

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### April 8th Meeting - Lane Education Service District



This week please welcome Lane Educational Services District (Lane ESD)<sup>1</sup> Superintendent Tony Scurto and Assistant Superintendent Eric Anderson to our Club. Lane ESD supports all 16 public school districts in Lane County from the three larger metro districts of Eugene, Springfield, and Bethel schools to smaller districts such as Mapleton with approximately 150 students in K-12. Lane ESD provides their services to all of these districts. These services **focus on four primary areas (links are active)**:

- [Services for students with special needs](#)
- [Administrative Services](#)
- [Technology Support](#)
- [School Improvement](#)

Tony and Eric will report on the state of Lane ESD, the services they offer and how recent and pending United States executive orders and Oregon legislation will impact our schools. .

<sup>1</sup> ESDs are required in Oregon by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 334 and there are currently 21 ESDs in Oregon. Most ESDs are organized by county.

#### About Eric:

In his current role at Lane ESD, Eric works with current ESD Superintendent Tony Scuto to administer Lane EDS Services to their primary clients: the 16 school districts in Lane County. Prior to his work as Lane EDS Assistant Superintendent, Eric worked at District 4J as the Director of Curriculum. In that role he was nominated for a **A Champion in Education (ACE)** award in 2023 by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

Eric is a University of Oregon alumni. He started his career as a special education teacher in Eugene 4J. His first assignment was at the alternative high school at Churchill. His first administrative position was the assistant principal at South Eugene High School in 2002. He moved on to be a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school level before becoming the 4J Curriculum Director. In 2023, he left 4J to become the Assistant Superintendent of Lane ESD.

#### About Tony:

Tony is a thirty-one year resident of Lane County. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration from California State University, Northridge and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He received his Continuing Administrator License from the University of Oregon.

Tony began his educational career in 1984 as a high school teacher and coach in the Antelope Valley in California. Moving to Oregon in 1993, he served as a school administrator at Coquille High School and then Sutherlin High School. Tony began his work in Lane County in 1995 when he was hired as Assistant Principal at Pleasant Hill High School. He then served in the principal role in the Pleasant Hill School District working at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. In 2008 Tony was the Pleasant Hill School District superintendent and served in that role until 2017.

Tony has been active on the Lane Oregon Leadership Network (LOLN), the Lane Workforce Partnership Board, the OASE Funding Coalition, and the Oregon Small Schools Association Board.

### April 8th - At the Graduate

The Tuesday April 8th meeting will be at The Graduate, 66 East 6th Avenue.

### Club Meeting

Eugene  
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541)  
342-2000  
66 East 6th Street  
Eugene, OR 97401  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

### Events

April 8th  
**Eugene Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Eric Anderson  
**Subject:** Lane Education Service District

April 15th  
**Eugene Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** President Nathan Phillips  
**Subject:** State of the Club meeting

April 22nd  
**Eugene Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Ibrahim Hamide  
**Subject:** Cafe Soriah Business Success Story

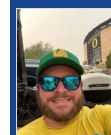
April 29th  
**Eugene Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Ana Babauta  
**Subject:** Ophelia's Place

May 6th  
**Eugene Weekly Club Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Maya Buelow: Lane County Public Works  
**Subject:** Battery Recycling

### Club Leaders



Nathan Philips  
President



Philip Holt Barnhart  
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter  
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribkov  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Executive Secretary

Todd Anderson  
Treasurer

## Common Man for Ukraine and Rotary Club of Eugene - a Connection that Works

To follow-up the great presentation by Common Man for Ukraine (CMU) co-founder Susan Mathison and Club member Jay Silverman's Matching Fund for CMU: As of this writing, Jay reported that our club had exceeded our match goal of \$4000 by \$100, meaning we raised \$8100 (so far) for the Plymouth New Hampshire Rotary's Common Man for Ukraine child rescue efforts. This money is now in the hands of CMU!

There is currently a just-returned team from Ukraine, having completed a massive distribution of kids' items to 21 villages. During their travels, and while in Kharkiv, Ukraine, a missile attack came very close to them. Here is an extract from an article on the CMU website ([Common Man for Ukraine](#)) about the attack:

Roughly 10 minutes after our Common Man for Ukraine team left a central square in Ukraine's besieged city of Kharkiv last weekend, Russian forces launched a deadly attack on that very square.

The close call marked a dramatic moment for the 12th humanitarian convoy led by the New Hampshire-based nonprofit [Common Man for Ukraine](#), the four volunteers recounted as they traveled home Friday and pledged to return for a 13th trip.

