

Rotary



Club of Eugene

In-Person and Hybrid Meetings

Come on down to the Grad for food and friendship. Hybrid Zoom is available.



One Click Link for Zoom.

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Presidents' Message

This week, I am reading about cultural relativism. I'm just finishing up the book ***Gods of the Upper Air***, which is about the origins of modern day anthropology. Ruth Benedict, one of the pillars of the modern day movement, writes in her book, ***Patterns of Culture***, there is no "inevitable" culture, but rather all cultural norms are simply selections from "the great arc of potential human purposes and motivations." The book specifically mentions Rotary Luncheons as an example of this. Benedict borrows from Nietzsche the idea that some societies are "Apollonian" where order and community are stressed and others are more "Dionysian" where freedom and individualism are more prominent. While I agree with Benedict that there are no inevitable norms, I also believe that there are fundamental values that people can adopt in a society that cause greater contentment and a better sense of community and belonging. By participating in organizations such as Rotary, we can develop a system of values that creates contentment within us. Universally, we seek happiness and a sense of purpose. Whether we achieve those goals by creating an orderly, rule-bound society or by encouraging greater freedom and individuality is up to us. In either case, as I mentioned last week the need to be flexible when things are difficult, we must also use our agility to create the society we want to live in and the one we want to pass onto our children. We must remember that we are the creators of the culture in which we endeavor to exist, and through Rotary, we can influence those norms in a positive, productive, and sustainable manner.

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday!

Warmly,

Raquel

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



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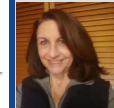
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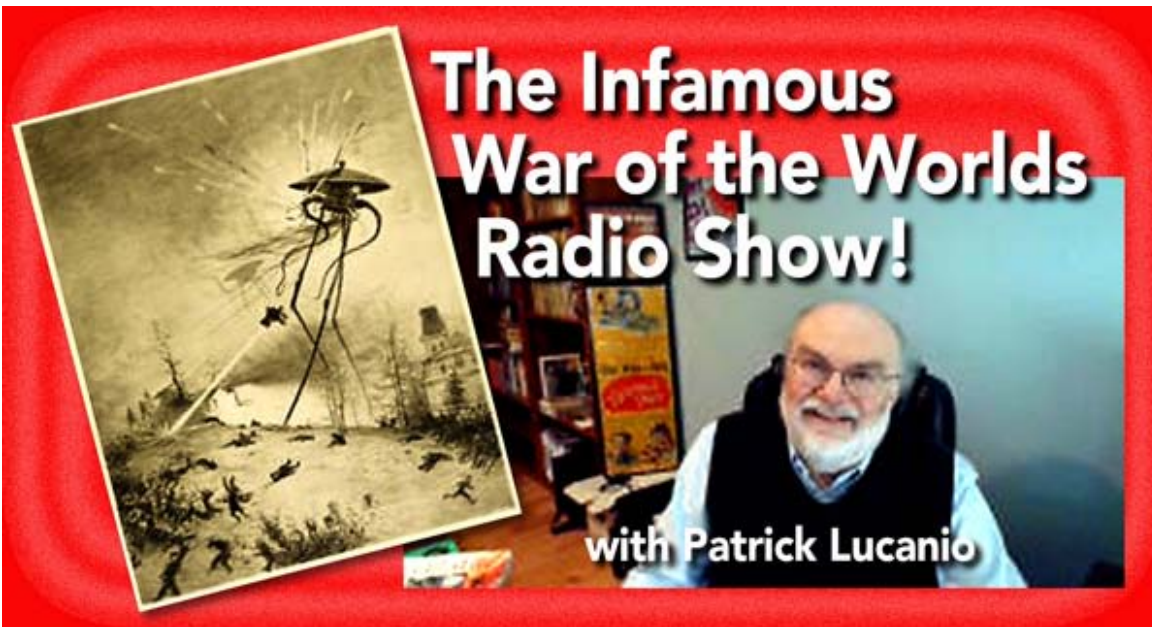


Erik Peter Gribskov
Assistant Governor

April 12th Meeting. Infamous War of the Worlds

Infamous War of the Worlds Radio Show. Did it lead to Fake News?

