

Rotary



Club of Eugene

In-Person and Hybrid Meetings

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



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Presidents' Message

Wasn't the talk last week fantastic? It is a privilege to be able to invite such interesting speakers and spend an hour learning about something new and exciting. Personally, I do not want to brave the Drake passage to explore islands near Antarctica. Though I must admit those chinstrap penguins are pretty darn cute. It was thrill enough to live vicariously through Noah. My main thought for the week is that because of Rotary, and the power that comes with being part of a group, we achieve so much more than when we act alone. We can invite amazing speakers to educate us, organize fundraisers, complete community projects. We make good things happen and good things happen to us. Liz will be presiding this week at Rotary because I have to go to Portland. Hope you will enjoy being further educated by our speaker and will report to me about it when I'm back the following week.

See you all soon!

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

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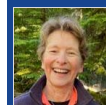
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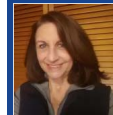
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April 26th Meeting Presentation: Electrify Now!!

The Advantages of Electrification

Burning fossil fuels for energy is the primary cause of climate change. Please join us for a presentation about the advantages of home electrification to reduce carbon emissions without compromise to home performance.

Brian Stewart is a cofounder of **Electrify Now**, a volunteer organization focused on accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy by empowering homeowners to embrace the advantages of electrification.



Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Years of Service

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

Brian Fox
05-03-2021
1 Year

Coming up in May.

May 3rd: Climate Action Portfolio: Balancing Solutions and Actions.

May 10th: Mental Health Treatment Court.

May 17th: Yogi Tea.

May 24th: Afghan Refugee Resettlement Program.

May 31st: Sen. Richard Neuberger, Eminent Oregonian.

ArtSpark Gala

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

Wednesday April 27th is the online auction and fundraiser! Purchase art, sponsor, donate! And have a real online blast with the program. Free Registration.

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
artsparkedgene.org

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New Member Gathering this Monday 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



Community Service Committee

"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 \$3,000 and our Club will match with \$2,000 for a **\$5,000 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

Children With Special Needs Committee

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.

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>

UO ROTARACT
 in partnership with UO Muxeres

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, April 29th from 7-9 pm
 HOSTED IN THE GERLINGER LOUNGE

30\$ ADULT TICKETS
 5\$ STUDENT TICKETS!

Benefitting


<https://ticket.uoregon.edu/22uo/uorotaract>

Food for Lane County - Wednesday May 18th

Food for Lane County **Wednesday, May 18th** 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.



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

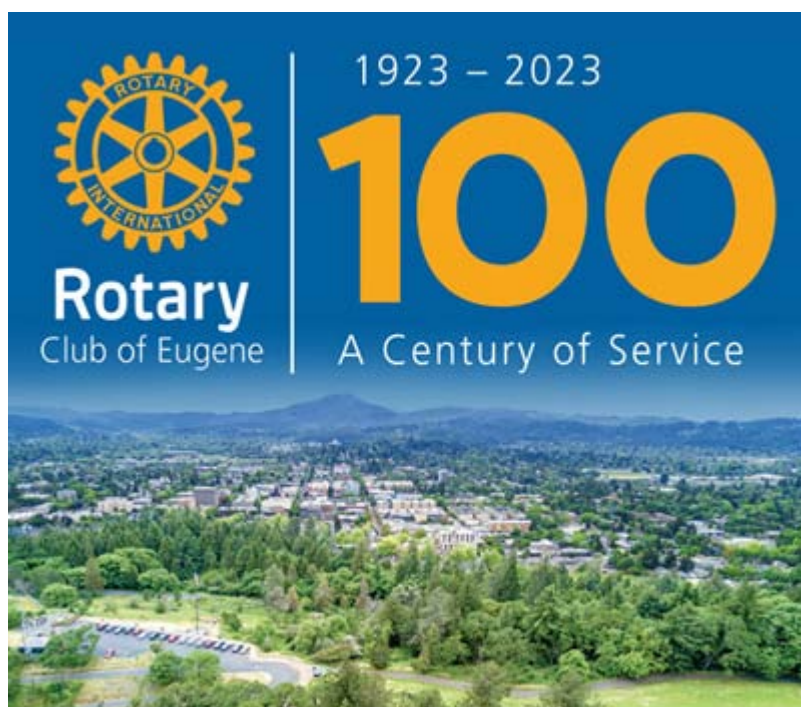
Sign up today for this special service
Pete Gribskov – Rotary Club of Eugene
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Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration

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.

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



Environmental Committee

Enjoy the Environmental Program this week; Electrify Now with Brian Stewart.

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



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



Rotary Foundation

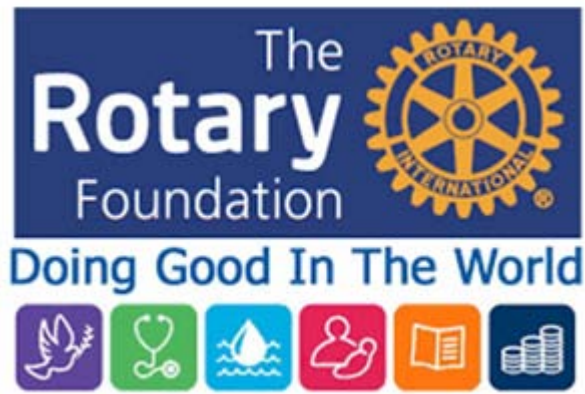
If you've read the April issue of "Rotary" magazine you may have read the column written by John Germ, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The main point of the column is that because of increasing needs across the world over the past decade, the amount of global grants has grown by more than 100%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

Rewiring America

Video from the **Electrify Now** website. How electrifying America is a solution to climate change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCioNPpLhbE&t=131s>



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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