"While we made it to safety, innocent Ukrainians were killed and many were wounded," said Common Man for Ukraine co-founder Lisa Mure. "We hear air raid sirens often on our convoys, but it's really become white noise for most Ukrainians. For the next hour or two after leaving the square, we heard both loud sirens and explosions. We knew pretty quickly that this time was different."

Still, [Common Man for Ukraine](#) and its Polish Rotary partners continued with their relief deliveries the following day as planned. On this trip, the volunteers delivered more than 64,000 pounds of food, solar lanterns, clothes, generators, and additional supplies to more than 5,000 children and their families spread throughout 16 villages in the Kharkiv Oblast in southeastern Ukraine.

"It's a sobering experience," co-founder Susan Mathison said of her 12th mission in the war zone. "As soon as we got out of our vans at the very first village the next morning, the air raid sirens were blaring again. But there's no time to be afraid. Hundreds of people were lined up waiting for us to arrive, waiting desperately for the food. There's no time to be afraid."

As you can see...nothing can stop Rotarians when they are on a mission!

The Eugene Rotarians and partners who contributed to the matching fund drive are:

John Wolf  
Heinz and Susan Selig  
Nathan and Robin Phillips  
Richard and Charlotte Barnhart  
Lynne Grilley  
Liz and Scott Ness  
Todd Anderson  
Chris Stephenson and Kate Conley  
Jay Silverman and Diane Bolte-Silverman  
Jerry and Victoria Whitman Harris

and.....the following friends of Rotary:  
Pam Perryman and Bob Whitman  
Peg and Kieth Monfort

Sincere thanks to all these contributors.

The Plymouth Rotary club is very appreciative of our donations and assures us that 100% of our money will go directly to aid the kids of Ukraine. As Jay says, "If this project doesn't meet the very definition and objectives of a Rotary project, I don't know what does. Great job to all!"

There is an on-going need for funds which can be easily given by going to [commonmanforukraine.org](http://commonmanforukraine.org). It doesn't take two minutes to donate (tax deductible) and to identify the money as part of our Club's efforts.

***This is the power of Rotary***



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Rotary Foundation  
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International Service  
Co-Chair



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Past President  
Eugene Rotary  
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Chair



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Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Fund Chair



Karen Gaffney  
Community Service Co-  
Chair



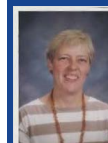
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Youth Exchange



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Rotaract Rotary Advisor



# Rotary

## Club of Eugene



### Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Grant Cycle Deadline Approaching

Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is accepting proposals until April 30th for the current funding cycle. As a reminder, if you wish to submit a grant proposal to the ERCF you must have it approved by the Club committee that most closely aligns with the goal of your proposal. Proposal review will take place the week of May 4th. Questions? Contact a Fund board member (Greg Stewart, Monica Wilton, Pete Gribkov. Dennis Biggerstaff, Jennifer Geller or Dave Frosaker).

### Community Service Committee - Skinner Butte Work Party Call for Volunteers



Noreen Dunnells  
Club Director  
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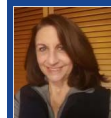
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Club Director



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Communications Officer



Gerald Whitman Harris  
Bulletin Editor  
Webmaster  
iPast President



Monica Wilton  
Rotary Connect Chair

### Birthdays

John Barnum  
April 10th

Julius Kyakuwa  
April 14th

Emily Lafon  
April 18th

Ken Brown  
April 18th

Karen Gaffney  
April 20th

Gregory L. Stewart  
April 23rd

Brian Fox  
April 25th

Robert Scott Impeccoven  
May 5th

Diana Rae Bray  
May 6th

### Years of Service





**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Eugene Rotary's Annual Skinner Butte Cleanup: April 19, 2025  
9am–noon, Rain or Shine!**



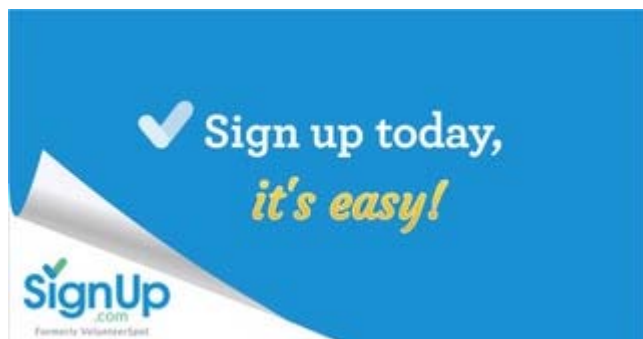
Dress appropriately for working in the weather forecasted.

