

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Ensembles Partie Deux - Still thinking about ensembles, this time ours. Our Club has so many members who are or have worked behind the scenes to make our Club and our projects work. Iâ€™ve been a club member for 17 years so my institutional memory only goes back to 2006 and by no means do I know everything our members have done. Nevertheless, fool that I am, I want to recognize some of the ensemble efforts that you may not be aware of. In no particular order, Iâ€™d like to recognize Mary Jeanne Jacobson â€™ who was one of the first women in Rotary period, having joined Rotary in August 1987 (after the US Supreme Courtâ€™s 1987 decision determined that Rotary may not exclude women) â€™ Mary Jeanne transferred to our Club two

years later so Iâ€™ll save you the math and tell you she has been a great Rotarian for 37 years â€™ (and thanks for all the tasty treats at volunteer events Mary Jeanne!); Susan Heisey for taking on the current Club lead for Skinner Butte; of course our TRF committee crew who have been out front lately: Mike Ritchey, Dave Frosaker, Jay Silverman and Lauren Regnani â€™ these folks have led us to one of our Clubâ€™s best per-capita TRF years; our meeting setup crew of Ron Gietter, Liz Ness and Jeff Robinson; Ginevra and Jim Ralph, who have donated Shedd tickets to our raffle for more years than I know; Ravitej Khalsa â€™ who has quietly produced our newsletter faithfully every week for years, managed our website, and taken probably tens of thousands of pictures of our Club in action over the past 20-some years; Tom Gilmour, Maxine Proskurowski and Raquel Hecht, who have quietly guided our Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange groups for years; Ed Barclay â€™ who has been introducing new members to the world of Rotary for since time immemorial!; Phil Barnhart the elder - who has quietly attained a TRF Level 2 donor status over the years while serving our Club and our state as a Representative in the Oregon House; Diana Bray and Karen Scheeland â€™ who have faithfully cared for the Skinner Butte raised bed planter for so many years, plus being past presidents, and in Dianaâ€™s case, our first woman President and a past Momma Duck for the Duck Race, plus Karen and Diana are always there to help put together and pull off Club events; Ron Gietter, our de facto Club Secretary â€™ Ron is the keeper of Club knowledge and the last surviving member of the Club team that went to the USSR to convince President Gorbachev to allow Rotary into the USSR, which he did but required the first Club to be in Moscow â€™ but our Club was allowed to start the second Rotary Club in Irkutsk; Pete Gribskov â€™ long time Club Administrator/Executive Secretary/past everything, go-to person in chief and also a keeper of Club knowledge; Liz Ness â€™ whose picture you will find in the dictionary in the entry for âœœall inâœœ, having done much for the Club in a relatively short time; Jesse Quinn â€™ whose picture is in the alternate definition of âœœall-inâœœ; Nathan Philips, John Wolf, Bob Hart, Noreen Dunnells â€™ current and past chairs of the Program Committee, bringing in crackerjack speakers week after week, year after year; Heinze Selig â€™ who is the consummate behind the scenes guy â€™ I donâ€™t know hardly anything about what Heinze has done for the Club besides being a past President â€™ but I suspect the list is long: the Olson family, Rick, Dick and Jennifer â€™ another group of past everything, with Rick still at it while Jennifer is keeping it under control with Ben and Nate until we can reel her back in; Bob Nickel, Dennis Biggerstaff and Dick Barnhart â€™ who have done masterful work re-animating our International Service Committee; Steve Savelich â€™ who led the International Service Committee for many years and is doing good work all over the globe; Greg Stewart â€™ who single-handedly managed our Clubâ€™s Charitable Trust for many years and does computer magic for the District (another person even I donâ€™t know exactly what he does but I know itâ€™s important to Club and District functioning); Scott Palmer, past President and Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Board for I lost count of how long â€™ 4-5 years?; Ed Barclay and Hank Storr â€™ stalwarts on the

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

Club Leaders



Gerald William Whitman Harris
President



Nathan Philips
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov
Club Admin Chair
Club Executive Secretary



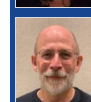
Todd Anderson
Treasurer



Ken Brown
Club Director
Membership Chair



Lauren Regnani
Rotary Foundation
Committee Member



Jay Silverman
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Ravitej Singh Khalsa
Public Image/Relations
Chair



Robert E Nickel
International Service
Chair



Karen Gaffney
Community Service
Chair



Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-Chair



Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

some of how long as 10 years, Ed Sorensen and Hank Sorensen are members on the Scholarship Board for upwards of 8-9 years, right Hank?; Jennifer Geller â€" past president, resident optimist (at least in my eyes), and assistant district governor; Monica Wilton â€" another resident optimist, willing to help anyone anytime, including me! (thanks Monica); all the folks helping put our Murder Mystery event together (too many to list here); our Emerging Rotarians group â€" you know who you are and I know the rest of us will too as you find your sweet spot in the Club and in Rotary.

