

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Ravitej put me on his patented column inch diet this week. (just to be clear, last week he did tell me "Hmmm, seems a little long this week, Jer"). As you know, I ignored his gentle suggestion.

Our Club and the Eugene Mission share many aspirations. One of them is to reduce homelessness in our community. I've been reviewing our Club's community service efforts in preparation for presentations at our Murder Mystery fundraiser. As part of my review I made a visit to Emerald Village to take some pictures of the tiny home our Club built in collaboration with Aligned Architecture, McKenzie Commercial Construction and SquareOne Villages

(it is the blue house in the very center of the picture). Julian and Sam, the couple that moved in to our tiny home upon completion, are still there, still happy, and still like to speak to folks about their experience. Whether it is one couple at a time like our tiny home or hundreds of folks at the Mission, the work goes on.

Hope to see you Tuesday.

Jerry

PS - We have another AWAY GAME this week. We are meeting at, and being hosted by, the Eugene Mission and their Executive Director Sheryl Balthrop. The Mission will provide lunch. There will be no charge but please consider a donation to the Mission in lieu of a charge. There will be a donation jar set out. Just drive to the Mission at 1542 W. First Ave. There is parking in their lot and on the street. There will be signs out directing you to their meeting room. It is to the east (left if you are in the road looking at their facility) of their offices.

Just like The Rotary Foundation, the Mission is a 4/4 Star rating on Charity Navigator. Beth Sheehan, a member of the Eugene Delta Rotary Club, is the Mission's Director of Philanthropy. I'm sure she will be happy to tell us more about their 4/4 Star rating. Mike Tardie, the President of the Springfield Twin Rivers Rotary Club, is also the Mission's Community Engagement and Volunteer Manager. Mike will be offering a tour of the Mission's facilities after our meeting. It will be an approximately 30 minute tour. Please think about whether you want to take the tour ahead of time so we don't spend much time figuring it out after the meeting.

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
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Chair



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Bonnie J Bailey
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Youth Services Chair

February 27th Meeting: AT THE EUGENE MISSION



With Sheryl Balthrop, Executive Director of the Eugene Mission

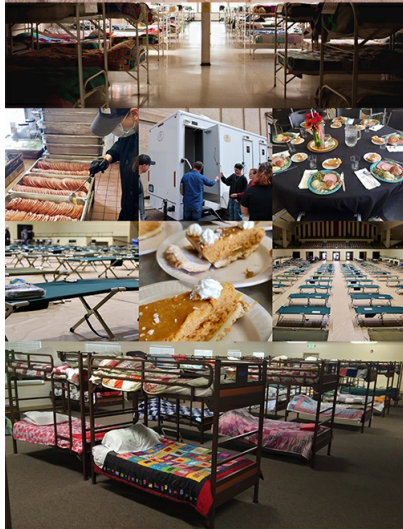
Homelessness. It seems overwhelming. The suffering and decline we see on our streets continues to grow, and the burden on our businesses, emergency services, medical providers, law enforcement, and the greater community cannot be understated.

Sheryl will share how the Eugene Mission is making a difference with its intensive, relational programming designed to restore individuals to full health and independence.

Join us to learn more at the Eugene Mission!

[Sheryl welcomes questions. Sheryl is also happy to answer questions after her presentation and she can be reached at SherylB@eugenemission.org, or at 541-344-3251 ext.101]

Sheryl Balthrop is the Executive Director of the Eugene Mission. She was formerly a local business law attorney for 28 years. Sheryl is active in the community and has served as the chair of the board for the Eugene Chamber of Commerce and as the president of Airport Rotary.



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Community Service



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CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
Past President

Birthdays

Nathan Philips
March 6th
Craig A. Smith
March 9th
John Sather
March 15th
Monica Piper
March 20th
Heinz J. Selig
March 23rd
John Wolf
March 26th

Years of Service

Gregory C. Richterich
03-20-1990
34 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
Nissa Newton
03-15-2023
1 Year

"What's that you're doing, Bob?"

"...and now you know the rest of the story"

By Bob Hart



It might come as a surprise to my Rotary friends and colleagues that I have a decided interest in military history. My great uncle Bob McGregor, a WWI veteran and master storyteller, stoked my passion for storytelling.

While in grade school I was an avid reader of comic books and an ad one day caught my eye. It promised that for 99 cents and postage I could receive plastic cavalymen and Indians allowing me to reenact Custer's Last Stand. But of more lasting import than the little plastic figures was a small print booklet on the 1876 battle.

