



#### Club Meeting

Springfield Rotary Club Meets at Hilton Garden Inn  
 3528 Gateway Street  
 Springfield, OR  
 Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM - **ZOOM IN**  
 We are A **SINGING** Club

#### Club Leaders



**Bruce K. Webber**  
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Club Admin Chair



**Gino Grimaldi**  
Club Service Chair



**Bruce Mackey**  
iPast President



**Aimee Renee Walsh**  
Assistant Governor

#### Speakers

**January 06, 2021**  
Ruth Hyde  
Creating Connections - U of O Museum of Natural and Cultural History

**January 13, 2021**  
Edith Osorio  
Arc Lane County Resource Center/ Wrap Around Services for families.

#### President's Message January 6

*By Bruce K. Webber*

This weeks ♦ President's message is the next installment in a series of committee highlights.

Dear Springfield Rotarians,

Our club has been involved with the Rotary Student Exchange Program which is known and respected around the world. We have had some wonderful inbound and outbound students over the years. This year with the Covid Virus, the exchange process has been more than challenging. There were many outbound students who were forced to stay in place in their host family ♦s home. It became a very anxious experience for the students and their natural parents back home. We also had the task of getting our own inbound student home. It became a logistical nightmare for the district getting all students transportation for them to return to their families both here and abroad. Thankfully everyone got home safely, albeit some later than others.

We are hoping the program will return in its entirety for the 2021/2022 school year. We had long-term and short-term students ready to go for this year when all exchanges were canceled. Unfortunately, our club ♦s long-term student aged out which means she would be 18 1/2 years old before she left on her exchange and would no longer qualify. Our short-term student still qualifies and plans to travel this coming summer. We also had a long-term outbound candidate who did not make it past the district interviews and placements. There were only 8 long-term slots available for next year in district 5110. The rest of the openings were filled by students who were denied for this year ♦s exchanges but still qualify for next year.

For the 2022/ 2023 year, I will start recruiting outbound students from A3 and Springfield High School. I will also recruit host families for our inbound foreign exchange student(s). You need not be a Rotarian to host, but the first host must live in Springfield High School ♦s attendance area, After that, the only restriction is they must live within the Springfield School District ♦s boundary. For convenience, we try to keep host families living closer to the school. We must have a qualified family before a visa or admittance to the school can be approved. We must be diligent in securing a host family early so there is enough time to complete the lengthy paperwork.

The future of youth exchange is secure but depends on the continued involvement of our club and its members to flourish. I look forward to our future exchanges and the wonderful students it involves.

*Tony LaMarche / Club Youth Exchange Officer*

*Thank you, Tony, for this recap of the Youth Exchange Program. Rotary Youth Exchange inspires young leaders to serve as catalysts for peace and social justice in their local communities and throughout the world, long after their exchanges end. This program is possible because of the dedication, leadership, and passion of the tens of thousands of volunteers ♦ Rotary members and nonmembers alike ♦ who make this unique program so successful. The Youth Service Committee will soon be ramping up their campaign to find host parents for this years ♦ inbound student. Please consider joining the many Rotarians who have hosted exchange students.*

#### Weekly Program -- January 6



January 20, 2021

Molly Markarian  
Main Street Safety  
Corridor

January 27, 2021

Bob Pearson  
Ending the trend of  
chronic disease

February 10, 2021

John Thomas  
10 mistakes in retirement  
planning.

**Speaker: Ruth Hyde**

**Topic:** Creating Connections - U of O Museum of Natural and Cultural History

Introduction and welcome to the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, at the University of

**Description:** Oregon.

Who we are, what we do, and how you can join our mission.

President Bruce Webber is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rotary Weekly Meeting

Presenter: Ruth Hyde - University of Oregon Museum of Natural/Cultural History

Time: Jan 6, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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## Service Project

*By Jane Ann Falls*

Happy New Year! What better way to launch 2021 than with a Rotary service project at the Springfield Habitat for Humanity build! We need about 10 people to help.

Here are the details:

**WHEN:** Saturday, January -- show up at 8:30 for a 9:00 am start time. We hope to be done by early afternoon (or earlier).

**WHERE:** Habitat for Humanity build at Fisher Village: 1180 R. Street, Springfield.

**WHAT:** tearing down a fence.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Face mask, warm clothes and boots, work gloves, your own water bottle.

**WE WILL PROVIDE:** coffee, donuts, and lunch.

Habitat will provide all on site directions, a port-a-pot, some work gloves, tools.

Please email, call or text Jane Falls asap to let us know if you can make it.

## Meeting Inspirations - Who and Sign-up Please

*By Ronnel Curry*

**Jan. 6 -- Bruce Mackey**

Jan. 13 -- Emily David

## Events

No Events found

Jan. 20 -- Beth DeGeorge  
Jan. 27 - Mike Fischnaller  
Feb. 3 -- Randy Lodge  
Feb 10 -- Steve Wheeler  
Feb 17 -- Beth DeGeorge

Let's all stay connected and encourage each other. Sign up to give a meeting invocation. It could be just the words a fellow Rotarian needs to hear! Stay healthy! Stay positive! Don't be shy, please contact Ronnel Curry at [ronnel.curry@gmail.com](mailto:ronnel.curry@gmail.com) with the date(s) you are able to contribute to the meeting with your opening words!  
Thank You!

## Happy Bucks Reminder

By Elizabeth B. Degner

Please mail your Happy Bucks check(s) to:

Springfield Rotary  
PO Box 55  
Springfield OR 97477

## Keep up with District 5110

What's going on in the rest of [Rotary District 5110](#)? Click [here](#) to find out.

## WHAT'S NEW IN SPRINGFIELD? VISIT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



For information about activities and events in Springfield, check out the [Springfield Chamber of Commerce](#). [Click here for more information.](#)

## The Four Way Test

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Rotary



1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Recurring Meeting Schedules

Committee	Day	Time	Location	Contact
Board Meeting	Third Tuesday	7:30 am	ZOOM	Liz Degner
Service Project	Second Monday	12:00 pm	ZOOM	Gino Grimaldi
Club Administration and Programs	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM	Jeff Lovell
Membership/Social	Second Monday	7:30 am	ZOOM	Julie Smith
TRF	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM	Tammie Fitch
Youth Services	First Tuesday	6:00 pm	ZOOM	Elizabeth Beyer
Public Relations	First Wednesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM	Debi Bennett

## Birthdays - Coming Up



[Tamalyn R. Fitch](#)  
January 22nd



[Elizabeth T. Beyer](#)  
January 26th



[Andrew Buck](#)  
January 31st



[Tim Zakarian](#)  
January 31st



[Brian Steckler](#)  
February 2nd