On October 30, 1938, Orson Welles' radio program *Mercury Theatre on the Air* presented an adaptation of H. G. Wells' science fiction story *The War of the Worlds* resulting in what is often referred to as "the panic broadcast." Borrowing a title from one of Orson Welles' own film, *F for Fake*, this illustrated lecture examines the "myth of the panic" and shows how the bitter rivalry between newspapers and radio led to what is today called "fake news."



Birthdays

- John Barnum
April 10th
- Carrie (Caroline) A Carpenter
April 10th
- Jeanette E Graff
April 12th
- Matt David Bolton
April 12th
- Ken Brown
April 18th
- Karen Gaffney
April 20th
- Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd
- Brian Fox
April 25th
- Constance Fehlman
April 29th
- Todd M. Nelson
April 29th
- Robert Scott Impehoven
May 5th
- Diana Rae Bray
May 6th
- Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

Covid Boosters Available at Meeting

The FDA has approved the Pfizer Covid vaccine for a second booster for anyone age 50 and up, or anyone with underlying health concerns. Cascade Health has generously offered to vaccinate any attendee at our next Club lunch meeting again this Tuesday April 12th with Pfizer vaccine. These vaccinations will be free of charge but if you have insurance they will bill them for processing. They will be at The Graduate from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with only Pfizer vaccine. If you are interested in receiving this vaccine that day please email Liz Ness at beans1259@aol.com Once you're on the list, please bring your vaccination card, insurance card, the completed vaccination consent form, and wear a comfortable short sleeve shirt so your arm is easily accessible. This offer is available to you, your family, and any guests, and is good for

Years of Service

- Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
27 Years
- Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995
27 Years

either 1st or 2nd booster dose.



ArtSpark Gala Coming up!!

The ArtSpark 2022 silent auction is a celebration of Eugene's culture and arts community with dozens of items including art by local artists, arts experiences, and unique Eugene offerings.

Bid on artwork donated by 25 local artists in mediums including acrylic, oil, watercolor, mixed media, sculpture, and wood. Also up for auction are experience packages such as the "Out & About in Eugene" package featuring electric bike rentals from Pedego Eugene, a visit to Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, breakfast at Off the Waffle, a treat at Handel's Ice Cream, and drinks at Oakshire.

Take a chance on the raffle featuring Lane Arts Council's Eric Braman offering a not-so-serious wine tasting lesson. Paired with a group painting lesson from Art with Alejandro, this unique "Wine + Art" experience is tailored for you and eleven of your best friends.

And don't forget the wine wall! A \$35 pull may get you a \$50 bottle from Sweet Cheeks Winery or a bottle of imported German champagne, rumored to be a favorite among some Rotarians.

Whether you choose to participate in the silent auction, raffle, wine wall, or just contribute what you can, our collective efforts will ensure arts opportunities for every elementary classroom in Eugene School District 4J. Help ignite opportunities for kids to make art in school!

Learn more and register (**for free**) at: onecau.se/_npe31

Art spark
Eugene

Funding Arts Education in all 4j elementary schools

Join us! April 23rd
artspark kick-off event
at midtown arts center
April 27th artspark online
auction and fundraiser
sponsor. donate. purchase art
and arts experience packages.
Learn more at
artsparkereugene.org

Lane Arts Council
Rotary Club of Eugene
4J
SYMAN-DEGLER GROUP
Comprehensive Financial Planning

Food for Lane County - Wednesday April 20th

Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
27 Years
Karianne Westlund
04-14-1998
24 Years
Liz Cawood
05-01-2001
21 Years
Robert L. Hart
04-13-2004
18 Years
Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
11 Years
Doug James
04-11-2017
5 Years
Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
5 Years
Dana B Fleming
04-16-2019
3 Years
Brian Fox
05-03-2021
1 Year

Food for Lane County **Wednesday, April 20th** from 6-8:30 pm at the 770 Bailey Hill Road site. Jennifer Geller is the contact person for this service event so please contact her at jennifergeller65@gmail.com if you would like to participate.



Upcoming Rotary Events

District Conference! April 28 - 29 - 30

Club Presidents & People of Action - as we prepare for the District 5110 2022 Celebration Conference in Corvallis, it is our intent to merge a service project with our April 30th event, one that would have a defining humanitarian focus of serving others in need.

To that end, I am thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the Red Cross to establish a rewarding, fulfilling, fun competitive virtual blood drive: District Drives to Save Lives. This event will begin on March 22nd and conclude on April 28, 2022. It is easy and simple for club members to participate and, most importantly, it will save lives!



