

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message



Whether you spend this Sunday welcoming the spring bloom, rejoicing for the resurrection of Jesus, watching basketball, or are just in it for the chocolate, we are all in it together. Enjoy.

See you at the Midtown this Tuesday.

Jerry

**Please remember that our meeting this week** is being hosted by the Eugene Ballet at their studios in the Midtown, 174 E. 16th Avenue. Parking in the area is on the street and limited so please consider carpooling, walking or biking if you can. Be prepared to walk a couple blocks if you need to park a vehicle. A Mucho Gusto taco bar has been arranged for lunch. It is \$20 pp and you need to contact Michael Syman-Degler to ask if you can still RSVP a lunch. His email address is [michael@syman-degler.com](mailto:michael@syman-degler.com).

## 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



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Club Admin Chair  
Club Executive  
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Todd Anderson  
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Club Director  
Membership Chair



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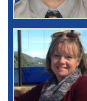
Jay Silverman  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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Chair



Robert E Nickel  
International Service  
Chair



Karen Gaffney  
Community Service  
Chair



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Community Service Co-  
Chair



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

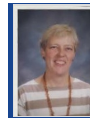


Eugene Ballet is honored to host the April 2nd Rotary meeting in the Dan & Peggy Neal Studio at the Midtown Arts Center ([www.midtownartscenter.org](http://www.midtownartscenter.org)). Past-president Michael Syman-Degler will provide a Mucho Gusto taco buffet for lunch (\$20.00 per person). Following 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



Maxine Proskurowski  
Interact Rotary Adviser



Raquel E. Hecht  
Youth Exchange  
Past President



Tom Gilmour  
Rotaract Rotary Advisor



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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 Impehoven  
Club Director  
Community Service



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



Elizabeth A. Ness  
Past President

### Birthdays

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  
Ken Brown  
April 18th  
Emily Lafon  
April 18th  
Karen Gaffney  
April 20th  
Gregory L. Stewart  
April 23rd  
Brian Fox  
April 25th

### Years of Service

Jeffrey John Ogburn  
04-02-1991  
33 Years  
Noreen Dunnells  
04-18-1995  
29 Years

## 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 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!, 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

## April 17th: Food for Lane County Service



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

**Wednesday April 17th 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!

Jeff Robinson  
04-18-1995  
29 Years

Ed H. Barclay  
04-18-1995  
29 Years

Karianne Westlund  
04-14-1998  
26 Years

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

Robert E Nickel  
04-25-2017  
7 Years

# April 20: Annual Skinner Butte Work Party



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](mailto:susan@heiseyhomes.com) or [gwharris@comcast.net](mailto:gwharris@comcast.net)



## April Community Service at Boys and Girls Club



As you know, our Rotary Club has been supporting the Boys and Girls Club in a variety of ways last year and this year, and we have another community service need to help them get set up in their newly-renovated space. They have ordered some new equipment that needs to be assembled and have some cleaning and spiffing up jobs where they could use our help. I know the next 6 weeks are a busy time, and at the same time my guess is there are some of us (and our friends) who could spare a couple of hours to help with some of these things. In order

to be as flexible with your schedule and availability, we are going to split these into smaller work parties where Rotarians can work with Boys and Girls Club staff.

Instead of sending out a sign-up, I'm going to ask that you email me at [karengaffney@comcast.net](mailto:karengaffney@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these (each bulleted item is its own opportunity), and then we can work individually with timing. The sooner you can let me know, the better so that we can coordinate with Boys and Girls Club. Here are the needs:

### **Between now and April 11th**

Move all classroom furniture to the gym

### **Between now and April 16th**

Assemble bumper pool table  
Repair back of the cubbies  
Build new cubbies  
Assemble classroom tables

### **Between April 6 and April 15**

Assemble and mount art display  
Mount the TVs

### **Between April 13 and April 15**

Move all furniture back out of the gym  
Pressure wash entry walk way and walls  
General cleaning and room set-up

### **Morning of April 19**

Move supplies from Faith Center and back to Clubhouse

Thank you so much for helping where you can! This is a great partnership between our club and this important community organization.

Karen

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## Community Service District Grants Proposal

We are quickly approaching the time of year when the Rotary Community Service Committee reviews concepts for District Grant proposals and prioritizes applications are to be submitted by our club to the Rotary District Grant team. As a reminder, these are grants that are designed to match local Rotary contributions, up to \$2,000 of District funds. The projects need to target one of the Rotary priority areas and engage Rotarians. Each club can count on one matching grant per year, and sometimes funds are available to provide a second grant. This year our club has 2 District grants: Building a Better Future and Boys & Girls Club.

The Community Service Committee is charged with reviewing and prioritizing proposals for our club. In order to meet the District due date of 6/1/24, we need to review and prioritize concepts at our April meeting, so **we are asking for concepts to be forwarded by April 19. Here is what we need at this point:**

**Project Name**  
**Project Brief**  
**Project Definition**  
**Rotarian Involvement**  
**Budget**  
**Contact Person**

Please email concepts to be considered to [karengaffney@comcast.net](mailto:karengaffney@comcast.net). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Jesse Quinn, or other members of the Community Service Committee.

Thank you!

Karen

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## 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 April:

April 9 - CAHOOTS with Jeremy Gates  
April 16 -University Library and Tech with Dr. Alecia Salaz  
April 23 - Mayoral Race with Knutson/Joyce-Striner  
April 30 - DEQ: Environmental Cleanups

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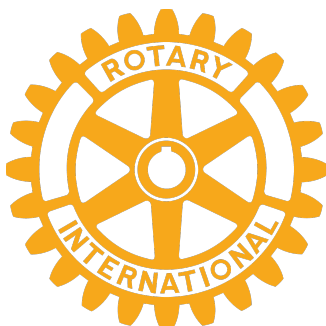
## Next Committee Meetings

**Environmental Committee:** Thursday April 4th at Noon, via ZOOM:  
**Program Committee:** Wednesday April 10th at 8am, via ZOOM  
**Community Service:** Wednesday April 24th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

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

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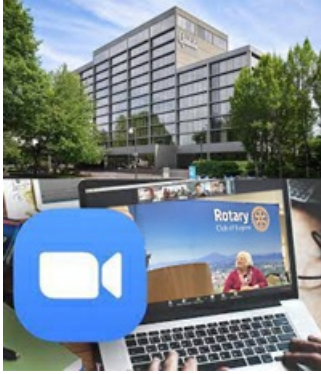


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**Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years**

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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=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

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