Bring your own water and gloves!

Pizza and drinks will be provided around noon.

This is one of our club's long-standing commitments and volunteer opportunities. There will be a job for everyone! Family and guests are welcome to join in.

Please commit to joining the effort on April 19th by signing up using the link below:



[Annual Skinner Butte Clean-up  
signup.com](https://www.signup.com)

Noreen Dunnells

04-18-1995

30 Years

Jeff Robinson

04-18-1995

30 Years

Ed H. Barclay

04-18-1995

30 Years

Robert L. Hart

04-13-2004

21 Years

Lynne Grilley

04-08-2014

11 Years

Doug James

04-11-2017

8 Years

Robert E Nickel

04-25-2017

8 Years

Brian Fox

05-03-2021

4 Years

Meagan M Thibodeaux

04-23-2024

1 Year

## Food for Lane County Call for Volunteers

April is **Winning on Reducing Food Waste Month** in the US. To learn more, **read your April**

**edition of Rotary Magazine and the News You Can Use article** near the end of this newsletter!  
Let's redouble our efforts to reduce our personal food waste.



In the meantime...**our Club has been doing monthly food rescue work with Food for Lane County for decades. Over this period we've saved tons and tons of food from going to waste!** If you missed out last month and now have developed a case of FOMO (fear of missing out), our FFLC volunteer night is **always** on the third Wednesday of the month - so put it on your calendar as a recurring event and let's see you join us next month! We will do our part to spread the bounty to our fellow citizens who don't have enough to eat and have a great experience too. Help us by **joining in at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 16th, 2025 at Food for Lane County.** Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!

Please contact **Victoria Whitman** at [vwhitman@hearthstonere.com](mailto:vwhitman@hearthstonere.com) or 541-954-7171 if you would like to participate so we can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on. We have committed to at least six volunteers a month. The more people who come, the more fun it is!

**Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402**  
**Wednesday, April 16th from 6-8:30 pm**

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## Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club is known locally for our outstanding speakers and programs. Here's what members can look forward to during the next month:

April 8 - Lane Education Service District - Assistant Superintendent Eric Anderson. Introduction - Phil Barnhart the Younger

April 15 - State of the Club - President Nathan Philips, Ron Gietter, Pete Gribkov. Introduction - Nathan Philips.

April 22 - Cafe Soriah - Local Success Story - Ibrahim Hamide. Introduction - Victoria Whitman Harris.

April 29 - Ophelia's Place - Ana Babauta. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells.

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## Next Committee Meetings

**Community Service:** Wednesday, April 23 at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (fourth Wednesday).

**Environmental Committee:** Monday, April 7 at Noon, via ZOOM (first Monday). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

**Program Committee:** Wednesday, April 9 at 8:00 am at 497 Oakway Road, Suite 280, Eugene. (moved from usual first Wednesday for April only).

**International Service Committee:** Tuesday, April 15 at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

**Club Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 15 at 4:00 pm (third Tuesday). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

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## News you can use (and other snippets of useless information)

**April 7th is National Beer Day.** This day recognizes the world's most widely consumed alcoholic beverage. Following water and tea, it is the third most popular drink overall. Beer possibly dates back to 9500 BC when cereal was first farmed. It is also recorded in the written history of ancient Iraq and ancient Egypt. In case you are wondering, with 9.8 breweries per 100,000 adults over 21, Oregon is #7 on the list of states with the most craft breweries per capita. Portland Oregon is #2 on the list of US cities with the most breweries (82; Denver has 90 in the #1 spot).

**April 15th is National Tax Day.** A national income tax was first collected in the United States in 1862 to fund the Civil War. It was deemed unconstitutional due to not being apportioned with conformity across the states. Once again, the United States enacted an income tax with the 16th Amendment in 1913. At that time, the filing deadline was March 1. In 1918 the deadline was changed to March 15, and then in 1955, for the most recent change, the filing deadline was moved to April 15th. The day has come to be known as Tax Day. Following the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter: "Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes."

**April 17th is National Haiku Poetry Day.** A poetry day. Seems weird at first but try it. You will be surprised.

**April 18th is National Poem in Your Pocket Day.** See April 17th.

**April 22nd is Earth Day.** Each year on April 22nd, Earth Day campaigns around the globe promote ways to keep the Earth healthy and our planet livable. Environment is one of Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus so every day is Earth Day for Rotarians. Consider joining your Club's Environment Committee and be part of the solution.

