

Rotary



Club of Springfield, Oregon
June 30, 2021

Club Meeting

Springfield Rotary Club
Meets at Springfield Elks
1701 Centennial Blvd
Springfield, OR
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM
We are a **SINGING CLUB**

Club Leaders



Bruce K. Webber
President



Deborah S. Knechtel
President-Elect



Elizabeth B. Degner
Secretary



Michelle Webber
Treasurer



Julie Smith
Membership
Chair



Tamalyn R. Fitch
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Deborah Sue Bennett
Bulletin Editor
CCO-Club
Communications
Officer
Public
Image/Relations
Chair



Elizabeth T. Beyer
Youth Services
Chair



Jeff Lovell
Club Admin
Chair

Gino Grimaldi

President's Message

By Bruce K. Webber

My final President's message is one of reflection and appreciation for all that we have accomplished this Rotary year.

This Rotary year started and almost ended with meetings being attended strictly via zoom. Thank you to all who have hung in there with me in our virtual meeting world. While I would have preferred to see all of you in person, we have had relevant, informative and engaging programs, made possible by the flexibility zoom provided for our guest speakers. We had visits from past exchange students also made possible by the flexibility of zoom.

In March of 2020 our annual auction was cancelled but we pivoted and combined our annual Hello-Goodbye President transition and annual auction. We liked this new event so much we are repeating it this year. I hope all Rotarians will join us at Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm on July 16th for an evening full of fun, fellowship and dare I say hugs and handshakes.

We have supported our community with fire relief efforts, grants to local organizations, work parties and a Signature Project (Shana's Trail) that will enhance our community for years to come. Thank you Gino and Andrew for leading the Service Project Committee through a very busy year of supporting our community in ways we never imagined would be necessary. Thank you to all Rotarians who have supported the Service Project Committee in these efforts. We have done some amazing work in our community this year.

The Youth Service Committee, led by Terry Beyer and John Halgren, endeavored to find ways to engage with our youth but due to circumstances beyond their control were unable. I would like to thank this committee for continuing to look for opportunities to engage youth; attending several webinars to learn about new and exciting opportunities to expand our youth programs in the future. While this year was a challenging one for this committee, they did fund caps and gowns for graduating seniors at McKenzie High School. With the impact of wildfires on these students, this was a huge gift to these seniors.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) committee, led by Tammy Fitch and Lee Means, recognized several Paul Harris Fellows, met 78% of our annual fund goal, 128% of our polio plus goal and contributed \$2,680.00 to the endowment fund. In total,



Club Service
Chair



Bruce Mackey
iPast President



Jane Ann Falls
Assistant
Governor

Speakers

July 07, 2021

Adam Davis Oregon
Humanities Executive
Director

Oregon Humanities' executive director, Adam Davis, will say a bit about statewide efforts to get people and communities talking across differences of belief and background.

November 03, 2021

Brian Steffen CEO:
Danielle Uhlhorn CDO

The YMCA's legacy in Lane County and its vision for the future.

Events

Hello-Goodbye Party

and Auction. Friday,
July 16, 2021, starting at
5:00 PM at
Northern Lights
Christmas Tree Farm

Springfield Rotary made contributions to these funds in the amount of \$17,283.00. We donated funds to the Stove Team in Nicaragua, Dolly Parton Imagination Library and submitted a grant proposal for the India Sanitation Project which installs latrines for untouchable women in India.

The Administration/Programs Committee, led by Jeff Lovell; Andy Bissonnette and Sam Weber, provided us with relevant and engaging programs. Thank you Vonnie, Sean, Ronnel and Emily for bringing many of these programs to our zoom meetings. Thank you Dan, Dan and Melissa for finding a way to continue the tradition of entertaining us weekly with some terrific songs. Once the decision to move to in person meetings was made, Jeff and Sam leapt into action, researching the incorporation of zoom. This was no easy task and they deserve a round of applause for sticking with it and getting it done. Having a zoom option will open up a world of guest speakers at in person meetings, which is very exciting.

The Membership/Social Committee, led by Julie Smith and Patty Schulz, inducted four new members this year. Steve Wheeler, Christina San Filippo, Chris Wig and Celine Harris attended their first Springfield Rotary meetings on zoom and I am excited for their involvement with the club at in person meetings and club activities. Not for lack of desire but there are several social events this committee was unable to bring to fruition during this Rotary year. We look forward to bringing these events back in this coming year.

