

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.....](#)

November 5 Program - BDS Israel



BDS: The Boycott, Divestment, & Sanction Campaign against Israel. A deeper look into the founders, movement and alternatives to addressing building connections between Israelis & Palestinians for a pathway to peace. Andy Gitelson is the Executive Director of the Oregon Hillel Foundation. He is from Indiana originally but has called Eugene home since 2012 and holds a B.S. from Ball State University in Natural Resources Environmental Management and Interpretation,

November 12 Program - BRING Recycling

Carolyn Stein is the executive director of BRING Recycling, an entrepreneurial non-profit organization that doesn't "do" recycling at all. BRING was founded in 1971 by a group of volunteers and has evolved from a neighborhood recycler to a waste prevention education and reuse organization. BRING's programs and services reach over 60,000 Lane County residents each year and the BRING store, collects and sells over 2 million pounds of used building materials annually. BRING's current priorities include building on Oregon's history as a leader in product stewardship policies that cover household paint, electronics, and the wildly successful Oregon Bottle Bill. BRING has consistently ranked in the top ten of The 100 Best Non-Profits to work for in Oregon and one of the 100 Best Green Businesses by Oregon Business Magazine.



November 26 Program - Oregon Community Foundation

◆Philanthropy & Access to Housing◆

Using examples of Oregon Community Foundation grants, the program will illustrate how giving and grantmaking can support innovative, effective approaches to affordable housing. Whether new affordable housing is created or existing housing is maintained, there is outstanding work going on in our community. OCF will provide Rotarians with a framework for thinking about their own giving and how they can make a difference with this complex, deep-seated issue. A statewide report on Homelessness and Affordable Housing commissioned and published by OCF will be shared. This program will be presented by John

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

November 5th
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Isreal BDS](#)

November 12th
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Bring Recycling](#)

November 19th
[Rotary Club Day](#)

November 20th
[Food for Lane County](#)

November 26th
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Oregon Community Foundation](#)

December 3rd
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Lane Community College](#)

Club Leaders



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Eugene Rotary
Charitable Trust



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Assistant
Governor

New and Prospective Member Social - November 21st

Monday, September 30, 2019



New & Prospective Member Social ♦ November 21

We will gather at the Steelhead at 5:30 p.m. for this opportunity to welcome newer members to the club and to provide an informal way to introduce prospective members. Everyone is welcome, but you are strongly encouraged to invite a non-Rotarian to attend.

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?!!

Birthdays

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,

Jerry Harris
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Food for Lane County a Huge Success!



Our club's monthly Food For Lane County volunteer night was a HUGE success on Wednesday night, due primarily to the overwhelming attendance of the University of Oregon Rotaract Club that we sponsor. A dozen Rotaractors attended making the work go quickly and adding to the camaraderie of Rotary at work. A Huge thank you to the U of O Rotaract Club members and their President Alexi Overland, for making this such a fun evening. Yes both of our Club's Presidents were in attendance (note Jennifer in her green rotary shirt in the middle), demonstrating that leadership makes a difference!!

World Polio Day

Thank you to everyone for your support! We raised \$458 for Rotary♦s polio eradication efforts on October 22nd. Thank you also to those of you who posted your photos on World Polio Day. Rotary♦s global update is posted on [youtube](#)



We Need YOU!

Richard Scott Forrest
November 8th
Heather Chavin
November 10th
Byron Trapp
November 10th
Marshall L Wilde
November 16th
Andy Vobora
November 18th
Piotrek BuciarSKI
November 22nd
Philip Holt Barnhart
November 26th
Annette Casper
December 2nd
John Raleigh Fox
December 4th

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



A special message from your President: one thing that I have learned during my short time as president is that our club does more than I really realized you are a generous bunch! All this activity does require many different areas to have a person or two who takes leadership. We do have a few areas where we are in high need of a person or two to lead or share leadership. We are in search of someone to coordinate Youth Exchange, to join the Artspark committee, and to serve as newsletter editor. We will also need people to step up to advise Rotaract and Interact when currently leaders transition out of these roles. Shoot me an email if you are interested in one of these roles or have questions, jennifergeller65@gmail.com

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!

ASK THE GOV: How to best save a life through Rotary

By Richard K Olson on Monday, October 21, 2019

I heard your talk on saving a life. How does that really work.? I wish to help save a life.



[Learn How](#)

Aimee Walsh up for future District Governorship

By Richard K Olson on Monday, October 21, 2019



On behalf of the District, the District 5110 Nominating Committee is pleased to formally announce and put forth the name of **Aimee Walsh**, a member of the Rotary Club of Eugene Metropolitan, to serve as District Governor in the year 2022-2023.

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