

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### In-Person and Hybrid Meetings

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### Presidents' Message

#### Noah Stryker is coming!

Noah is one of the world's foremost birders. He is an adventurer and world traveler. Let's ask him which countries he has not traveled to. I'm curious.

My husband Lars is a big fan. Lars loves birdwatching and takes this "sport" very seriously. He reads books, memorizes minute details such as the markings that differentiate the downy from the hairy woodpecker (there are black bars on the outer tail feathers of the downy), learns the common calls of each bird. It is quite extraordinary. We used to walk through Hendricks park and listen for bird calls. Lars would say, "do you recognize that bird call?" To which I would always reply, "why, that's the winter wren". To which Lars would reply, "very good dear". Apparently aware that I am only capable of learning the bird call of one species, the lesson would stop there. One day, Lars asked, "do you recognize that call?" To which I replied, "the winter wren, of course." Aha! "Trick question", he proudly pronounced! "The species has been split. There no longer is a winter wren. It is now called the pacific wren." Mischievous grin.

There is a moral to this story. Or two. One is, don't get lazy! Keep up with the latest news, because change is inevitable. Another is, be suspicious. People don't ask you the same question over and over again with the expectation that they will receive the same answer.

### 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

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See you on Tuesday everyone!

Raquel



## April 19th Meeting Presentation: The Chinstrap Penguins of Elephant Island

### The Chinstrap Penguins of Elephant Island

Antarctica's windswept Elephant Island may be best known as the bleak refuge of British explorer Ernest Shackleton and his crew after they lost their ship *Endurance* in 1916. Today, the island is a stronghold for thousands of nesting Chinstrap Penguins. To find out how these penguins are faring, Noah Strycker traveled to the island in 2021 with a team of Stony Brook University researchers on the Greenpeace ship *Esperanza*. Their mission was to count the penguins breeding there—a feat that had been done only once before, 50 years earlier by a British Joint Services expedition. From *Endurance* to *Esperanza*, Strycker recounts the adventures of life on the Southern Ocean—and follows the changing fortunes of the Chinstrap Penguins of Elephant Island. This presentation will give you an uncommon view of the most common penguin in the Antarctic.

Noah Strycker, 36 (dob: 2-9-86), is Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine, the author of six well-regarded books about birds, a penguin scientist, and a regular contributor of photography and articles to all major bird magazines as well as other media. In 2021, he earned a master's degree with honors from New York's Stony Brook University, focusing his research on Chinstrap Penguins. In 2015, Strycker set a world Big Year record, and his 2017 book, *Birding Without Borders*, relates the experience. His other books are *Among Penguins* (Oregon State University Press, 2011), *The Thing with Feathers* (Riverhead Books, 2014), *Birds of the Photo Ark* (National Geographic, 2018), *National Geographic Guide to the Backyard Birds of North America* (National Geographic, 2019), and *Birding Basics* (National Geographic, 2022). Strycker has studied birds on six continents with field seasons in Panama, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Australia, Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, and the Farallon Islands. He also works as a naturalist guide on expedition cruises to Antarctica and Norway's Svalbard archipelago, literally spreading the inspiration of birds from pole to pole. Strycker is a competitive tennis player, has run five marathons, and hiked the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Mexico to Canada. He is based in Creswell, Oregon, where his backyard has hosted more than 100 species of birds. Visit his website at: [www.noahstrycker.com](http://www.noahstrycker.com)



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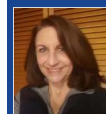
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### Birthdays

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 Impeccoven  
May 5th  
Diana Rae Bray  
May 6th  
Brent Allyn Johnson  
May 8th

### Years of Service

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



04-18-1995  
27 Years  
Susan Sygall  
05-11-2000  
22 Years  
Liz Cawood  
05-01-2001  
21 Years  
Dennis J. Biggerstaff  
05-10-2011  
11 Years  
John Clifford Gregor  
05-13-2013  
9 Years  
Philip Holt Barnhart  
05-17-2016  
6 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 - This Wednesday April 20th

Food for Lane County **This 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](mailto:jennifergeller65@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.



## ArtSpark Gala

**Starts This Saturday, April 23rd, 4pm to 7pm with ArtSpark Kick-off event and Silent Auction Preview at New Midtown Arts Center! Tour the Midtown Arts Center and celebrate what ArtSpark has done for the children in Eugene.**

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.

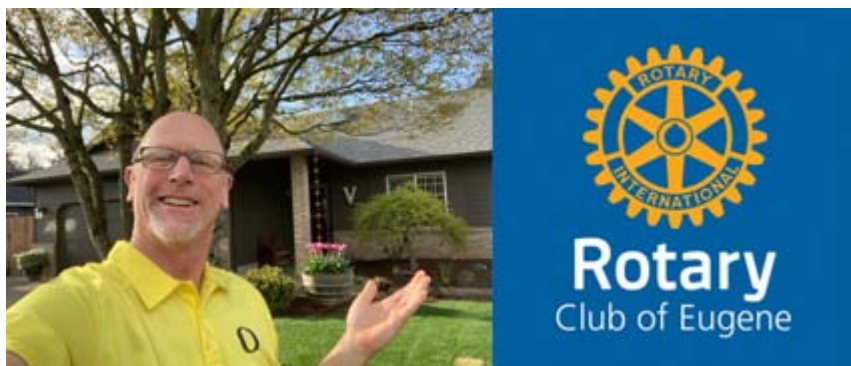
Whether you choose to participate in the silent auction, raffle, wine wall, or just contribute what you can, our collective efforts will ensure arts opportunities for every elementary classroom in Eugene School District 4J. Help ignite opportunities for kids to make art in school!