The Public Relations Committee, led by Debi Bennett and Jessica Hayes, made sure the newsletter was sent to club members every week and added fun with pictures and graphics. They supplied materials for the auction and kept us in the media spotlight during our efforts to help our community through fire relief efforts.

The Budget Committee, led by Jim Eckman, kept us financially solid and on track to keep our commitment to not touch reserves.

The Scholarship Committee, led by Melinda Handy and Jerry Smith, facilitated scholarships to 18 students across multiple high schools. Each scholarship recipient received \$1,350.00 which totals \$24,000.00 to support our graduates on their next journey.

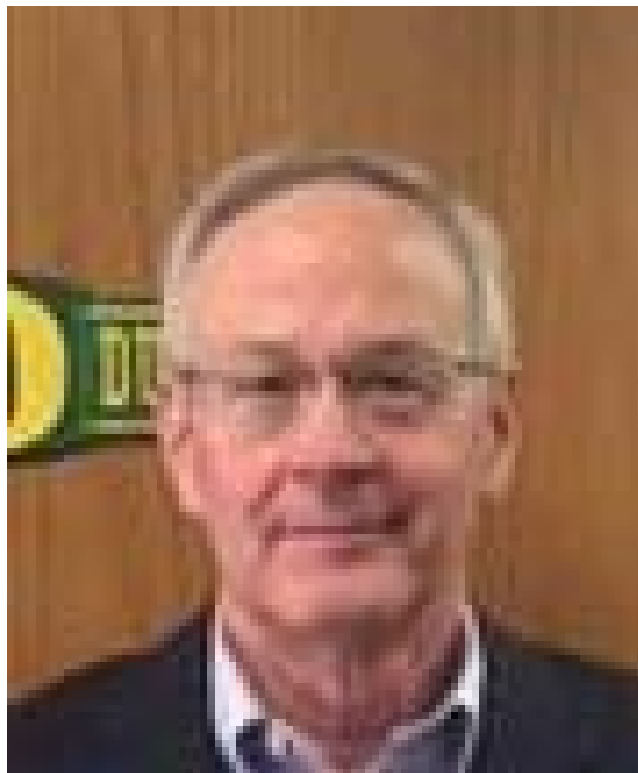
Thank you to all of these committees for your dedication, perseverance and positive approach to making a difference in our local and global communities. This was a year like no other and you met the challenges head on. I'm sure I missed something but all of our committees have worked extremely hard to support our local and global communities.

A very sincere thank you to Liz Degner, Bruce Mackey, Debbie Knechtel and Michelle Webber for supporting me throughout this year. It would have been a very different experience without every member of the board jumping in wherever the need arose.

Weekly Program

This week we'll experience the changing of the Presidential Guards. We'll swap out our out-going Bruce Webber for our incoming Debbie Knechtel. Thank you Bruce for a crazy 2020 - 2021. We're looking forward to a simplified 2021-2022 Rotary year!

In person lunch menu = Lasagna and/or salad. Than you Elks Lodge for being so accommodating! If you are unable to make the meeting in person. Join us through Zoom.



President **Bruce** is Inviting **YOU** to our

Weekly Meeting - As he Hands OFF the Gavel to almost President Debbie Knechtel

Here's the Zoom Link: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Hello Goodbye Party & Auction

By Deborah S. Knechtel



Hello Goodbye Party & Auction

Friday, July 16, 2021, starting at 5:00pm

Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm

\$70 individual, \$560 a table of 8

Be sure you have our Party & Auction on your calendar! This is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a beautiful setting and fun event with friends, and support our club and the amazing projects we do for our community!

WE need every one of YOU! Last day to sign up is Thursday, July 8. You will be able to pay for your tickets and donations at the club meeting on Wednesday. Credit card machine is available.

Please consider donating an item or a basket of goodies for the silent auction. The auction team is also very good at combining all items big or small to create exciting & fun baskets.

