

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### Presidents' Message



I had to laugh on Friday as I realized that our Club's founding occurred on the Ides of March. Like many things, I had to look up the Ides to find out what it means. Turns out the Ides means to divide, ergo, the Ides of March is simply the day that divides March equally. Julius Cessar's bad luck on the Ides was just a coincidence. As I have learned, in the Roman calendar of that period, the Ides was meant to mark the full moon in the middle of the month.

March, coincidentally, was the first month of the new year on that calendar, and the Ides of March, being the first full moon of the new year, augured events of great significance. So by now i imagine you are asking "What does this have to do with Rotary, Jerry? Welp, I'm suggesting that the founding of the Rotary Club of Eugene on the Ides has turned out to have augured very well for this Community. We see the fruits of our labor everywhere as we go about our daily routines; glancing up at Skinner Butte, driving by the Skatepark, going to the Cuthbert, taking the kids or grandkids to Riverplay, reading about the great work being done by MIUSA or Looking Glass, evaluating scholarship applications for the Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation, and on and on. The more I learn about what our Club has done for the community, the more I want to try to continue that work for the next 99 years. I hope you feel that way too.

See you Tuesday.  
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



Gerald William Whitman Harris  
President



Nathan Philips  
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter  
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribkov  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Executive  
Secretary



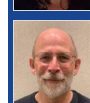
Todd Anderson  
Treasurer



Ken Brown  
Club Director  
Membership Chair



Lauren Regnani  
Rotary Foundation  
Committee Member



Jay Silverman  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



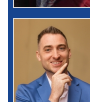
Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
Public Image/Relations  
Chair



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

## March 19th Meeting: 4J Tax Levy Renewal



### 4J Tax Levy with School Board Member Judy Newman.

Also Presenting are Matt Brown Director of Financial Services and Bob Blyth Associate Director

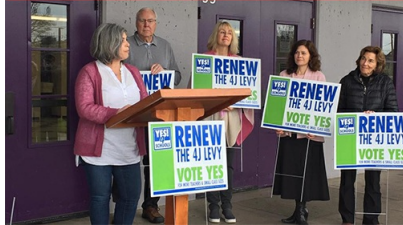
Judy Newman is a member of the Eugene 4J School Board. She was the founder and co-director of Early Childhood CARES. She is the Senior Advisor for Early Childhood CARES and Strategic Advisor to Lane County's Early Childhood Hub at UWLC. She is on the faculty of the Oregon Research to School Network (ORSN) at University of Oregon

4J School Board has referred a measure renewing our local option tax levy to the May 2024 primary ballot.

This would not be a new tax or a tax increase, but a continuation of the five-year levy that has provided additional money to help pay for 4J's day-to-day operations since 2000. The levy generates about \$25 million in operating revenue for the current school year, equivalent to about 32 school days or 205 teaching positions. It is set to expire in June 2025.

The proposed levy would generate an estimated \$26.4 million to \$29.8 million per year for five years to support district operations. If the levy is not renewed, our district would need to make budget cuts of identical amounts over the same time span, reducing annual spending by about 10.5 percent.

The tax would continued to be levied at a rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value of a property. The rate is subject to a voter-approved property tax limitation, so some property owners pay less than the maximum rate.



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



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Club Director  
Vocational Service  
Chair



Gregg A. Fuller  
Club Director



Robert Scott Impeccoven  
Club Director  
Community Service



Richard K. Olson  
CCO-Club  
Communications. Past  
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness  
Past President

### Birthdays

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  
John Barnum  
April 10th

### Years of Service

Gregory C. Richterich  
03-20-1990  
34 Years  
Jeffrey John Ogburn  
04-02-1991  
33 Years  
Karianne Westlund  
04-14-1998  
26 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](mailto: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!!

James Ralph  
04-04-2000  
24 Years

Robert L. Hart  
04-13-2004  
20 Years

Lynne Grilley  
04-08-2014  
10 Years

Doug James  
04-11-2017  
7 Years

Ken Brown  
03-27-2018  
6 Years

## April 2nd Meeting: Ballet at the Midtown Arts Center



Eugene Ballet is honored to host the April 2nd Rotary meeting in the Dan & Peggy Neal Studio at the Midtown Arts Center ([www.midtownartscenter.org](http://www.midtownartscenter.org)). Past-president Michael Syman-Degler will provide a Mucho Gusto taco buffet for lunch (\$20.00 per person). Following the meeting's formalities, Rotarians will be invited to join Eugene Ballet in The Haugland Family Studios for a sneak peak of the next installment in Eugene Ballet's Live Music Season. Resident Choreographer Suzanne Haag will introduce an exciting new contemporary ballet featuring music by Eugene native Tracy Bonham.

Two-time GRAMMY® nominee and New York-based musician Tracy Bonham joins Eugene Ballet in song, sound, and story on the Hult Center stage April 6 & 7. This exciting collaboration is a tribute to the soundscapes of Suzanne's youth. Bonham, a multi-talented singer, songwriter, violinist, and guitarist will play from her broad catalogue of music—from alternative rock to jazz and everything in between. Her raw, intimate lyrics paint the picture of the life of an artist and harken back to her native Oregonian roots.

Tracy Bonham's music is both deeply personal and wholly universal. Every note of hers is an homage to what it is like to be a performer, to make art, to be a person, and to love in this complicated and beautiful world. I am so grateful to Tracy for this collaboration."

-Suzanne Haag, Resident Choreographer



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

It'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 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 11<sup>th</sup> to solve a murder while helping our Community - All at the same time! But wait!, There'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

## 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! Contact Susan Heisey or Jerry to sign up: [susan@heiseyhomes.com](mailto:susan@heiseyhomes.com) or [gwharris@comcast.net](mailto:gwharris@comcast.net)

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

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

## Next Committee Meetings

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

**Environmental Committee:** Thursday April 4th at Noon, via ZOOM:

**Program Committee:** Wednesday April 10th at 8am, on ZOOM

Club ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=cIRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUlZNbnUydz09>

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## 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**

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## 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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