

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Welcome to the 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. [More info.....](#)

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. [More info.....](#)

December 10 Program - Access the Law



Marc Friedman is the Executive Director of Access the Law, a nonprofit that provides legal services to the underserved. Established in 2011, Access the Law provides quality legal services for working and low income families and individuals. Since 2013 Access the Law, in coordination with Veterans Affairs, runs a monthly legal clinic serving veterans, providing services to many veterans who would otherwise be without legal counsel. Additionally, Access the Law assists the Lane County Circuit Court & Veterans Court by providing services to veterans who have ongoing Court involvement.

December 17 Program - Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party is Tuesday, December 17th

We have lots of stuff scheduled for this year! Bring kids or grandkids!

- *fabulous sit down meal
- *dessert auction
- *face painting for the kids
- *fabulous live music
- *Junction City School of Dance has two numbers to share with us
- *Santa and gifts.

Please come! This year is expected to beat out all recent holiday parties!
Spouses, significant others, friends, kids and grandkids welcome!



December means it's... CLUB ELECTION TIME!!!

Thank you to the nominating committees who have selected the following panel of candidates:

President Elect (2020-21)

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Hotel Eugene
(formerly Hilton) (541) 342-2000
6th and Pearl 66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

Events

- December 10th
Eugene Weekly Meeting
- December 17th
Eugene Weekly Meeting - Annual Holiday Party
- December 18th
Food for Lane County
- December 24th
Eugene Weekly Meeting - No Meeting

Club Leaders



[Jennifer Geller](#)
President



[Raquel E. Hecht](#)
President - Elect



[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)
Secretary



[Erik Peter Gribkov](#)
Club Admin Co-Chair
Club Executive Secretary
Treasurer



[Doug James](#)
Membership Chair



[David A. Frosaker](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair

[Ravitej Singh Khalsa](#)
Public



• Tom Gilmour
Jane Eyrie McDonald



President Elect Elect (2021-22)

- Raquel Hecht



Secretary (2020-2022)

- Ron Geitter



Directors (2020-22)

- Phil Barnhart
- Bob Hart
- Scott Impeccoven
- Peter Knight-Sheen
- Lynne Mender



Our election schedule is as follows:

December 3rd: Absentee ballots can be requested by Rotarians who anticipate missing the Dec. 10th meeting.

December 10th: Club elections

Bell Ringing Opportunity

We are *only ringing one day*: **Saturday, Dec. 21** at *two locations*: **Safeway on Coburg Rd.** and **Safeway on 18th.**

Timeslots (2 Rotarians per slot): 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm
Please call (not voicemail or email) to sign up for available time slot and location for this year's Bell Ringing.

Mike Grudzien: 541.579.0800 5:30 am -- 8:30 pm



Image/Relations
Chair



Gerald Harris
Youth Services
Chair
Club Director



John Sather
Club RYLA
Interact Rotary
Adviser
Youth Services
Chair



Jay Silverman
Club Admin Co-
Chair



Erik Jorgensen
Club Director



Elizabeth A. Ness
Club Director



Richard K. Olson
District Governor
2019 - 2020



Sherry Schaefer
Club Director-Club
Service



Ken Vendley
Club Director



Andy Vobora
Club Director-
Membership



Albert Poston
iPast President



Gregory L. Stewart
Eugene Rotary
Charitable Trust



Erik Peter Gribkov
Assistant
Governor

Birthdays

Jeannine Erving
December 10th
Lynne Mender

Club Vision Meeting



Monday, Jan 6., 4-7:30

Mark Your Calendars for Club Visioning! Our club will be holding a session to guide our club in the future. We need as many of our club members as possible to participate in this session. We have set a date and time, and we hope to have a location confirmed very soon. Please save the date. A light dinner will be included to fuel the conversation.

Mark Your Calendar! Rotary Leadership Institute

Due to popular demand, TWO more Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) weekend events are scheduled for this Rotary Year.

What: RLI SOUTHERN OREGON
When: **January 25 and 26, 2020**
Where: **Medford**

What: RLI CENTRAL OREGON
When: **March 21 and 22, 2020**
Where: **Bend**

Here's what one of the most recent RLI graduates had to say about the Springfield RLI held a few weeks ago:

"I enjoyed RLI. My only wish is that I attended the training early on. I've been a Rotarian for 9 years and felt that if I had this training within the first year of being a Rotarian I would have stepped up to the plate more. I would have had a better understanding of the makings of Rotary and would have felt more empowered to make changes, ask questions or contribute more. Thank you for the opportunity. I wrote a bunch of notes from the training and can't wait to incorporate some new ideas."
~~ Heather Tucker, Cottage Grove RC

Please consider attending this exciting event!



