

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



International Women's Day was Friday, March 8 and March is Women's History Month in the United States. The first International Women's Day (IWD) was held in 1911 and the date of March 8th for international Women's Day was set in 1913. The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace in 1977. In 2011, on the 100th centenary of IWD, March 2011 was

declared as Women's History Month by then-President Obama.

Women's struggle for fairness, equality and inclusion has a much longer history than 123 years. That history is populated with struggles large and small, victories and setbacks both peaceful and bloody, and people courageous and cowardly. Thinking about this history, one of my favorite quotes comes to mind: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." This statement by MLK is a paraphrase of a quote by Unitarian minister Theodore Parker (1853). As an agnostic, I hear this quote as "The struggle for a fair and equitable existence is long, but it can be bent towards justice".

I think that Rotary is (since 1987) on the right side of this struggle and as members, I trust that we can agree that a fair and equitable existence for everyone is tethered unbreakably to our own tenet of "Is it fair to all concerned?".

The women in our Club, in our lives, and in the world, alive and long dead, have lived with this struggle all their lives. They have had personal victories large and small, experienced heartbreaking setbacks, observed courage and acted courageously, railed against cowardice and fought it within themselves when they felt too exhausted and out numbered to believe they could go on. They all are bending the arc.

I salute them all. I'll do better acknowledging them and I'll help steepen the curve.

See you Tuesday to welcome our own Dr. Chris Stephenson to the podium as our speaker.

Jerry

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



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President



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Club Executive
Secretary



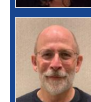
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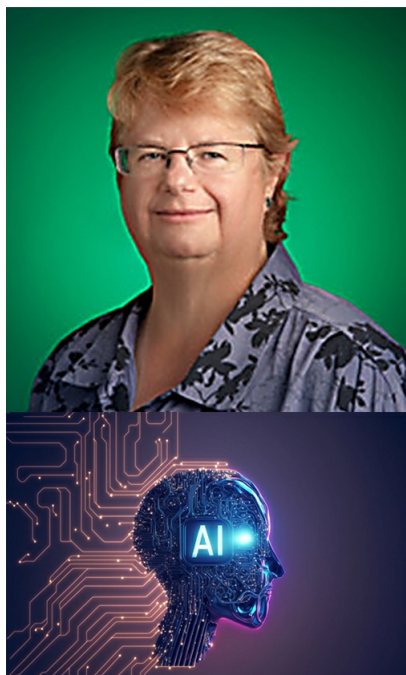


Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-
Chair



Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

March 12th Meeting: What is AI and Why are People Worried About It?



With Chris Stephenson

This gentle introduction to artificial intelligence and machine learning is intended to help you separate the real science from the hype and horror stories. It begins with a brief history of the field and then provides you with an understanding of some common (often confusing) terminology. It will highlight amazing breakthroughs, common fears, and important limitations. Along the way we will also throw in bad data, deep bias, ChatGPT and even some AI ethics.

April 11th Club Fundraising Event: A Murder Mystery to Die For

Itâ€™s no contradiction! We are live for **Murder**! You can register to attend **Murder in the Strata-Sphere** on line now. Just click here:

<https://event.auctria.com/3c47b0a4-aad3-47fb-8266-7be61f4d5c44/> or type [auctria.events/eugenerotary](https://event.auctria.com/3c47b0a4-aad3-47fb-8266-7be61f4d5c44/) in your browser!



Find your friends! Call your crew! Grab your group! Nudge your neighbors! Ask them to join us at the Graduate on April 11th to solve a murder while helping our Community - All at the same time! But wait!, Thereâ€™s more! Dinner, uplifting stories, a live auction with great experiences to bid on, a Heads and Tails Raffle, and big fun with friends new and old! Get your tickets now! Questions? Call Jerry at 541 521-3966



Maxine Proskurowski
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Club Director



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Club Director
Community Service



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CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
iPast President

Birthdays

John Sather
March 15th
Monica Piper
March 20th
Heinz J. Selig
March 23rd
John Wolf
March 26th
Candice Barr
March 31st
Tom Gilmour
March 31st
Ken Vendley
April 1st
Jeff Robinson
April 2nd
Meagan M Thibodeaux
April 2nd
Bev Smith
April 4th

Years of Service

James W. Savage
03-11-1997
27 Years
James Ralph
04-04-2000
24 Years
Lynne Grilley
04-08-2014
10 Years

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 small but enthusiastic turn out in February. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Four members of our club attended and went out for snacks and libations afterwards. Join us this month on March 20th at 6pm. It's a wonderful way to give back and appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to spend time together.

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. We have committed to at least 5 volunteers a month. The more who come, the more fun we have!

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



I wanted to remind our members that the Eugene Education Foundation (EEF) 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. Craig joined the 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. Karen Gaffney, Victoria and I plan to be at the event to celebrate Craig and our schools. It would be fun to see other Rotarians there as well! Here is a link to the EEF website: <https://eeflane.org/> You can find event details there.

Jerry

Ticket sales end on March 14!!

Ken Brown
03-27-2018
6 Years

Nissa Newton
03-15-2023
1 Year

Save the Date – Annual Skinner Butte Work Party on April 20th



I wanted to remind everyone that our Skinner Butte Work Party is scheduled for April 20 (Saturday). Time will likely be from 8 or 9 am til noon. We always need quite a few volunteers for the Work Party so please plan to help if you can! Caontact Susan Heisey or Jerry to sign up: susan@heiseyhomes.com or gwharris@comcast.net

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club has been known locally for over 100 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 19- 4J Tax Levy, Judy Newman+ TBA. Intro- Noreen Dunnells

Mar 26- Ballmer Institute for Mental Health, Lisa Calevi + TBA, Intro- Monica Wilton

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

Next Committee Meetings

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

Community Service: Wednesday March 27th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce Possible reschedule for the 26th

Environmental Committee: Thursday April 4th at Noon, via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=clRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUlZNbnUydz09>

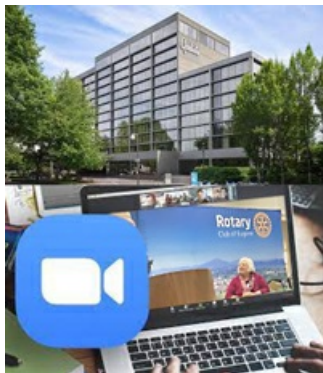
Rotary Club of Eugene



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=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGl2dz09>

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