

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message



May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you. The showing of Star Wars at the Hult with the Eugene Symphony playing the soundtrack was just sublime!

See you Tuesday



## 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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## May 7th Meeting: The Current state of healthcare in the Eugene/Springfield area



### Find out the Current state of healthcare in the Eugene/Springfield area with Chris Rompala and Jo Turner

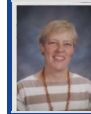
**Our guests Chris Rompala and Jo Turner will** discuss the impact and implications of the decisions that PeaceHealth has been making on our community, patients, and caregivers.

**Chris Rompala** has been a nurse at Riverbend for almost 10 years now and has spent the last 9 in the operating room. In addition to his work as a direct care nurse, he has become highly involved with the state nurses union, Oregon Nurses Association. Currently, he sits as the Chair of the Bargaining Unit (Local) for SacredHeart Medical Center (including the Behavior Health Unit at UD) and is the Member-at-Large on the ONA Board of Directors Executive Committee. He has a passion for advocating for nurses and healthcare professionals and doing what is right for our patients.

**Jo Turner** has been a nurse since the dawn of time (30+years), starting her illustrious career in the Army. As being one of the smallest people in their bargaining unit, she makes up for it by using her voice. As a fierce advocate for her patients, and coworkers, she is excited for the opportunity to speak with the Rotary Club.



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### Birthdays

Robert Scott Impehoven  
May 5th  
Diana Rae Bray  
May 6th  
Brent Allyn Johnson  
May 8th  
Jay Silverman  
May 18th  
Victoria Whitman Harris  
May 25th  
Lauren Regnani  
May 28th  
Tiffany Marie Palaniuk  
May 28th  
Gregg A. Fuller  
May 31st  
Richard Shugar  
June 2nd  
Jacob Hamalian  
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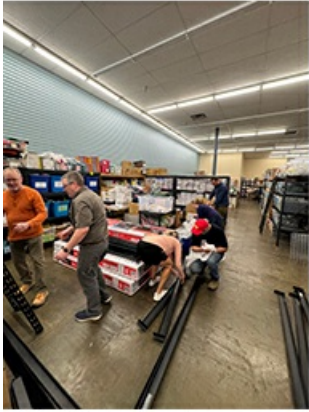
### Years of Service

# Service at Bags of Love

We're excited to share our recent community service project at Bags of Love. Thanks to the Eugene Rotary Charitable Foundation's generous grant of \$3,000, we helped expand Bags of Love's operational capacity by assembling 13 gorilla racks! A huge shoutout to Jerry, Mark, Jesse, Todd, and prospective club member Jason Smeed for lending their hands in this meaningful project.

Best,  
Jesse

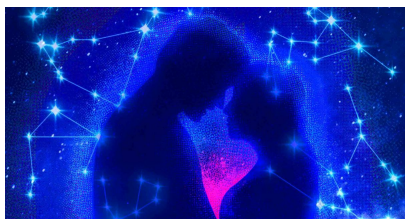
Susan Sygall  
05-11-2000  
24 Years  
Dennis J. Biggerstaff  
05-10-2011  
13 Years  
Jennifer Geller  
05-29-2012  
12 Years  
Jeff Parker  
05-29-2012  
12 Years  
Philip Holt Barnhart  
05-17-2016  
8 Years  
Jacob Hamalian  
05-19-2022  
2 Years





## May 11th Social Event: Constellations

The Very Little Theater is presenting 'Constellations' directed by Richard Sheeland, Karen's husband!



Our lives are, in part, a matter of chance, we can't control the circumstances we are born into. But how our lives play out depends largely on the decisions, big and small, that we make along the way. All of us at various times in our lives think "What if". What if I had stayed in the Army and gone to Officer Candidate School when the opportunity was given to me? What if I had accepted the invitation to the party that cute girl

invited me to my junior year in college? What would my life be like if you had continued to study biology? What if there was another you, many other versions of you in a vast array of alternate universes who made the other decision? This is the premise of Nick Payne's brilliant, award winning play "Constellations". First produced in London in 2012, the play has become an international hit being performed around the world. It opened on Broadway in 2015 starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Ruth Wilson, who was nominated for a Tony Award for her performance. It is currently enjoying a sold out run Off Broadway.

I'm not sure I have ever been moved by a play as I was when I first read this beautiful piece of theatre. I knew I had to bring it to VLT. I had a small but talented group of actors show up for auditions. One challenge, which turned out to be a bonus, was how to ask people to be understudies in a two person play, so I decided to form two casts who will perform on alternate nights. The two couples have been encouraged to develop their own version of the play, which is perfectly in keeping with the "alternate universe" basis of the work. It has been a joy seeing these two couples find their characters and develop their relationships. I like to think of it as a piece of music, perhaps piano jazz, with a theme and variations.

Despite the challenging structure of the play and the complexity of some of the subject matter; theoretical early universe cosmology, quantum mechanics, string theory, it is at its heart a love story and I've always been a sucker for a good love story.

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## May 15th: Food for Lane County Service



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

**Wednesday May 15th 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 turnout in March. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Several of us went out for snacks and libations afterwards. Join us this month on April 18th 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!

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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 May:

May 14- Springfield Update, Nancy Newton. Intro- Noreen Dunnells

May 21- LPAPA- Air Quality, Travis Knudsen. Intro- Bonnie Bailey

May 28- Int'l Cult Svc Program- Yu Zhang. Intro- Jerry Harris

June 4- 4H Animal Program, Liz Gill. Intro- Phill Barnhart, Jr

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## Next Committee Meetings

**Program Committee:** Wednesday May 8th at 8am, via ZOOM

**Community Service:** Wednesday May 22th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

**Environmental Committee:** Thursday June 6th at Noon, via ZOOM:

Club ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=cjRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUiZnbnUydz09>

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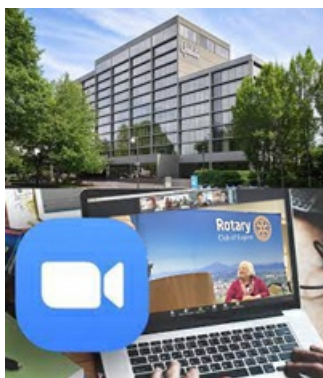


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## Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate Hotel this week or on Zoom - link below



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