Already familiar with the Walt Disney versions of American history, I, of course, had my own coonskin cap. Captain Miles Keogh's famous horse Comanche, believed to be battle's sole survivor, was the subject of the 1958 movie *Tonka*. In 1960 vocalist Johnny Horton sang a catchy and mournful ballad about the brave horse and its many wounds. Imagine my surprise when the booklet accompanying my toy combatants stated that there was also an unsung surviving Crow Indian scout.

Almost thirty years later I was working on a master's degree project focusing on the changing story the National Park Service has told while administering Custer Battlefield National Monument. An extensive 1983 fire at the

monument led to modern archaeological investigation and analysis of battlefield artifacts. And the long accepted mystery of Custer's demise evaporated with the introduction of scientific evidence.

The evidence took the form of expended cartridge and bullet analyses which revealed soldier and Indian firing positions and, hence, the course of the battle. Professional historians had long speculated on how Custer was undone by his Sioux and Cheyenne opponents. Native testimony, unless supporting some historian's pet theory on the unfolding battle, had long been discounted. Traditional historical practice dictated that only white surviving soldiers could be trusted to give accurate and unbiased reports of the engagement. When summarized, however, the numerous individual accounts from Native participants closely supported the physical evidence and embarrassed the traditionalists.

Many mythic stories that had arisen around the battle wound up discredited by the new evidence. Disney's movie *Tonka* sadly turned out to be pure romanticized fiction and consequently terrible history. Comanche even turned out not to be the only horse that survived. And what of my Crow scout survivor described in that booklet so many years ago? Curly was his name. He died young, of alcoholism, his report of the battle disbelieved because of his youth, his race, and the shocking import of his news.

Paul Harvey was an ABC radio news commentator for more than 50 years and noted for his historical vignettes. He always signed off with "And now you know the rest of the story." This anecdotal approach to history fits my personal definition of good storytelling. Your audience needs to be engaged and also learn something new. And now you know something more both about me and American history.

Bob Hart

March 20th: Food for Lane County Service



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

**Wednesday March 20th 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.

March 21st - Craig Smith to be Honored by Eugene Education Fund

In case you haven't heard this through other channels, I wanted to be sure Eugene Rotary Club members all know that Eugene Education Fund will be honoring our own Craig Smith for his many years of service to Eugene youth and our schools at their annual gala on March 21. If you scroll about halfway through the email below you will see Craig's picture and a brief summary about Craig. I checked our records, and Craig joined Eugene Rotary Club in September of 1978--he's been an important part of our club for 45 years! His work on behalf of youth and local schools is one of the important ways he embodied the Rotary principles of service to our community. I plan to be at the event to celebrate Craig, and our schools. It would be fun to see other Rotarians there as well! Email sent recently has links for purchasing tickets and tables.

Thanks for all you do for our community.

Karen



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)

April 11th 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 March:

Mar 5- Franklin Blvd Upgrade Project, City Engineer Rob Inerfeld. Intro- Phil Barnhart, Jr.

Mar 12- Artificial Intelligence, Chris Stephenson. Intro- Bob Hart

Mar 19- 4J Tax Levy, Judy Newman. Intro- Noreen Dunnells

Mar 26- Ballmer Institute for Mental Health, Reza/Calevi, Intro- Monica Wilton

April 2- Eugene Ballet, Susan Haag. Michael Syman-Degler

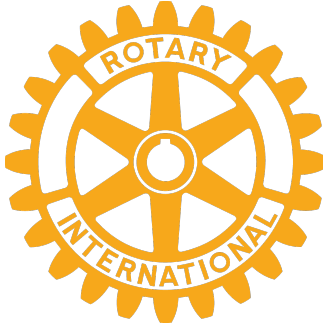
Next Committee Meetings

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

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

Community Service: Wednesday March 27th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

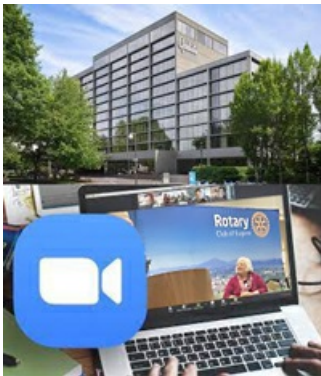
Rotary Club of Eugene



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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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

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