Trivia Night with University of Rotary Rotaract Club -April 29th, 7PM after the District Conference closes at 5PM.

The Rotaract Club at the UO scheduled their famous Trivia Night event at 7PM just so there is **no conflict** with the District Conference which Rotarians also want to go to and support. **The conference is over by 5pm and the Trivia Night starts at 7pm!!!!** The Trivia night will also get attendance from UO students and faculty. It's a fund-raising event for a very good cause by young Rotaractors, many of whom will most probably become Rotarians sometime in their lives. Simply use the link and buy a ticket or two (or many more). **After the District Conference, just stop on the way home to support the Rotaract Club.**

Link for Rotaract's Trivia night tickets on April 29th: <https://ticket.uoregon.edu/22uo/uorotaract>



Meeting Raffle Surprises

"Raffle Surprise" started four weeks ago and has been a lot of fun for members. It's invigorated our raffle and, best of all, increased our support for the scholarship fund for area students.

At our meeting on April 5, we asked members if they might provide some items to stuff the bags. You can even include a business card and literature. (As John Barnum mentioned, he has a re-use store now!) Please bring any items you would like to have as a bag stuffer to our meeting on **April 12th**. Bring it in a brown paper bag to maintain the element of surprise. Monica will have a bin available for secret stashing!

Thank you all for your help with this fun and beneficial club activity!



World Championship Booth

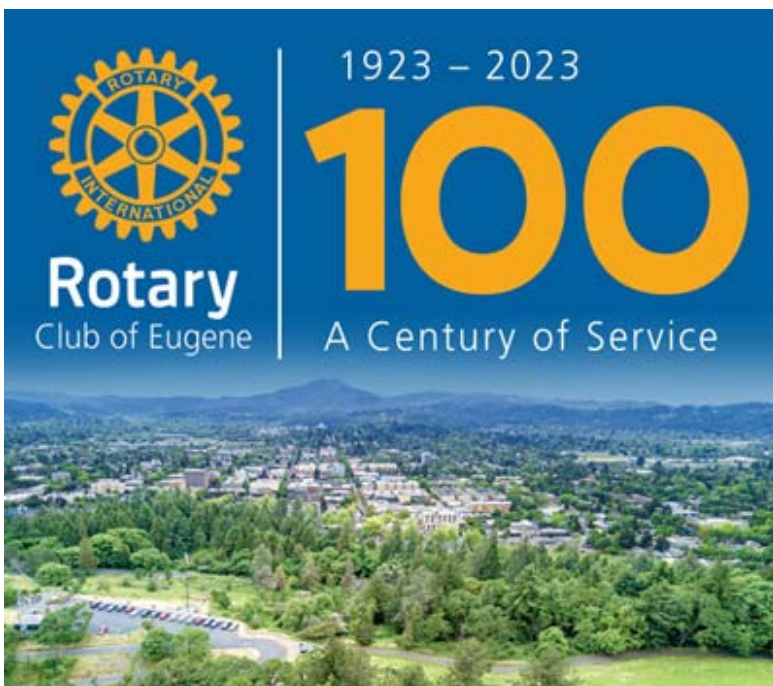
District 5110 has generously agreed to sponsor a booth at the **World Athletic Championship** here in Eugene in July which we'll share with the other clubs in our district. This is a great opportunity for our Club to highlight our 100th anniversary and all the work we've done over the years, and possibly increase our membership. We'll need volunteers to staff the booth from setup on July 19th to take down on July 24th. Please check your schedule for availability and contact **Raquel Hecht** at raquel@immigrationoregon.com or **Liz Ness** at beans1259@aol.com with your interest or for more information.



Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration

Next fiscal year our Club will celebrate our 100th birthday with an assortment of activities and events including a big evening near the anniversary date of Wednesday March 15, 2023. All are welcome to participate in the planning of this event.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday morning April 19th at 9 am. If you're interested please contact co-chairs Rick Olson or Tom Gilmour



Environmental Committee Report

Action Alert - Rotary International Area of Focus: The Environment

In 2020, Rotary International (RI) and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) adopted "Supporting the Environment" as a new Area of Focus and published an accompanying Policy Statement. The

statement provides eight major goals for Rotary in the area of environment that each of us can support. <https://rcatnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/RI-Board-Sept-2020-Environment-Area-of-Focus-Policy-Statement-1.pdf> In 2021, our Club established the Environmental Committee to address matters described in that Policy Statement.

