast. He enjoys finding creative ways to connect StoveTeam's donors with the families they support. Forest is motivated to leverage technology to streamline administrative tasks, helping StoveTeam to grow, and allowing staff to maximize time spent on programs.



April 13th Meeting Art In Public Places with Eugene Cultural Services Public Art Manager Kate Ali.

Eugene s vision for a public art experience is to offer our city as both exhibit and



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Birthdays

- John Barnum
April 10th
- Matt David Bolton
April 12th
- Jeanette E Graff
April 12th
- Timothy Forester
April 15th
- Ken Brown
April 18th
- Karen Gaffney
April 20th
- Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd
- Constance Fehlman
April 29th
- Todd M. Nelson
April 29th
- Paul T Bertucci
May 1st

Years of Service

- Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995

studio. The public is as much the audience to public art as they are potential contributors. Our goal is to support public art that authentically expresses the timeline we live in, inspires wonder and invokes dialogue.

For the last ten years my driving goal in life has been to foster creative opportunities, empower artists to do their best work and introduce and/or remind the public of the power of thoughtful creativity. I still have my own artist practice, while creating opportunities for collaboration and community building as a way of contributing to the world and fulfilling my own goals. I have done this by becoming the Public Art Manager for the City of Eugene, a Visual Arts Coordinator for the Oregon Arts Commission, cofounder of the Grayspace Project, served nine years on the Lane Arts Council Board as well as served for the last three years on the Kesey Farm Project Advisory Committee.



26 Years
Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
26 Years
Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
26 Years
Karianne Westlund
04-14-1998
23 Years
James Ralph
04-04-2000
21 Years
Liz Cawood
05-01-2001
20 Years
Todd M. Nelson
04-05-2004
17 Years
Robert L. Hart
04-13-2004
17 Years
Lynne Grilley
04-08-2014
7 Years
Doug James
04-11-2017
4 Years
Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
4 Years
Dana B Fleming
04-16-2019
2 Years
Paul T Bertucci
04-16-2019
2 Years

COVID PLUS ♦ Rotary to the Rescue!

New opportunities! Split shifts have been added by Lane County to ease the time commitment. And volunteers are getting their vaccinations. Great way to serve the community.

Eugene Rotarians, family and friends serving COVID Vaccinations. With Jeff Robinson and his drones! Beautiful morning. Full of shining Rotarians ready to serve. And more stories of thanks for helping, Rotary.

It ♦s not over yet. Rotary is stepping up the commitment to **COVID PLUS**. Underdeveloped countries behind on vaccinations can create more variations. In the world climate today Rotary can help this situation.





Children with Special Needs Committee April 30th Deadline

The Children with Special Needs Committee of Eugene Rotary grants proposals deadline APRIL 30th. Grants may range in amount \$1,000-\$3,000. Proposals must be submitted by April 30, 2021. The grants will be distributed to successful applicants by June 18, 2021. The Mission is to provide funding to organizations that have programs or activities designed to enrich the lives of children with special needs.

Visit the club website for more information:
<https://eugenerotary.org/children-with-special-needs/>



Continuing Service Opportunities.

COVID Vaccinations volunteering for Lane County Public Health.
For applications contact Pete Gribskov: petelauriegribskov@comcast.net.

Water Wells in Rural Uganda funding.
If you would like more information, please contact Richard Barnhart MD at ricbar2@mac.com

McKenzie Valley Fire Relief funding.
<https://eugenerotary.org/charitable-trust/> or contact Pete Gribskov:
petelauriegribskov@comcast.net.

McKenzie Valley Relief Center volunteering
If you have interest please call Gerri Astor at [646-437-0539](tel:646-437-0539)

Environmental Committee Grant Deadline
If you would like more information, please contact Richard Barnhart MD at ricbar2@mac.com

Eugene Rotarian COVID PLUS Video

Short Interview video from COVID PLUS service this weekend with Chris Hazen by Jeff Robinson. Chris will be formally inducted into the club on Tuesday by Past President Jeff!

<https://vimeo.com/532930324>



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!



Eugene Rotary Meeting Zoom Permalink

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