

# 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.....](#)

## September 3 Program - Equal Pay Act



Join us this Tuesday for a presentation by Oregon Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries Val Hoyle on the Equal Pay Act. PLEASE LEAVE EXTRA TIME TO PARK AS OREGON CLUB IS MEETING AT THE SAME TIME!

## September 10 Program - Eugene Mission

Homelessness in Lane County feels overwhelming. There are tents on our streets and an unprecedented number of persons seeking help. Dozens of local programs address drug abuse, mental health, affordable housing, vocational assistance and the other underlying causes of homelessness, and yet the problem continues to grow. The burden on our businesses, emergency services, medical providers, law enforcement, and the greater community cannot be understated. Sheryl will share the reasons why she left her law firm to serve on the front lines. She will explain some of the complex socio-economic, political and behavioral health issues pertaining to homelessness, and how the Eugene Mission is making a difference with innovative, relational, and effective services.



Join us for a robust conversation and to learn more

## Great Rotary Duck Race Update (Repost)

A refresher on the status of the Great Rotary Duck Race (Previously Posted in June editions of the (B)Log)

Earlier this year the Board of Directors of the United Rotary Clubs of Lane County announced that the 2019 Great Rotary Duck Race is suspended due to lack of leadership to run the race. Since that time the URC Board has voted to distribute reserve funds, which total approximately \$100,000, equally to all of the remaining recipient agencies whose mission remains child abuse prevention and treatment. The URC Board has also passed a resolution to dissolve the 501(c)3 entity effective 6/30/2019 unless a quorum of the area Rotary clubs comprising the United Rotary Clubs of Lane County name replacement URC Board members by that date.

An area club visioning process has been discussed to determine a project or cause for a collaborative Rotary effort, which could include the return of the Great Rotary Duck Race. If you are interested in exploring and championing an area collaborative effort and feel it is important to preserve the United Rotary Clubs of Lane

## 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

September 3rd  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle - Equal Pay](#)

September 10th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Homelessness](#)

September 17th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Global Inequity and Vulnerability](#)

September 18th  
[Food for Lane County](#)

September 24th  
[Eugene Weekly Meeting - Eugene Symphony](#)

## Club Leaders



[Jennifer Geller](#)  
President



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



[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)  
Secretary



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



[Doug James](#)  
Membership Chair



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

County 501(c)3 entity to do so, please contact Jennifer Geller or John Sather by June 26. If you are interested in helping, but don't want the responsibility that comes with being a Board member, please also let us know. Thanks for your interest.

## Welcome By District Governor Rick Olson

By Richard K Olson on Monday, August 19, 2019



As we start the new Rotary year, we would like to thank all those Rotarians that demonstrated service above self during the last year under PDG Bill Grile. Your leadership and devotion to help grow Rotary has created a strong foundation for this year's leadership team to build upon.

This year we will focus on finding our heart in Rotary as a way to help engage a stronger passion in our programs, fellowship and enrichment of our lives through service.

Formal DG visits are already underway and there has been overwhelming support for helping to move the needle of Rotary by creating club level discussion for where members want to see their club be five years down the road. For Rotary to change, it must start with members and clubs.

As a District, we will be focusing on three main areas to help support and strengthen your club. They are membership, telling our story and the power of our foundation. Our leadership team is working on new and creative ways to provide greater resources based upon the feedback we have received during our interactions.

Rotary does not have a problem with recruiting, we have a problem engaging. Often our goals do not meet our expectations. Today we are challenged by a greater global perspective and need. Our younger generations are connected, ambitious and concerned for world peace, the environment and cultural diversity. As Rotary we strive to evolve in order to be attractive to multiple generations while responding to the needs of the clubs, made up of you the members.

It will be an exciting year and we look forward to serving your needs. I will leave you with the words of our Founder, Paul Harris. **Whatever Rotary may mean to us to the world it will only be known by the results it achieves.**

Let's all work to truly find our hearts in Rotary and to help connect Rotary to the World for a better tomorrow. The children of the world need our help. The world needs Rotary and you are Rotary.

Yours In Rotary Service,  
Rick and Barbara Olson  
District Governor 2019-20

## Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians - Program Kick Off

By Richard K Olson on Monday, August 19, 2019

Rotary was originated with the idea of connecting in fellowship and sharing our professions. Our District is pleased to announce that the Rotary E-Club of Jefferson is working in collaboration with our District and your clubs to combine the power of the internet and the power of Rotary. Our **Rotarians Doing Business With Rotarians** is ready to promote your business in a new special program, just for Rotarians.



As a club, by promoting the program, through a link on your website, you can earn 30% of the revenues back to your club, for Rotarians that signup via your unique link. To learn more please visit [www.511B2B.org](http://www.511B2B.org)

## Rotary District Governor Goals For 2019-2020

By Richard K Olson on Monday, August 19, 2019



Let's Find Our HEART in Rotary  
Together, we can fulfill the Power of the Promise to our communities and around the world.

- Recruit a Rotarian - Grow each club by a net gain of one new Rotarian.
- Engage a Rotarian - Increase member engagement by 10%.
- Promote Rotary - Feature Rotary's People of Action campaign in each club.
- Empower a Rotarian - Empower a club member to serve beyond the club level.
- Give a Voice to Rotaract- Invite a Rotaractor to join every committee.



Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
Public 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



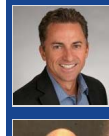
Richard K. Olson  
District Governor 2019-2020



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 Gribskov  
Assistant Governor

**Birthdays**

- Save a Life - Give \$250 and Save a Life through The Rotary Foundation

## 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

## PEACE CONFERENCE IN OUR DISTRICT ASHLAND SEPTEMBER 21ST GLOBAL PEACE CONFERENCE

By Richard K Olson on Sunday, August 18, 2019

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ASHLAND SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

GLOBAL PEACE CONFERENCE

Rotary works in many different ways towards a more peaceful world. These include all of our various exchange programs, our Peace Fellow program and, most definitely, past district governor Bill's district conference.



We also provide World Peace Conferences each year. The next one will be January 17-18 in Ontario California. But why wait and go that far join us in southern Oregon. The conference is sponsored by the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission and the Rotary E-Club of World Peace.

Speakers include:

- Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former UnderSecretary General of the United Nations and Founder of the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace,
- Kia Scherr, CoFounder, One Life Alliance. After her husband and 13-year-old daughter were killed in the Mumbai terrorist attack of 2008. Kia co-founded One Life Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to creating peace education programs for schools, business and government, and
- Dr. Saul Arbess, Director of the Canadian Peace Initiative, Cofounder and Chairman of the Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace working in concert

with other countries to form departments of peace in all nations.

For more information go to [www.ashlandcpc.org/ashland-global-peace-conference](http://www.ashlandcpc.org/ashland-global-peace-conference) or contact Chuck Root [chuckroot1112@gmail.com](mailto:chuckroot1112@gmail.com)

Raquel E. Hecht  
September 2nd  
Callan T Coleman  
September 4th  
Ginevra Ralph  
September 5th  
Jane M. Scheidecker  
September 5th  
Troy M. Reichenberger  
September 6th  
DeLeesa G. Meashintubby  
September 12th  
Craig Opperman  
September 16th  
F. Doug Harclerod  
September 17th  
Robert L. Hart  
September 19th  
Irene Alltucker  
September 20th  
Paul A. Chavin  
September 24th  
Michael W Gerot  
September 24th

### Years of Service

John Wolf  
07-20-1987  
33 Years  
Maurizio Paparo  
07-29-1997  
23 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