Where to take your items or basket:

- You can bring your items or basket to our Wednesday meeting.
- You can drop off any items at Citizens Bank, 2355 Olympic Street with Vicki Schoenleber.
- Let the silent auction team know you have something that needs to be picked up:

Jo Ann Henderson ♦ 541-521-9304, joannhenderson3959@gmail.com

Sue Fisher ♦ 541-285-8113, sue@fisherpm.net

Beth De George ♦ 541-543-4634, bethdg@icloud.com

Jessica Hayes ♦ 541-335-9085, jessicahayes@kezi.com

Debi Bennett ♦ 541-521-1789, debi@pacificcascade.org

Tickets, Tickets, one for a five spot, two for a ten.

By Rae Anne LaMarche

My father told me the story of the pickle vendor who shouted: Pickles, pickles, one for a nickle, two for a dime. Let's change that to Raffle Tickets:

Tickets, Tickets, one for a five spot, two for a ten.

Buy some tickets and see what you'll win.

First prize 3 cases, second prize, two

Third prize 1 case, Party time for you.

Remember to send your wine raffle stubs and money to Rae LaMarche, by July 9th. We will also be collecting at the In-Person Rotary meetings at the Elks Lodge. There will no longer be a pop-up tent scheduled for Thursdays at the Elk's parking lot. If you cannot attend meetings in person, your check and stubs will fit in a plain envelope with 55 cents postage.



Photos from US Olympic Trials Race Walk

By Jim Eckman

Several Springfield Rotarians volunteered to be course monitors for the, first ever, Olympic Trial Race Walk event in downtown Springfield. It was exciting to see the streets of Springfield full of enthusiastic fans. In order to avoid extreme heat conditions this event started at 7:00 a.m. Thank you to all Rotarians who got up early on a very warm Saturday to volunteer. A special thank you to John and Joanne Halgren for hosting an after event lunch at their home.

Here are some photos from the Olympic Trials, They are pictures of:

- Early meeting with Jody Smith, Competition Director of Olympic Trials
- Special poster made for the event
- Walkers had to repeat the same 1000 m course 20 times for the 20 km race walk. Some of the men passing through downtown Springfield.
- Taylor Ewert #23 was one of the youngest competitors in the 15 women field.
- Finish line after race walk finished was near Springfield City Hall.
- Springfield Rotarians enjoyed great buffet at John and Joanne Halgren's home after the race walk ended.
- Springfield Rotarians were given shirts and hats to wear as they helped monitor the race walk course. Back of shirt on President Elect Debbie Knechtel.
- After the buffet luncheon, several Springfield Rotarians enjoyed cooling off in the pool as the temperature reached the mid 90's.



DOWNTOWN

SPRINGFIELD, OREGON



2020 US OLYMPIC TRIALS – RACE WALK

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Rotary's Four-Way Test



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.



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.](#)

Welcome Assignments

As a reminder, the welcome table assignments include: raffle prize, attendance and the greeter. The definition of duties of each are:

FOR ALL JOBS, please arrive by 11:45. If you cannot make your assignment, please find another member to do so and let Ronnel Curry know the replacements name.

GREETER - Wear the greeter badge and note names of guests on the clipboard as they come in, also ask guests for their business card and put it on the clip board (the President follows up with each guest). Please have guests write their names on and wear a Rotary guest name tag. The president will have you introduce visiting Rotarians, ask Rotarians with guests to introduce their guest(s), near the start of the program.

ATTENDANCE - Mark down members that attend the meeting as they pick up their badges.

RAFFLE/DOOR PRICE - Bring a gift of \$20-25 and sell tickets (seated next to attendance) Make change as you sell tickets. Count and give the raffle ticket money to Liz, the secretary. Select some one (usually the speaker) to draw the winner. Provide the tickets to the president when requested at the end of the meeting for the drawing. Give the prize to the winner!

DATE	GREETER	RAFFLE	ATTENDANCE	INSPIRATION
6/30/2021	Ronnel Curry	John Halgen	Bruce Smolnisky	Julie Smith
7/7/2021	Mark Johnson	John Alden	John Halgren	June Fothergill
7/14/2021	Callie Barry Elliot	Tammy Fitch	Mark Johnson	Melinda Handy

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



[Emily David](#)
July 2nd



[Bruce Mackey](#)
July 16th



[Natalie Standerfer](#)
July 22nd



[Jim Eckman](#)
July 24th

[Merlyn L. Hough](#)
July 24th

[Jessica Hayes](#)
July 25th

[Mark Johnson](#)
July 26th