The fourth goal in the statement is "Addressing the Causes of Climate Change and Supporting Measures to Reduce the Emissions of Greenhouse Gases". Our committee feels this needs to be addressed right now. The new report by the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which is the United Nations body for assessing the science related to climate change, tells us that the window of opportunity to prevent the average global temperature from rising more than 1.5 to 2.0 degrees centigrade is closing fast. It also makes clear that the technologies and policies to adequately address climate change exist; the only thing missing is political will.

The Yale Climate Opinion polls <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/ycom-us/>, and other polls consistently show that a majority of Americans are worried about the effects of climate change and want Congress to act. Now is the time to let our senators and representatives know that you want action. Tell them that you want effective climate change legislation passed **this year**.

Here are links to

Senator Wyden: <https://www.wyden.senate.gov/contact>

Senator Merkley: <https://www.merkley.senate.gov/contact>

Congressman DeFazio: <https://defazio.house.gov/contact/contact-peter>

We hope you agree that we owe this to our children and grandchildren.

Rotary Club of Eugene Environmental Committee



Children With Special Needs Committee Report

The Children with Special Needs Committee of Eugene Rotary is currently accepting proposals for grants. Grants may range in amount \$1,000-\$3,000. Proposals must be submitted by April 29, 2022. The grants will be distributed to successful applicants by June 17, 2022

Mission: To provide funding to organizations that have programs or activities designed to enrich the lives of children with special needs.

Proposal Requirements:

1. Description of the organization and its clientele;
2. Statement of Need;
- 3A. Goals/Objectives for the program or project;
- 3B. How will effectiveness or results be measured?
4. Brief financial statement or budget showing sources of funds and expenditures;
5. Brochures or other printed materials on the program, project, or organization;
6. Letter of support from a Eugene Rotary member.
7. IRS 501 C (3) Organization Determination Letter.

Important Information:

A. If you are a recipient, you must report back to the Committee with information on how grant funds were spent and the effectiveness/results of the program or project funded. This report is due before the end of the calendar year.

B. Please submit proposals electronically to craig.opperman@lookingglass.us. Make your submission to the attention of Craig Opperman, Children with Special Needs Committee.

Submit proposal by Friday, April 29, 2022 to craig.opperman@lookingglass.us, Attn: Craig Opperman, Children with Special Needs Committee.

Community Service Committee Report

The Community Service Committee is accepting proposals for District Grants. These grants should be in service to our community and offer a volunteer option for Rotarians. Our District will fund up to \$2,000 and our Club will match it for a \$4,000 total possible grant. Please include a description of the project including dates and amount requested, how the funds will be used, and how Rotarians can participate.

Please contact Liz Ness at beans1259@aol.com with questions or to submit your proposal no later than May 10, 2022

Earlier in the week, district sent out a reminder that **2022-23 Training Seminar for District Grants** will begin on: **Sat Apr 23, 2022 09:00 AM**. Presenters are: Kathy Poole, District grants chair, Hal Kibby, Stewardship chair, Lin Kelly, DACdb staff

Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD)

Rotarians have been so generous in supporting our Women's Institute on Leadership and Disability (WILD) that brings together women with disabilities from around the world to Eugene. With your generous support, this Summer we will bring 35 disabled women from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, and Vietnam.

We now need a miracle. We need to find homestay families for each of these women. Please know your house does not have to be wheelchair accessible as women have different disabilities that don't require wheelchair accessibility, but all of them have a passion to meet new people and learn about our country and our culture, especially here in beautiful Eugene and Springfield.

You can host for one or both sessions and the dates are as follows:

1st session: June 4 – 10 (7 nights)
2nd session: June 11 – 17 (7 nights)

Please know we have very strict procedures and all women will be required to be fully vaccinated and will be tested before getting on the plane. We will also be having them stay at a hotel for the first few days where we will administer more COVID tests. We ask that all homestay families also be vaccinated.

To request a homestay application and for more information, please contact Megan Patrignelli at mpatrignelli@miusa.org or call the MIUSA office 541-343-1284.

