

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



I could spend my column space this week raving about Ballet Fantastique because their ensemble gave us quite a sneak preview last week. However, I think I'll just remind everyone that Gregg obtained 20 tickets to the opening night of **Cinderella: The Rock Opera** on Feb. 29th. Contact him if you wish to snag a couple tickets at about \$38 and change each â€" you won't be disappointed.

The sneak preview we saw last Tuesday led me to think about the power of ensembles. A group of individuals â€" whether it be a cast, convention, congregation, crew, class, (continental) congress, coterie, cadre, corporation or **Club** â€" can come together to create something truly great **together**. I hope all of you have experienced the euphoric sensations that result from a really great collaboration. I've been fortunate to have experienced that sense of accomplishment and euphoria in the classroom, on the court, on stage, in the office, and â€" you guessed it â€" **with the Club**. I've heard it said in our Club but also up the ladder to the leadership of Rotary International: Rotary is (one of) the greatest forces for good in the world. This is because we are an ensemble working toward making the world better at the Club, District and Zone levels throughout the world. As Rotarians we do this because it is the right thing to do. Of course, groups can do horrific things too. And because of this, our work is also the needful thing to do. To paraphrase John Kennedy (and his speechwriter Ted Sorenson): We choose to <eradicate polio> and do other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard; because <our> goals will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because <these> challenges <are ones> that we are willing to accept, ones we are unwilling to postpone, and ones we intend to win. Hope to see you Tuesday.

Jerry

PS - I know some of you were disappointed that we did not Zoom the meeting at Ballet Fantastique. I understand your disappointment. It would have been a technical challenge to Zoom from their studio, however, the larger issue relates to Ballet Fantastique's right and need to have full creative control of their product. We were privileged to have been invited to their house to see parts of an unfinished, still in rehearsal, professional performance. Much like you or I don't hit send to our email until we have spell checked it, considered the construction of our sentences and paragraphs, and thought hard about the tone and professional content of the message, Ballet Fantastique does the equivalent with their productions before they send their work out into the world at large.

PSS - Whose feet are those? A prize to the member who correctly identifies the most feet owners.

February 13 Speaker: Rebecca Sprinson



Rebecca Sprinson is the Director of Development at FOOD For Lane County. A longtime leader and fundraiser in the Eugene nonprofit community, she is a former Executive Director of the Eugene Education Foundation and has worked with the UO Lundquist College of Business. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Eugene Symphony. Rebecca shares FFLC's vision of a hunger-free Lane County. She will update us on the status of hunger in our Community and how FFLC is evolving to meet the challenge of ensuring that no one has to go to sleep hungry or worrying about where their children's next meal will come from.

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541)
342-2000
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

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Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

February 21st: Food for Lane County Service



Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402

Wednesday February 21st from 6-8:30 pm

Eugene Rotarians have been helping out at Food for Lane County for over 20 years! Please, join us in continuing this meaningful tradition. Our Rotary Club comes in for approximately two hours per month to help sort, package and get food ready for distribution. It's a simple way to give back to our community and humbling to realize how easy it is to help others. Get to know your fellow Rotarians, help others and have fun - all at the same time. Friends, family, children 10-years old and older (supervised by an adult), all welcome!!

We had a great turn out in November. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Seven members of our club were joined by EIGHT Rotoractors from the University of Oregon. Join us this month on December 20th at 6pm. It's a wonderful way to give back and to celebrate the season.

Contact Victoria at vwhitman@hearthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 if you would like to participate so she can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on.



Maxine Proskurowski
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Club Director
Community Service



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Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
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Birthdays

Noreen Dunnells
February 14th
Dan Montgomery
February 17th
Kerrie L. Johnson
February 20th
Karen Elizabeth Scheeland
February 24th
Nathan Phillips
March 6th
Craig A. Smith
March 9th

Years of Service

Diana Rae Bray
10-03-1989
35 Years
Jane M. Scheidecker
09-25-1992
32 Years
Mark G. McGinley
09-23-2002
22 Years
Susan Soonkeum Cox
10-13-2009
15 Years
Kelly Sutherland
09-30-2014
10 Years

Let's put the FUN in fundraising!



Murder most foul! Sam Spade, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Philip Marlow, Jessica Fletcher â€” they all failed to solve the case of **Murder in the Strata-Sphere!** Now we are calling on all sleuths, flatfoots, private detectives, shamusâ€™™, gumshoes, private eyes, dicks, covert operatives, P.I.s and Sherlocks to come together on April 11th to finally identify the culprit.

Mark your calendars, grab your floppy fedora, pocket your notepad, sharpen your pencils and tell your friends! Your Rotary Club is hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner and live auction at the Graduate on April 11th to benefit the Club. Stay tuned for more info to come!

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club has been known locally for over twenty years as the club with the best programs. Our return to in person meetings aspires to maintain that high bar. Here's what members can look forward to during the month of February:

Feb 20-Boys and Girls Club, Matt Sorensen/Shelly Williams. Intro- Karen Gaffney

Feb 27- Eugene Mission, Sheryl Balthrop. Intro- Jerry Whitman Harris

Mar 5- Franklin Blvd Upgrade Project, speaker(s) TBA. Intro- Phil Barnhart, Jr

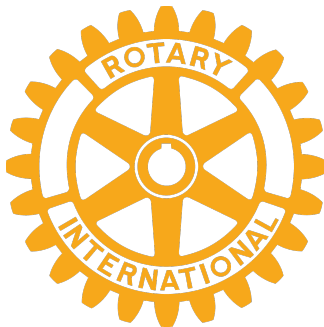
Next Committee Meetings

Program Committee: Wednesday February 14th at 8am, on ZOOM

Community Service: Wednesday February 28th at 4pm, at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

Environmental Committee: Thursday March 7th at Noon, via the club zoom account.

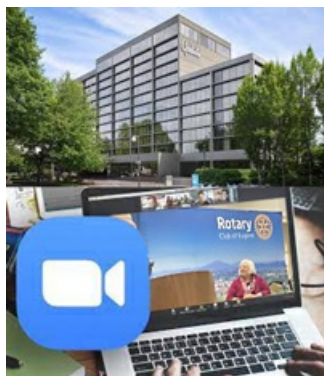
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Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years

Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate Hotel this week or on Zoom - link below



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