

Rotary



Club of Springfield, Oregon

January 20, 2021

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**

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President's Message

By Bruce K. Webber

This week's President's message is another installment from the Youth Service Committee and highlights Springfield Rotary's STRIVE program.

STRIVE (Students Taking Renewed Interest in the Value of Education) For students who want a trustworthy adult to help them develop skills and practices needed for a successful high school experience.

Springfield Rotary Club members volunteer as mentors. They are experienced and trusted professionals who help students:

1. Learn skills and techniques that will improve their ability to succeed in and out of the classroom and prepare for college or other post-graduation endeavors.
2. Gain some proficiency in setting and achieving goals, identifying needed resources, and asking for help.
3. Begin to build networks of support and friendship - know what it means to be involved in productive associations.
4. Give students an opportunity to have safe conversations with a trusted adult.

During normal school years STRIVE meetings are held twice per month during the lunch period at the school; we provide lunch. Students who complete the STRIVE year by attending at least 75% of the scheduled meetings are awarded approximately \$150. These funds are deposited to their school accounts for use during the following year. They can use it or save it for something big at graduation or redeem the balance in cash upon graduation.

Students are attracted to the program through their counselors. We typically have 4-5 students, many of whom stay with us from year to year. As much as possible each student is paired with a mentor so one-on-one assistance is provided. Occasionally a group-level session is conducted, including having students attend our Rotary meetings. Mentors are life coaches not academic tutors or therapists, and they do not offer more financial or social support than is designed within the program. The program has existed in our club for the last 8 years.

At this point we are only supporting Springfield High School, and that support is not as extensive as it could be. We aspire to provide support in other high schools as we are able to develop. The program would benefit from more



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Speakers

January 20, 2021

[Emma Newman \(Senior
Trans Planner\) & Brian
Barnett \(City Traffic
Engineer](#)

Main Street Safety
Project Update

January 27, 2021

[Andy Bissonnette](#)
A day in the life of a
judge.

February 10, 2021

[John Thomas](#)
10 mistakes in retirement
planning.

February 17, 2021

[Bob Pearson](#)
Ending the trend of
chronic disease

Events

No Events found

structure and some established metrics for successful replication. At this point our key measurements of success are student attendance and continuation, satisfaction expressed by counselors and the principal's continued encouragement, all of which are verbal and not documented.

The pandemic has severely cramped the program - without attendance at the school, and a safe and controlled location to meet, it is very difficult to keep the program going, especially in having a good offer of help for new students to the program (who are often freshmen). I have maintained contact with 2 of the counselors based on the 2 students who remain with us through text and who look forward to the program emerging again once school is back in regular session. We do not see this happening during this school year, at least not soon enough to have STRIVE make a meaningful contribution. We are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year!

Beth, thank you for this recap of Springfield Rotary's STRIVE program. I have found these committee highlights to be very informative and hope you have too.

Bruce

Weekly Program



Speaker: Emma Newman (Senior Trans Planner) & Brian Barnett (City Traffic Engineer

Topic: Main Street Safety Project Update

Brief Description: Main Street is consistently ranked as one of the most unsafe city streets in Oregon based on the severity and frequency of traffic crashes. The City of Springfield and the Oregon Department of Transportation launched the Main Street Safety Project to address this safety problem to save lives, reduce injuries, and lessen property damage. Community engagement is vital to inform the selection of infrastructure solutions that help to ensure safe, accessible transportation for everyone, whether by foot, bike, mobility device, bus, or car!

Description: Based on feedback from the project's second round of community engagement, we know that safety continues to be a key concern in our community, but possible infrastructure elements need to reflect a balanced approach to improve safety and support business/economic development. The project team used this feedback to refine the possible safety elements and overall infrastructure solutions. At the Jan. 7th City Club meeting, staff will review and seek your feedback on the draft solution "toolbox" and recommendations.

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

Topic: Weekly Meeting

Time: Jan 20, 2021 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Presenter: Emma Newman and Brian Barnett - Main Street Safety Project

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A message from the Habitat for Humanity Executive Director to Jane

By Jane Ann Falls

Hi Jane,

I'm so excited that we are finally able to host you all at Fischer Village this weekend. I know it has been a long time coming!

I was just looking back in our files and thinking about what we thought we saw in our crystal ball in July of 2018 when we applied for your generous support.

I understand you would like an update to share with your group on Saturday, happy to share. As you'll see when you are there, the infrastructure, home pads, parking areas are all complete. When we returned to work in summer of 2020, following the COVID closure in the spring, we gave the go-ahead to Springfield Utility Board to move ahead with one of the final components of infrastructure related to water.

To take a step back, we opened applications for future homeowners specifically for Fischer Village in early 2019. Through a rigorous application process, our board of directors approved four future homeowner families in June of 2019 with the intention of beginning construction by the end of that year—that's why we held the groundbreaking out there in October of 2019. Since future homeowners must complete a certain number of sweat equity hours before they are offered a lot, we wanted them to have the time to do so before construction began on their homes. However, I will be transparent in stating that the infrastructure ended up being much more time consuming and costly than was originally planned for—and as such, the infrastructure started just after ground breaking in 2019, and continued through the start of the pandemic. While our organization had to close down, our partners at Delta Sand and Gravel were able to continue their work and finish what you see around you in the spring of 2020.

It has, admittedly, been a much slower process than we planned for, some attributable to the pandemic, but prior to that it was a limitation of the process to get the land re-platted from just three lots to the twelve you see around you, working with civil engineers and the city of Springfield. We continue to work with three future homeowners/families for Fischer Village (one family determined it was not the right time for them to continue and selected out of the program). As you may know, we are in the middle of construction of a single family home in Eugene for a future homeowner who has been in our program for a couple of years. Once that home is completed, we will begin construction on the first set of tandem homes at Fischer Village. Coming out of 2020, I'm not putting a date on that timeline, but am hopeful for the spring.

Thank you, again, to Springfield Rotary for your generous support and for hanging in there with us through a long process. I can't wait to see walls going up for future homeowners on this great site and begin building community. Please let me know if you have any questions or hoped for more information to share.

Warmly,

Meeting Inspirations - Who and Sign-up Please

By Ronnel Curry

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 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



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



[Arthur William Spiry](#)
February 14th