

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

If there is one thing I have learned in life, it is that trying to control the actions of others is rarely successful. Preaching ideas to others without allowing for discourse can be effective, but not usually. Complaining is generally not good strategy unless you're Jewish (or Catholic) and you're trying to make your kids feel sorry for you. And certainly, in my experience, simply ignoring opposing viewpoints is dangerous for both the individual and the community. Which is why I feel strongly about preserving our freedoms of both civic engagement and community tolerance. It is our civic duty to engage, to exercise our right to free speech, to learn about all sides of an issue, and to question before passing judgment. Without these freedoms, this essential exercise of exchange of ideas, of employing our logic skills to unravel complexities and understand truths, our society will not function as a democracy. These are fundamental values that we must share to ensure democracy's endurance. I am reading a book right now about a young woman from Albania who slowly realizes that her country is not what she believed as a child. That "freedom" does not mean that you get to choose which path to take home. Rather, freedom is about tolerating opposing ideas, engaging in public discourse, and the liberty to imagine a world that may exist in one's mind AND has the potential to become a reality.

I look forward to continuing to engage you, my friends, in the exchange of ideas and free discourse as the years progress.

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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Club Leaders



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Club Director

Warmly,
Raquel



May 3rd Meeting: Climate Action Portfolio: Balancing Solutions and Actions with John Mathers

Climate Action Portfolio: Moving to Balance of Solutions and Actions with John Mathers

The climate crisis is obvious right now, especially in the Northwest where we've seen heat, drought, fires, warming oceans, and more. As Rotarians we search relentlessly to live up to "Service Above Self" in our efforts to address this crisis, especially for those less fortunate in our communities and around the world. And this climate emergency is projected by the UN IPCC to continue to get worse, impacting billions over the next decades.

- John Mathers

So what is the right balance for Rotary clubs with so many issues that cry for attention?

The Rotary Climate Action Teams (RCAT) Network in partnership with the Global Climate Pledge (GCP) has developed a Climate Action Portfolio that clubs can use as a model for organizing their climate-related activities in these stressful times. Each action supports movement toward the critical mass that can influence our leaders to push for cooperation in attaining the global goals set forth in the Paris Accord of 2015.

John Mathers special focus on the climate emergency has led to an active role in promoting education and action within the Rotary community of clubs. He has worked with a number of fellow Rotarians to build a network – the Rotary Climate Action Team (RCAT) Network of clubs focused on taking action and sharing results. John has spoken at a number of U.S. and international clubs on climate issues, the practical reality, and solutions all of us can implement. Most of all, John speaks to the timely need for all of us to step up to address this existential crisis.

John Mathers working in the field.



Robert L. Hart
Club Director-
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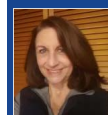
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Birthdays

Robert Scott Impeccoven
May 5th

Diana Rae Bray
May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

William A. McConochie
May 17th

Jay Silverman
May 18th

Arthur A. Mehas
May 20th

Sherry Schaefer
May 22nd

Victoria Whitman Harris
May 25th

Tiffany Marie Palaniuk
May 28th

Gregg A. Fuller
May 31st

Years of Service

Diana Rae Bray
10-03-1989
33 Years

Jane M. Scheidecker
09-25-1992
30 Years

Norman R. Pendell
10-03-1995
27 Years

Mark G. McGinley
09-23-2002



20 Years
Susan Soonkeum Cox
10-13-2009
13 Years
Kelly Sutherland
09-30-2014
8 Years
Carrie (Caroline) A Carpenter
10-19-2021
1 Year

Further in May.

May 10th: Mental Health Treatment Court.



**Lane County Treatment Courts:
Reformation and Rehabilitation in Action**
With Judges Valeri Love, Clara Rigmaiden and Kamala Shugar

May 17th: Yogi Tea.
May 24th: Afghan Refugee Resettlement Program.
May 31st: Sen. Richard Neuberger, Eminent Oregonian.

The Weeks' Club Good News

Pete and Ron received well earned District Awards at District 5110 Conference.



U of O Rotaract Successful Trivia Night.



ArtSpark Gala and Fundraiser Success



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

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

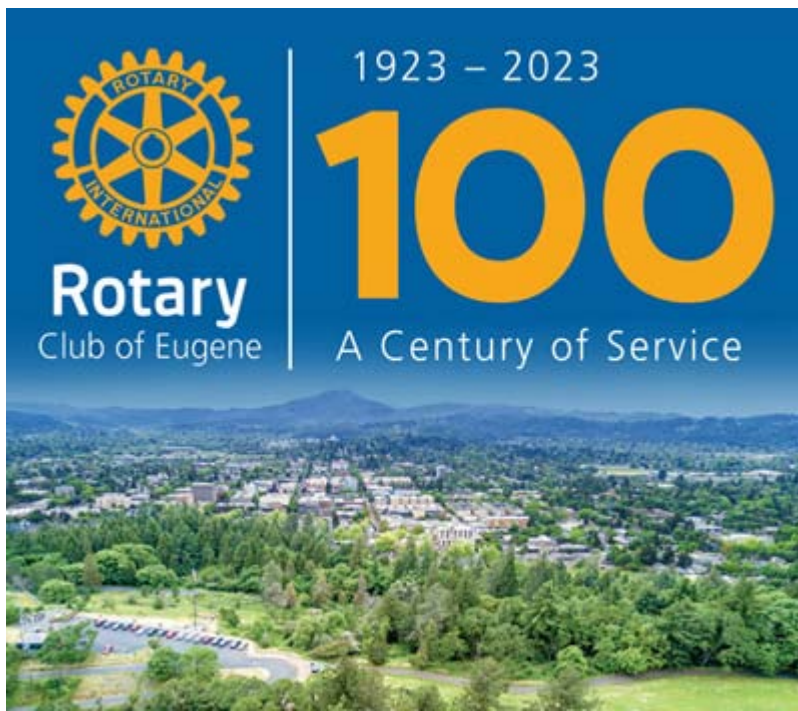
Pete Gribskov – Rotary Club of Eugene

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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. If you're interested please contact co-chairs Rick Olson or Tom Gilmour



Environmental Committee

Enjoy the Environmental Program this week; Climate Action Portfolio: Balancing Solutions and Actions with John Mathers.

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 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. 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 owe this to our children and grandchildren.

Rotary Club of Eugene Environmental Committee



Climate Action Video

Rotary Climate Action Team Network and Global Climate Pledge taking

ACTION!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF9FYt6JadU>



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

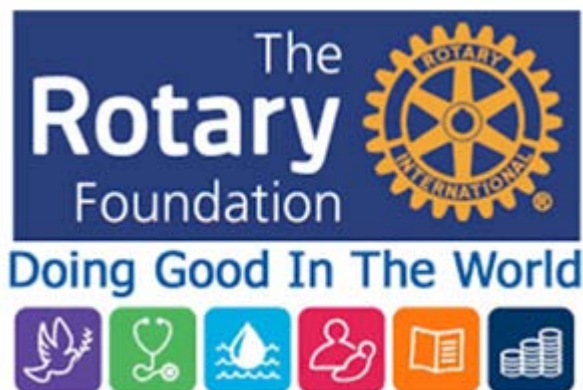
If you've read the April issue of "Rotary" magazine you may have read the column written by John Germ, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The main point of the column is that because of increasing needs across the world over the past decade, the amount of global grants has grown by more than 100%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



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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