

Rotary



Club of Eugene

President's Message

I looked at my calendar for this week's meeting and saw the following (it is a Nature Conservancy member calendar): Arbor Day April 30th, Earth Day April 22nd, John James Audubon's birthday April 26th (for all you bird watchers). So it was fairly obvious that my focus should be on the environment this week. Soon our Environmental Committee will be up and running and we will be in the business of helping our community with local environmental projects.

One thing that Earth Day and Arbor Day (and even Audubon) have in common is reforestation and its benefits to nature and our atmosphere. EARTHDAY.ORG's [Canopy Project](#) says "plant trees to benefit local communities, increase habitat for species, and combat climate change." That is truly a trifecta that is happening all over the US and the world this Earth day.

That is also what Arbor day has been about since it's beginning on April 10, 1872. At the inaugural event in 1872, prizes were offered to counties and individuals for the largest number of properly planted trees on that day. It was estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day!! Our U of O Rotaract Club planted trees in the past and it was a fun outing!! They have also done beach clean-ups and worked in Hendricks Park. These kinds of projects will be another way for our club to have fellowship, service, and fun locally, while also benefitting our community and the planet.

This week Benjamin Brubaker will talk about White Bird and Cahoots, two organizations that are doing vital work in our community. It should be an educational and entertaining talk. Also, be sure to take a look at the video we provided below on a beautiful 4 legged creature, that is an angel to the infirm. It should make you smile!! Hope to see you Tuesday and please 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



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President



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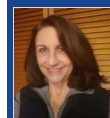
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April 27th Meeting ♦ White Bird / Cahoots

With Benjamin Brubaker, Co-Executive Director

Presenting White Bird Clinic, its various programs, the recent attention to the Cahoots model, and focus on the Community Need given the programs and role in the local community.

Benjamin Brubaker is one of the Co- Executive Directors of the agency. He works as an Administrative Coordinator of White Bird Clinic. He began serving White Bird in September 2006. Ben first started as a full-time Crisis Worker (Qualified Mental Health Associate) on WBC's 24/7 Crisis Line and Walk-in Center. A few years later he joined the mobile crisis intervention team (CAHOOTS) as a Crisis Worker and started doing Volunteer Coordination and both internal and external training for the agency. Ben has worked as an Assistant Grant Writer and key administrator for almost a decade now.

In February of 2016, he took on the role of one of the Co Executive Directors of the agency. Ben possesses two bachelor's degrees in both English and Theater. He has worked in the mental health field for over 18 years, having held positions such as: Crisis Worker, Hurricane Katrina Relief Operational Site Coordinator, Grant Writer, Day Counselor for youth, AmeriCorps Team Leader, and Direct Care Provider. Ben has dedicated his life to serving disadvantaged and underserved populations, ranging from adults with developmental disabilities to youth dealing with sexual abuse trauma.



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Attendance
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Birthdays

Constance Fehlman
April 29th
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White Bird is a collective environment organized to enable people to gain control of their social, emotional and physical well-being through direct service, education, and community. White Bird Clinic provides compassionate, humanistic healthcare, and supportive services to individuals in our community, so everyone receives the care they need. White Bird Clinic's core values are compassion, client-centered care, community focus, individual empowerment, and service accessibility. Over 50 years of community service.

CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) is a mobile crisis intervention program staffed by White Bird Clinic personnel using City of Eugene vehicles. This relationship has been in place for nearly 30 years and is well embedded in the community. Cahoots provides support for EPD personnel by taking on many of the social service type calls for service to include crisis counseling. CAHOOTS personnel often provide initial contact and transport for people who are intoxicated, mentally ill, or disoriented, as well as transport for necessary non-emergency medical care.



April 29th
 Paul T Bertucci
 May 1st
 Robert Scott Impecoven
 May 5th
 Diana Rae Bray
 May 6th
 Brent Allyn Johnson
 May 8th
 Mark Douglas Musgrove
 May 15th
 Leonard H. White
 May 17th
 William A. McConochie
 May 17th
 Jay Silverman
 May 18th
 Arthur A. Mehas
 May 20th
 Sherry Schaefers
 May 22nd
 Victoria Whitman Harris
 May 25th

Years of Service

Susan Sygall
 05-11-2000
 21 Years
 Liz Cawood
 05-01-2001
 20 Years
 Dennis J. Biggerstaff
 05-10-2011
 10 Years
 John Clifford Gregor
 05-13-2013
 8 Years
 Philip Holt Barnhart
 05-17-2016
 5 Years
 Robert E Nickel
 04-25-2017
 4 Years



UO Rotaract Benefit for White Bird Clinic.

MAY 7th Virtual Trivia Night.

Look for the invitation and poster in your DACdb email and join in this traditional and fun event the UO Rotaract Club puts on.

RSVP: ROTARACT@UOREGON.EDU



May 4th Meeting ♦ 4J Candidates Zoom Forum

The program on May 4 will be a candidates forum relating to three Eugene 4J School District board positions up for election on May 18. Board members are elected on a districtwide basis, but run for one of seven specific positions. Terms are staggered so that only three or four positions are up for election every two years.

Candidates (note that a candidate for Position 6 withdrew after the deadline, but has cast his support for Maya Rabasa):

Position 2:

Laural O'Rourke: www.lauralfor4j.com

Harry Sanger: <https://www.facebook.com/HJfor4J>

Position 3:

Bryan Costa

Tom DiLiberto: <https://www.tomdilibertofor4j.com>

Judy Newman (Incumbent): www.electjudynewman.com

Position 6:



COVID PLUS ♦ Rotary to the Rescue Continues!

The Rotary Volunteering has been a success. Thanks to all the Rotarians that have assisted. View the videos of the effort and a special message from Karen Gaffney, Lane County Health and Human Service Director and fellow Rotarian.

This is defintiely not over yet. Variants are coming. Lane Count continues it♦s herculean vaccination campaign. And Rotary needs to keep up assisting. It♦s very pleasant work meeting so many members of the community. Safe as well. With split shifts not taxing. Set aside regular scheduled times each month to volunteer. The community has been very appreciative of Rotarians assisting them.

<https://vimeo.com/536198889>

<https://vimeo.com/538251143>





Children with Special Needs Committee April 30th Deadline

The Children with Special Needs Committee of Eugene Rotary grants proposals DEADLINE Friday!!!!

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/>



Annual District 5110 Virtual Club Assembly

Join other Rotarians on Saturday, May 15, 2021 for the annual District 5110 Club Training Assembly.

Similar to last year, this free event is virtual on the Zoom platform with outstanding curriculum offerings to strengthen your membership knowledge and expand your understanding of Rotary.

You are promised lively and thought-provoking sessions, presented by some of Rotary's most accomplished leaders. You will gain a new understanding of Rotary and your role as a Rotarian in the post-COVID world.

Please register now! Gerry Kosanovic, District 5100 Governor Elect 2021-22



BE INSPIRED!



VIRTUAL CLUB TRAINING ASSEMBLY

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

Special Angels Video

Angels come in many flavors. Here is just one beautiful example. This is one very very special message!

<https://vimeo.com/541451924>



THANK YOU ROTARY

March 30, 2021

The enclosed check for \$200 is being made in appreciation for the Eugene Rotary Club members who are volunteering at the Lane Event Center vaccination site. I appreciated their assistance and the pleasant interaction I had with a few of them while I was getting my two Pfizer shots.

I hope this donation can be used to help fund any of your local service projects.

Thank you so much.

Lynn Rankin



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

Click to Join Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89774399598?pwd=TUNCZS80Y0tJO3FOMWJDNy8yV3ZBOT09>