December 11th

Mark E. Metzger

December 17th

Stephen P. Savelich

December 18th

Otto J Glausi

December 18th

Elizabeth A. Ness

December 22nd

Ravitej Singh Khalsa

December 28th

Jennifer Schumann

December 29th

Norval J. Ritchey

December 30th

James Ralph

January 3rd

Richard Ralston

January 4th

Liz Cawood

January 6th

Erik Jorgensen

January 6th

Years of Service

John Wolf

07-20-1987

33 Years

Gregg A. Fuller

07-29-1997

23 Years

Harry B. Storr

07-03-2001

19 Years

John Raleigh Fox

07-20-2010

10 Years

Michelle A Blackwell

07-01-2014

6 Years

Garrett Ledgerwood

07-28-2015

5 Years

Your Club kicks off the 2019-2020 Oregon Rotary Model United Nation program!



As many of you may know, Rotarian leaders were active promoters and advisors during the establishment of the United Nations (UN) and Rotary continues to be a major partner with the UN (<https://www.rotary.org/en/history-rotary-and-united-nations>).

As a consequence of this early and long association between Rotary and the UN, members of our Club believed that a Rotary-sponsored MUN would be a natural fit for us. After two-plus years of work, we held the first Oregon Rotary Model United Nations (ORRMUN) this

past spring at the Valley River Inn and Conference Center in Eugene. I may have some bias but we have reported to the Club that it was an amazing and fulfilling event. You can watch the videos we prepared about the ORRMUN at <https://eugenerotary.org/modelun/>. Those of us who had the privilege of working directly on the ORRMUN and with the student delegations will be forever grateful for the opportunity to do so.

We are currently recruiting and fund-raising for ORRMUN 2020, which will be held on April 18 and 19, 2020 at the Graduate Eugene Hotel and Conference Center in Eugene. We are respectfully asking you to consider the information provided in this email and then choose to take advantage of this exciting opportunity for students and Rotarians alike by supporting the ORRMUN. There are many options for your support listed below ♦ why not try ALL of them?!!

1) **Encourage** high school students (grades 9-12) to apply to participate. Application forms will go live in November and be due in December. Each MUN ♦country delegation♦ consists of two students and one adult advisor. We in Eugene have chosen to specifically recruit AVID students (advancement via individual determination) but any student who applies will be considered. We are aiming for 15 to 20 country ♦delegations♦ of two students each) but may exceed that number if we have sufficient funding.

2) **Become** a MUN advisor for a delegation. We need 15-20 advisors (one per delegation). Last year all

advisors but one were Rotarians from our Club or the UO Rotaract Club, so being a Rotarian is not a requirement if you have a spouse, partner or friend who is interested. Advisors need to commit by December 15 as training will begin in January, and all advisors will undergo background checks (required by Rotary for protection of the youth we serve.) Advisors work with their students for 1-2 hours per week from mid-January through mid-April (or as needed) and then participate in the MUN conference as part of their country's delegation on April 18 and 19, 2020.

3) **Sponsor** a delegation. The cost of a delegation sponsorship (all hotel rooms, meals, materials for team of three) is \$1,200. Our Club has pledged \$6,500 to the event and additionally, we are using our 2019-2020 District Grant of \$4,000, including matching funds out of the \$6,500, for the event. Also, four of our awesome Club members have each personally contributed the entire sponsorship for a delegation, adding \$4,800.

4) **Observe** the MUN as a guest. Come to observe all or part of the speeches, debates and negotiations that are part of the MUN sessions. You will be inspired by our MUN student delegates.

We are very close to having our Oregon Rotary Model United Nations FAQs finalized and an application form ready online. Meanwhile, for inspiration and information, please go to <https://eugenerotary.org/>

modelun/ to view MUN 2019 pictures, two videos, two slide presentations and **get inspired!** Please contact Jerry Harris if you have any questions. Please share this information with your friends and colleagues! We are working to grow the ORRMUN to include the entire Pacific Northwest region.

Best regards,

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DG Rick's Holiday message: Be thankful this season for our Rotary opportunities

By Richard K Olson on Monday, November 25, 2019



[Click to read DG Rick's heartwarming message for the Holidays](#)

Ways to submit eNews

By Michael Corwin on Monday, October 14, 2019



You can submit information for the District 5110 Website and 5110 in Action eNews through a number of ways:

[Learn More](#)