

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Dear Rotarians,

This week we are convening again in person! Hope that it is for the long haul, but time will tell.

I thought this past week was pretty exciting (yes, this is what I find exciting). First, we were going to get an infrastructure bill and climate change/social policy bill. Then we were not. Then the billionaire tax, then not. Endless complaining on NPR that some democrats are not really who they say they are (I doubt they would agree with my characterization of their reporting lol). And now the big climate summit. The reports are, and I do not disagree, that our future hangs in the balance with the results of this summit. Let's hope that something positive comes of it then!

It reminds me of the words of one of my favorite university professors, Dr. Michael Rampino. You may have seen him on Nova if you ever watched that program. Dr. Rampino is a well-known geologist and, being a native and life-long New Yorker, a man who is very concise and straightforward. One of my favorites of his many quips is, "we are not guaranteed survival". Even as our brains are programmed to hope for the best, at some point we must realize that there are no guarantees. We must take matters into our own hands to try to shape our lives and our world around us as much as possible. And even then, no guarantees. How we will fight climate change is still something that we need to figure out, but it seems that we now know that we must fight in some way. Doing things locally, like the Buford Park cleanup is a good start. There are more steps to go of course, but we need to start someplace!

Speaking of favorite quips, I will take the opportunity to tell you about one of my father's closest cousins, Chic Hecht. Chic was a senator from Nevada in the 1980s. He was an avid supporter of President Reagan and close friend of Jesse Helms, whom many of you will remember was a well-known long serving conservative senator from North Carolina. In those days, environmental concerns were a little less important to some politicians, and Chic was not at the forefront of the environmental movement by any stretch. One day, at a press conference to discuss Nevada's use of land to deposit nuclear waste, Senator Hecht announced emphatically that he

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Meets at Graduate Eugene
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Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

Events

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was **opposed to a nuclear waste suppository**. Well, I must admit, there was not a person in the room who could disagree with that statement! Chic was an excellent businessman, and he was instrumental in providing insight to the family on just how hard it is to navigate in politics. One thing though, he provided an excellent source for family discourse. If you read this article, remind me to tell you how Chic's career unfolded after his stint as Senator.

Have a good week everyone!

Raquel

November 2nd Meeting - Oregon Community Foundation

Public-private partnerships the key to solving Oregon's Housing Crisis

Speaker: Megan Loeb, Program Officer, Housing & Economic Vitality, Oregon Community Foundation



With over 25 years of experience in community engagement initiatives, Megan's passion is building meaningful, collaborative partnerships that strengthen the broader community. As a program officer at Oregon Community Foundation, Megan focuses on strategic projects to improve economic vitality and housing stability across the diverse landscape of Oregon. Prior to her role at OCF, Megan led corporate social responsibility initiatives for technology companies for two decades. Key accomplishments include developing and launching a multi-million dollar STEM initiative for educators and creating frameworks for mission-aligned corporate giving strategies. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Santa Clara University and a Certificate in Corporate Citizenship from Boston College's Carroll School of Management. Megan serves as a Lead Partner with Social Venture Partners of Portland, a board member for the iSector Oregon Community Partnership, and is an active volunteer in her community.

Additional November Programs

November 9th Meeting: The Rotary Foundation



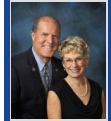
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Birthdays

- Darryl Lynn Larson
November 1st
- Mark G. McGinley
November 3rd
- Richard Scott Forrest
November 8th
- Marshall L Wilde
November 16th
- Andy Vobora
November 18th
- Piotrek BuciarSKI
November 22nd
- Philip Holt Barnhart
November 26th

Years of Service

- Robert C. Laney
11-29-1983
38 Years
- Richard K Olson
11-10-1986
35 Years
- Michael Grudzien
10-31-1996
25 Years
- Leonard H. White
11-05-1996
25 Years
- Raquel E. Hecht
11-27-2000
21 Years
- Ginevra Ralph
11-30-2004

November 16th Meeting: Oregon House Bill 2001 with Alex Biddle.

November 23rd Meeting: Eugene Emeralds Baseball with Allen Benevides.

November 30th Meeting: Sustainable Development with Mo!

Hybrid Meetings



And for those wishing to attend via ZOOM

One Click Link

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Rotary Covid Service

Pediatric clinics are here!



November 8th Lane County will begin Covid clinics and we need volunteers. These clinics will be

17 Years

Robert McOmie

11-12-2007

14 Years

Geoffrey B. Koerner

11-18-2008

13 Years

Erik Jorgensen

11-10-2009

12 Years

Peter M Knight-Sheen

11-01-2016

5 Years

Constance Fehlman

11-29-2016

5 Years

Jim Howard

11-21-2017

4 Years

Marshall L Wilde

11-21-2017

4 Years

Maxine Proskurowski

11-05-2019

2 Years

daily late afternoon week days and both weekend days, and will be indoors. Our expectation is the first few weeks the demand will be high, and since these pediatric clinics will be separated from adult clinics the need for volunteers will increase.