Learn more and register (for free) at: [onecau.se/\\_npe31](https://onecau.se/_npe31)



## New Member Gathering April 25th

Calling all red badge, newer blue badge and prospective Rotary members. You are invited to a gathering at the home of Andy Vobora on April 25th, at 5:00 PM. We will enjoy delicious food and beverages, and great conversations with stellar Rotarians. There will be a special review of all the committees in Eugene Rotary by Pete Gribskov. Please plan to attend by sending your RSVP to Andy Vobora, [andy@eugenecascadescoast.org](mailto:andy@eugenecascadescoast.org)



## 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>



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## World Championship Booth

100 Rotarians are asked to staff The Special Rotary booth at the Riverfront Festival in conjunction with the World Athletics Championships

Rotary will be one of only 15 partners of the festival and will have an opportunity to share the Rotary message to visitors from all over the world. The festival runs from

July 15 to July 24 and we anticipate needing 80-100 volunteers to answer questions about Rotary. All participants will be furnished a custom Rotary T-shirt to wear at the event.

## Festival Hours

July 15- 17 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
July 18-21 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
July 22-24 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm

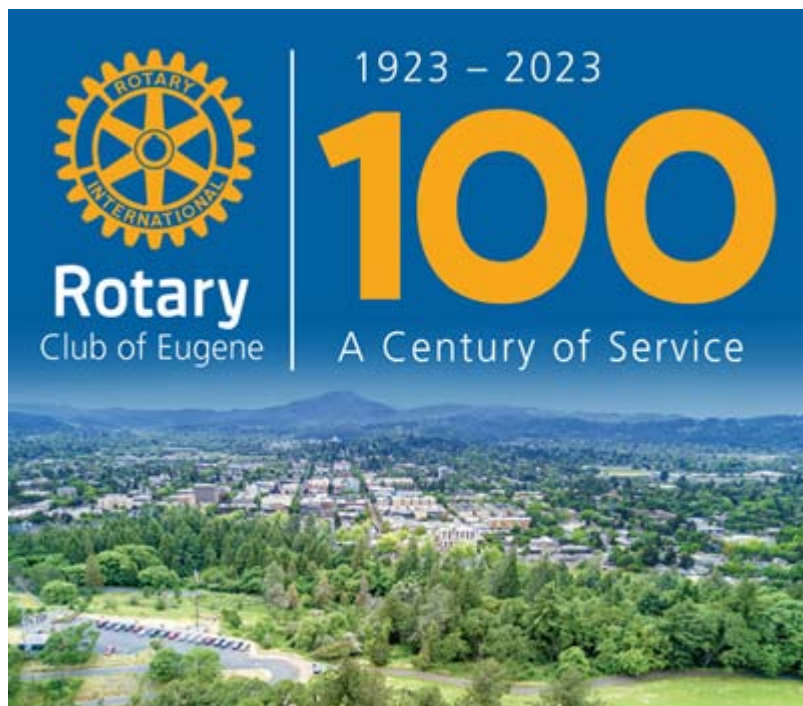
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## Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration

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

**100 year celebration meeting Tuesday April 19th at 9 am.**



## 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



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:craig.opperman@lookingglass.us), Attn: Craig Opperman, Children with Special Needs Committee.**

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## 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](mailto: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

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## 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](mailto: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





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## Rotary Foundation

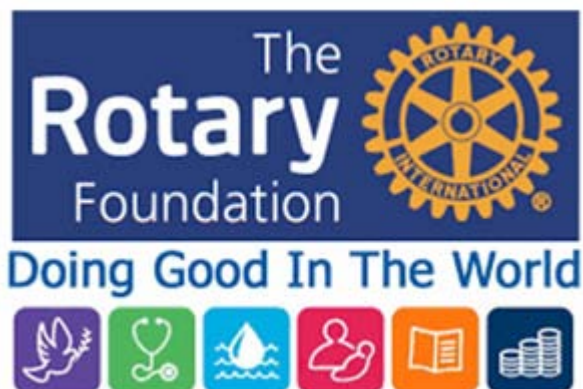
If you've read the April issue of "Rotary" magazine you may have read the column written by John Germ, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The main point of the column is that because of increasing needs across the world over the past decade, the amount of global grants has grown by more than 100% 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](https://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!



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## 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@eugenecascadescoast.org](mailto:Jessica@eugenecascadescoast.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](mailto: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!

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## **Popeye The Sailor Man**

His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel. He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois. As a young man, Rocky went to sea. After a 20 year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired. He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar. Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye"). He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth. In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas. The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea stories. Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater. He honoured Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed. Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester. She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics. He claimed she even dressed much the same way. Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations. WHO didn't love the cartoons??? We watched them religiously ... so funny, so moral ... each story had a good ending ... wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is??? Who knew he was a real man?? Awesome!!!



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## 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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## Rare Easter Egg

RARE Ukrainian precursor orb faberge Easter egg. Worth \$500,000.00





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