

# 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.....](#)

## July 16 Program - Virtual Reality Training Solutions



The state of Oregon is struggling to close the achievement gap and make a difference in the graduation rates among all students, especially those from diverse backgrounds. This is a common issue across the entire country. Students of color are three times more likely to be disciplined in school than their white peers and when they are disciplined there is a direct correlation to in school and out of school suspensions which leads to drop out. 75% of the population of state prisons are high school dropouts. We are using immersive virtual reality and experiential learning to help teachers recognize and mitigate the effects of implicit bias on discipline in the K-12 classroom. Learn how this powerful new approach can change lives and improve student outcomes.

## July 23 Program - Oregon Festival of American Music

The Shedd Institute's executive director Jim Ralph and Oregon Festival of American Music guest music director Chuck Redd present an overview of the 28<sup>th</sup> annual season, a paean to the Swing Era entitled MIGHT AS WELL BE SPRING, which runs Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The presentation will include (as always) a choice selection of musical numbers provided by Chuck and colleagues including sidemen Matt Witeck, Ted Rosenthal and vocalists Siri Vik, Shirley Andress and Michael Stone.



## July 30 Program - Shake Alert



The Oregon Hazards Lab uses science, technology, and community engagement to understand, monitor, and mitigate multi-hazards within the Pacific Northwest. With support from public-private partnerships, we are building out a multi-hazards network that supports earthquake early warning (ShakeAlert) and that provides access to state-of-the-art Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras and associated tools that can mitigate wildfires (ALERTWildfire). This presentation will provide an introduction to these programs and a progress report.

## Volunteers Needed - Special Olympics Golf Event

Mark your calendars for July 21st to volunteer at the Special Olympics Golf

## 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

July 16th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Virtual Reality Training](#)

July 17th  
[Food for Lane County](#)

July 20th  
[Special Olympics Golf Tournament](#)

July 23rd  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - OFAM!](#)

July 27th  
[Rotary Social Event - Liz Ness Home](#)

July 30th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Shake Alert](#)

August 6th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Rep. Peter DeFazio Reports](#)

August 13th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Science Knight Out](#)

## Club Leaders



Jennifer Geller  
President



Raquel E. Hecht  
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gletter  
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov  
Club Admin Co-Chair  
Club Executive Secretary

competition. Join fellow Rotarians as we help our local community at this fantastic event. Contact [Patrick Crawley](#) if you have any questions or would like to help out!



## Why are YOU a Rotarian?



Why did you become a Rotarian? What keeps you coming back? How does Rotary support your passions? What is your "two minute elevator speech" when people ask you what Rotary is all about? Send your stories to [Jennifer Schumann](#) for possible inclusion in the newsletter, facebook, and at meetings.

Short and sweet, a paragraph or less 😊

"Having been raised with a strong sense of service, it has always been a passion of mine to make the world a better place. Through Rotary, I am able to increase my impact on the world with others who share this goal. I have

made amazing friends and can continue the legacy of Rotary by including my own children in service and fellowship."

Jennifer Schumann

## SEEKING CO-CHAIR: 4-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

By Gerry Kosanovic



If you enjoy working with youth and have a passion for advancing Rotary's ethical standard to high school students, this is an opportunity that you will truly embrace. We seek an individual who will serve as co-chair for the 2019-2020 4-Way Test Speech contest. This annual event involves clubs throughout the district, culminating with student representatives from high schools in Oregon and California competing for cash prizes at the District Conference. It is a volunteer service that is both inspiring and gratifying. And fun. If you like to bring smiles to the faces of others, we need you!

If this sounds like something that you would like to do, contact District Chair, Gerry Kosanovic: [drgerryk@gmail.com](mailto:drgerryk@gmail.com)

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Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

Jim Howard  
July 19th  
Ed H. Barclay  
July 20th  
Michael F. Fox  
July 21st  
Gustavo Balderas  
July 21st  
Don R. Doerr  
July 22nd  
R. Scott Palmer  
July 24th  
Maurizio Paparo  
July 30th  
Doug James  
July 30th  
Harry B. Storr  
August 1st  
Donald J. Churnside  
August 2nd  
Richard F. Olson  
August 4th  
Sidney I. Voorhees  
August 5th  
Ward Beck Jr.  
August 5th  
Erik Peter Gribskov  
August 8th  
Ray A. Wiley  
August 13th

## Years of Service

John Wolf  
07-20-1987  
32 Years  
Maurizio Paparo  
07-29-1997  
22 Years  
Gregg A. Fuller  
07-29-1997  
22 Years  
Harry B. Storr  
07-03-2001  
18 Years  
John Raleigh Fox  
07-20-2010  
9 Years  
Michelle A Blackwell  
07-01-2014  
5 Years  
Garrett Ledgerwood  
07-28-2015  
4 Years