

Rotary



Club of Eugene

President's Message

I think it is appropriate that my final President's message falls on Independence Day. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on **July 4, 1776**. The day is celebrated with picnics and family gatherings and the day culminates with fireworks. Our family has been blessed to celebrate the 4th in either New York City or on the Mall in Washington, DC for 15 of the 34 years I was in the Coast Guard. The Macy's fireworks on the water are awe inspiring, and nothing beats the views on the Mall while listening to the National Symphony Orchestra. Even views from across the Potomac river at the Iwo Jima Memorial are beautiful like the one attached.

This week's meeting will be live from the Shedd and also will be available on zoom. It will be our first Hybrid meeting and as such may have some glitches, so bear with us as we strive to get it right and shoot for continuous improvement. Thanks goes to Jeff Robinson (with Ravitej's assistance) for making this happen. He is indeed a brave man for putting himself in the crosshairs!! Be there at 1145 to socialize and have lunch and we will try to be done around 1PM. Be patient if you use the zoom link, this is our first try!!

It will also be our turnover meeting where I will talk about our accomplishments and give the gavel to Raquel Hecht and she will start her year as the Club President. As a club we have a LOT of committees to reconstruct after COVID and she will need our collective help to get live meetings going again!! We have done great things this past year, and we all need to step up to the plate and keep our club going in the right direction. Our club needs everyone's participation like never before as we reopen. There will be volunteer sheets at the meeting so sign up to help and if you aren't there in person contact Raquel or Monica Wilton and find out how you can help. We are all in this together, so volunteer and help our club continue to thrive!

Best Regards,

Tom



Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene
(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



[Raquel E. Hecht](#)
President



[Elizabeth A. Ness](#)
President - Elect



[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)
Secretary



[Erik Peter Gribskov](#)
Club Admin Co-Chair
Club Executive Secretary
Treasurer



[Todd Anderson](#)
Treasurer



[David A. Frosaker](#)
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



[Ravitej Singh Khalsa](#)
Public
Image/Relations
Chair



[Robert Scott Impecoven](#)
Attendance
Secretary

[Philip Holt](#)

Happy 4th!

To all the veterans and active-duty men and women that have served, protected and given so much so that we might be FREE to express our thoughts and actions as permitted by our Constitution and Its Amendments.

These FREEDOMS set this country apart from all others and makes the USA the most sought-after country to live in in the world.



July 6th Meeting Changing of the Guard!

Raquel Hecht becomes the Club President 2021-22 with Tom Gilmour becoming the Past President 2020-21

Looks like this meeting will be the first one live and in person in well over a year of Pandemic. And Tom Gilmour has the honor of being the first active, managing club President to have never shown up in person to a weekly meeting of The Rotary Club of Eugene until the very last one! And that is quite a feat! The Pandemic time meetings were very unique. And actually quite successful. Attendance was fantastic. Accomplishments made. Projects fulfilled. Scholarships and fire relief. Many new members. All with the guidance of the now famous arm-chair President.

Jeff Robinson has purchased the equipment so that the club can simultaneously do Zoom at the live meetings. Clubs all over the world are joining this Rotary revolution to Hybrid meetings. Go live first for all the comrades, socializing and meet and greet. If you can't make the meeting, attend with Zoom from any place in the world!

**First Hybrid Meeting will be live at the Shedd and ZOOM online.
Lunch ready by 11:45. Socializing in person or on Zoom. Meeting 12:15.
Meeting is with vaccinated members, honor system in affect.**

Here is the new Zoom quicklink login for our weekly Meeting simulcast for those who can't attend in person:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3515259651?pwd=eWJxd05rSitjY0lwb1B6dUp1UkxsOT09>



Barnhart
Club Director



Richard K. Olson
CCO-Club
Communications
Officer



Craig A. Smith
Club Director



Monica Wilton
Club Director



Tom Gilmour
Past President

Birthdays

Mathias Craig
July 5th
Brent D. Kehn
July 7th
Susan Soonkeum Cox
July 8th
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

Years of Service

John Wolf
07-20-1987
34 Years
Gregg A. Fuller
07-29-1997
24 Years
DeLeesa G. Meashintubby
07-20-2017
4 Years

At the bottom of newsletter is the complete link.



July 13th Meeting ♦ Scholarships

The Eugene Rotary Scholarship Committee will have the official annual meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at the regular meeting. Stay tuned for exact location.

Financial reports will be made and elections of the board conducted.

Three current members of the board, R. Scott Palmer, Jeannine Irving and Craig Smith are seeking re-election. Nominations may also be made.

The Big news is \$15,000 in scholarship funds to be awarded to six scholars. And the donation of laptop computers to the six scholars by NextStep Computer Reuse.

Attend the meeting and meet the scholars, elect the scholarship board and enjoy doing some serious good for youth in our community through one of the **True Pillars of Rotary: Scholarships!**



Adri Lee, Faith Frank, Paige Dunnavant, Ruby Daniels, Raven, Anya Lloyd-Burchett

Continuing Service Opportunities.

Eugene Rotary Environmental Committee News

The Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee members are working diligently to stand up this new Club Committee and network with other organizations to leverage Rotary's power to contribute positively to local, regional, national and planetary Environmental Sustainability efforts. To this end, the Committee reminds members that the City of Eugene will be presenting the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) to our Club on September 28th. We also want to notify members that Lane County is just beginning to develop their CAP and they are interested in providing Climate information to the public and eliciting Public Comment and input as they develop their Plan. Information on Lane County's CAP may be accessed at https://lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/public_works/climateplan. The County is also asking residents to complete a CAP-related survey. We are encouraging our members to complete the survey! It can be accessed at <https://lanecocap.participate.online/>.

Please consider joining the Committee or just give us your thoughts on Rotary's new environmental initiatives. Please contact Committee Chair Dick Barnhart MD at ricbar2@mac.com.



Water Wells in Rural Uganda funding.

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

Covid Clinic Update

While there's still a need for volunteers at the many smaller pop up clinics being held all over town, the mass vaccination clinics are now over. Our "Rotary Day at the Clinic" was fun, and we're grateful to all who attended. We want to show our appreciation to all volunteers, Rotarian and others, with a relaxing barbecue. Please join us the evening of Thursday July 22th where we share a meal and a glass of wine (or other beverage), and honor you for your hard work. Please put this date on your calendar, and bring your significant other. Details to follow, and please bring your Rotary vest if you've finished volunteering.

Liz Ness and Pete Gribskov



Mystery Painting Video

Mystery Painting at a major sports event. Guess what it is?

<https://vimeo.com/570950039>



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!



Zoom -New Link

Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3515259651?pwd=eWJxd05rSitjY0lwb1B6dUp1UkxsOT09>

Complete Zoom Link: Meeting ID number: 351 525 9651. Password: 226699.

Jeffrey Dogs