Iâ€™ve taken too many inches of column space already so Iâ€™ll have to say â€œto be continuedâ€.

Of course, I apologize for if Iâ€™ve short-shifted anyoneâ€™s contributions. My mistakes, omissions and memory lapses are unintentional. To all of our members: Your presence in our Club makes us better. Your contributions to the Club have not gone unnoticed and are appreciated.

Hope to see you Tuesday

Jerry

February 20th Meeting: Boys and Girls Club



Matt Sorensen is the Chief Executive Officer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley. Matt began his career with B&G Clubs 18 years ago in 2005 in Idaho. Matt served as the Executive Director for the B&G Club in Ontario, Oregon before moving to the Eugene area in July 2019 to lead the Eugene Clubhouse. Under his leadership the Club has expanded from one service location to three (Eugene, Bethel, River Rd). Serving over 700 local kids a year. Matt is an avid runner and fly fisherman. Matt is married to Olivia Sorensen; they have two sons Sawyer (11) and Everett (9) as well as three dogs- Rambo, Watson, and Milo.

Shelly Williams is the Resource Development Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley. With a passion for communicating the Club's mission and vision, Shelly actively works to increase community support through various sources including special events, grants, community engagement initiatives, and campaigns.

Shelly holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Oregon and recently completed her Master of Business Administration at Bushnell University.

Outside her professional role, Shelly is a committed mother, engaging in family activities and contributing to the community as a volunteer at Meadow View School and a board member for the Bethel Education Foundation.



Maxine Proskurowski
Interact Rotary Adviser



Raquel E. Hecht
Youth Exchange
Past President



Tom Gilmour
Rotaract Rotary Advisor



Noreen Dunnells
Club Director
Club Programs Chair



Victoria Whitman Harris
Club Service FFLC Lead



Doug James
Club Director
Vocational Service
Chair



Gregg A. Fuller
Club Director



Robert Scott Impehoven
Club Director
Community Service



Richard K Olson
CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
Past President

Birthdays

Kerrie L. Johnson
February 20th
Karen Elizabeth Scheeland
February 24th
Nathan Philips
March 6th
Craig A. Smith
March 9th
John Sather
March 15th

Years of Service

Phil Barnhart
02-22-1983
41 Years
Erik Peter Gribkov
02-21-1984
40 Years
Gregory L. Stewart
02-27-1996
28 Years
James W. Savage
03-11-1997
27 Years
Ravitej Singh Khalsa
02-26-2001
23 Years
Monica Wilton
02-25-2010
14 Years

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.

Andy Vobora
02-19-2013
11 Years
Nissa Newton
03-15-2023
1 Year

Community Service Committee

New Committee Meeting Location at Eugene Chamber

The Community Service Committee is the Club's vetting and management arm for all official, club-sponsored local service projects. Service projects are defined as projects within the community that 1) provide member opportunities for Service Above Self, 2) meet the 4-Way Test, 3) meet any additional criteria assigned by the committee, and 4) involve projects that predominantly require sweat equity from club members (i.e., committee funds may be granted to a project as long as the funds do not constitute the bulk of the club's support for the project. We do not select projects that require only funding). The committee receives annual funding from the club that has ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000 per annum and is responsible for selecting our District Grant proposals.

The committee now meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 pm at Lane Workforce Partnership, second floor of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, 1401 Willamette Street, Eugene, OR 97401.

The committee roster is open to all club members in good standing.

Contact the committee chair(s).
Karen Gaffney (Karengaffney@comcast.net) and Jesse Quinn (jesse@laneworkforce.org)

Club Fundraising

Let's put the FUN in fundraising!



Murder most foul! Sam Spade, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Philip Marlow, Jessica Fletcher – they all failed to solve the case of **Murder in the Strata-Sphere!** Now we are calling on all sleuths, flatfoots, private detectives, shamus™, 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 27- Eugene Mission, Sharyl Balthrop. Intro- Chris Stephenson

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

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Wednesday February 28th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

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

Program Committee: Wednesday March 13th at 8am, on ZOOM

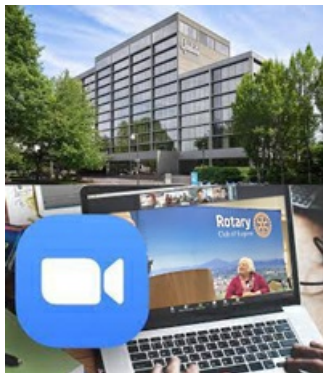
Rotary Club of Eugene



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.

Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years

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



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