In these complex times, it will be so wonderful to be surrounded by disabled women leaders from so many countries and feel the spirit of Rotary members who can provide peace and understanding throughout the world.

Thank you for all you do!
Susan Sygall
Rotarian



New Member

The board has approved the application of Jesse Quinn to become a member of the Eugene Rotary Club. Any member that has a concern should contact President Raquel.

Rotary Foundation

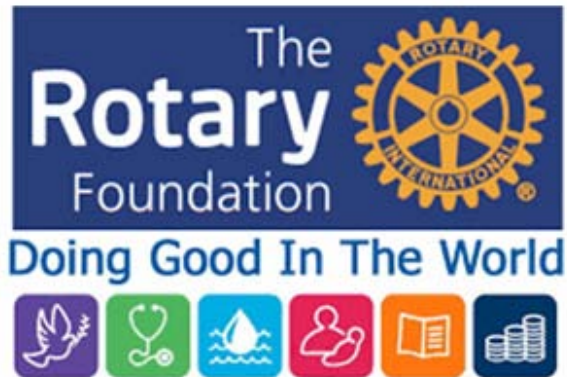
If you've read the April issue of "Rotary" magazine you may have read the column written by John Germ, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The main point of the column is that because of increasing needs across the world over the past decade, the amount of global grants has grown by more than 100% while annual giving from Rotary members has remained relatively static. That is certainly true of our own club as our member participation in supporting TRF has averaged just 35% over the past ten years. Our YTD Foundation giving through March is also at a multi-year low.

Mr. Germ says, "Quite simply, we need more clubs and individuals to give to the Annual Fund to help keep our district and global grants thriving."

He goes on to say, "Remember: it's not about the money, but about what our money can do. Imagine the Rotary dreams we could make real if every member and every club got together and made a gift to our Foundation today. That would be quite a Rotary moment - for all of us."

It's easy to make your gift. Just go to Rotary.org and hit the "Donate" button on the home page of the site. You don't even need to log in or create a My Rotary account. Just go in as a guest and make your gift; it will track back to your personal Eugene Rotary account. If you need assistance, just reach out to any member of your TRF Committee - Jay Silverman, Mike Ritchey or DaveFrosaker.

Thanks for your support!



Community Opportunities

World Athletics Championships Oregon 22 - Host a Volunteer

Over 2,000 athletes and thousands of fans and other support personnel will be coming to

Eugene-Springfield July 15-24, 2022 for the World Athletics Championships Oregon 22. This is the premiere track and field meet outside of the Olympic Games and it's the first time it's been held on U.S. soil. As you can imagine, accommodations is an issue for an event this size. The athlete's will be staying in an athlete village on the UO campus, but spectators, sponsors, officials, media and fans will be staying in commercial lodging.

Over 1,500 volunteers will be selected to work at the event. Many volunteers will come from our region, but others will come from out of state or from another country. With accommodations filling up, we thought there may be an opportunity for Rotarians to fill the gap. Rotarians have experience hosting other Rotarians and students, so what better way to show the world our great hospitality and for Rotarians to have a great experience meeting a volunteer.

There is much still to plan for this concept to become a reality, so at this point we are only looking to gauge interest by Rotarians who could assist by providing a room(s) for volunteers who may be travelling here for the event. Are you interested in learning more? If so, please send an email to Jessica@eugene Cascades Coast.org

Have you been looking for a way you can support Afghans coming to our community?

The Refugee and Immigrant Services Program at Catholic Community Services is seeking houses or apartments, including home shares, in Eugene/Springfield, for Afghan men being resettled in our community. They are able to pay rent and utilities and will have extensive support, including a case manager, trained advocates, and English language classes if they do not speak English. Some are employed and others are being provided assistance to find employment. All have been vetted by the US government, are vaccinated against covid, and are grateful to be here in Lane County. If you have or know of a rental or are able to share space in your home, please send an email to Roz Slovic at rslovic@uoregon.edu.

Give blood!

Contact bloodworks online and mention rotary 5110. They can also arrange for a truck to come out to your workplace. Blood supply is critically low in the area, so efforts to increase supply could mean saving a life!

10 Year Old on Americas Talent Video

Wow is the only way to describe the audience reaction to the performance by this 10-year-old young woman.

<https://vimeo.com/697936416>



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 -Full Link

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