If you're a vetted volunteer who isn't receiving the weekly emails please let us know so we can contact Lane County to add your email back in. Remember you need to provide them with a copy of your vaccination card before you can work a shift.

We are also working to schedule another "Rotary Day at the Clinic" and hope everyone can participate. Thanks so much to all our volunteers for the gift of your time!

Liz Ness, President-elect beans1259@aol.com

Pete Gribskov, Assistant Governor petelauriegribskov@comcast.net

Rotary in the News(paper)

Posted in the Eugene Register Guard letters to the editor.



Immunizations Key to Halting Polio and COVID-19

Although Africa was certified wild polio free just over a year ago, I am reminded that we still have work to do as we celebrated [World Polio Day on October 24th](#). There are two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, where wild poliovirus still circulates.

As we continue to navigate a world in various stages of battling the coronavirus pandemic, as a Rotary member I am particularly aware of the important role vaccines play in halting the spread of disease. This is why we must continue to support polio immunization efforts around the world, just as we continue to support those to mitigate COVID-19.

From sharing fact-based vaccination information, to encouraging vaccine acceptance -- as members of the Rotary Club of Eugene have done as volunteers since February at mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics with Lane County Public Health -- to advocating for polio eradication funding with elected officials, there is so much important work to be done. We must all do our part to continue the march toward global eradication. As long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere, so visit endpolio.org to learn more about how **you** can get involved.

Liz Ness, President-elect
Rotary Club of Eugene

Flip the switch

Our state and region continue dealing with below-average rainfall and snow-pack that melts more quickly as summer temperatures rise. A wetter than average September was followed by cooler temperatures, allowing home owners to stop irrigating their yards. Unfortunately, many residents continue watering daily.

Walking my dog each morning, I'm astounded by how many neighbors are wasting water. EWEB provides excellent tools to understand how much to water and will email you this information each week. Even without these reminders it's easy to understand that our yards have not required water for the past month. Residential water use in Eugene peaks in August at around 700 million gallons

and drops to roughly 200 million in November. The drought hasn't ended, so encourage your neighbors to take a few seconds and flip the switch on their irrigation system.

Andy Vobora, Eugene (Rotary Club)

Member Bio!

Susan Heisey!!

New Rotary Club Member Susan Heisey will give her bio in person at the Grad!



Community Service

FOOD FOR LANE COUNTY

Due to COVID the service for FFLC is limited to just a lucky few. And those few did a great job and had a good time in a low key cozy atmosphere. Members should take advantage of these unique opportunities.

Next one is Wed, Nov. 17. And still limited to just 6 lucky volunteers.

Members can email Jennifer or signup on link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_o5IKluHBXGCeomEEaywonUDooqIL94Luyh1KyggVI/edit?usp=shari



Club Board Nominations

Nominating Committees:

Rob Laney, Chair with Karen Scheeland and Ed Barclay
Dan Montgomery, Chair with Jay Silverman and Scott Palmer
Tom Gilmour, Chair with Jennifer Geller and Bart Poston

Club Board is a 2 year commitment. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Rotary Club in this way.

Committees will announce nominations on November 16
Elections on December 7




Eugene Rotary through the years



And speaking about Vaccinations!! Every year members would line up for Flu Shots from the Good Doctor who reminded and insisted to get the shot.

Admiral Toms video

The Ship Horn.

"Be careful what you ask for. 



<https://air.tv/?v=4LwW5H0HSqekkUeEeLQaWQ>

The Origins of Halloween Documentary Movie

Great Documentry Movie About Halloween.

Less than an hour and definitely worth watching.

<https://youtu.be/-kxdGLpxIsU>



An unexpected history of what has become an actual Holiday.

Halloween originated as a pagan festival in parts of Northern Europe, particularly around what is now the United Kingdom. Many European cultural traditions hold that Halloween is a time when magic is most potent and spirits can make contact with the physical world. In Christian times, it became a celebration of the evening before All Saints Day. Immigrants from Scotland and Ireland brought the holiday to the United States. The commercialization of Halloween started in the 1900s, when postcards and die-cut paper decorations were produced. Halloween costumes started to appear in stores in the 1930s and the custom of 'trick-or-treat' appeared in the 1950s. The types of products available in Halloween style increased with time. Now Halloween is a very profitable holiday for the manufacturers of costumes, yard decorations and candy.

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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