**April 30th is Stop Food Waste Day!** Did you know that 33% of all food produced globally is lost or wasted every year?; that 45% of root crops, fruit and vegetables produced globally is lost or wasted per year?; that **\$1,866 is the annual cost of food wasted by the average American family?**; that 25% of **the food wasted globally could feed all 795 million undernourished people in the world?**; or that 8% of all greenhouse gas emissions each year are due to food loss and waste? If not, read on...! and let's commit to reducing food wastes at home at the restaurants you frequent and in your community (FFLC volunteering anyone?).

**Do you know April is Cancer Control Month and Winning on Reducing Food Waste Month? If not, read on....**

[Read More](#)

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## How to switch to the digital subscription to Rotary Magazine

Tired of having a stuffed mailbox? Want to do something positive for Earth Day (Apr 22nd)? Not much of interest to you in the latest Rotary Magazine you received in that mailbox? Is it getting harder to read that tiny print in the magazine? Feeling a little guilty about the use of paper for your Rotary Magazine instead of reading it online? Is that what's troubling you bunky?

If so, read on! Changing your Rotary Magazine subscription from hard copy to the digital version is easy! You just have to know your Rotary Club name (Rotary Club of Eugene is our official name), your Rotary ID number (more on that below) and where to go (follow this link): [Switch my Rotary Magazine subscription to digital!](#)

Clicking the above link will send you to a form page in My Rotary. Simply fill in the form boxes as requested (email, name, address, etc.) and when you get to Club name use the official name as presented above. The next box asks you to fill in your member ID. If you don't know your ID there are three ways to find it listed at the bottom of this article.

Once you have your Member ID, read on:

Type your ID into the form. Next, click the box that says "I elect to receive **Rotary** magazine in digital form instead of the print edition" (If you don't click this box you will get both the paper copy and the digital copy delivered to you.)

Then click the "I am not a robot" box.



Finally click **Submit** at the bottom of the form.

Boom! You are done and doing your part to reduce waste and save trees so they can continue to pump out oxygen for us all! Way to go!

To find your Member ID:

1) Look at the printed mailing address on your most recent Rotary magazine. Immediately above your printed name there is a nine-digit number preceeded and followed by the pound sign (#).

Your member ID is **second** through the **eight** numbers (i.e. seven digits long). For example:

If this was printed on my copy of Rotary Magazine:

#073960266#  
Gerald Whitman Harris  
2805 University...

Then my member ID is 7396026 (I made this number up so please don't practice with it - it may be that I guessed someone's real ID).

2) You can also find your member ID by logging into Dacdb, clicking on the **My Data** tab at the top left of the page, and then clicking the yellow **Edit Member** button at the top right of the page. You will find your Member ID listed on the third line of the Member Information box in the top left quarter of the page. While you are in the Edit page you may as well check the entered information and do any corrections/changes you wish to make. Have you retired recently? Changed work or phone number? If you do change anything please remember to hit the **Save** button at the upper right!

or,

3) Email Pete or me and one of us will send you your member ID.

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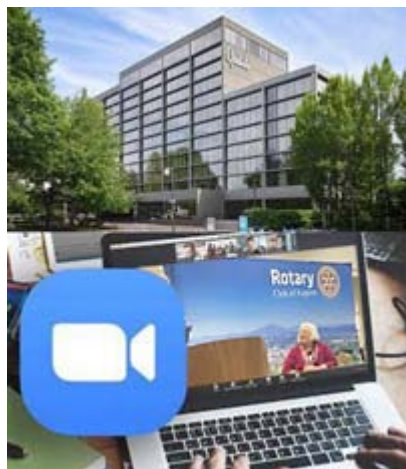
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**The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.**

**Join us to make an impact in our community and around the world! To find out more about membership and fill out an application please visit:**  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Membership](#)

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## Club meetings can be attended on Zoom - link below



Meetings will be on Zoom assuming internet availability  
Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0861 8864

Passcode: 695590

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# Tell Us Your Story

By Daniel J Smith on Tuesday, July 26, 2022

## Get Your Club News in The District Newsletter

Do you have an event, an announcement or something you want in the District newsletter? Go to <https://rotarydistrict5110.com/resources/tell-us-your-story/> and "Tell Us Your Story." It's really fast and easy.



The things you need are:

- **A Title** – something under 50 characters
- **An Excerpt** – This goes under the title (max. 150 characters)
- **A Feature Image** – This goes at the top of the page (at least 1200 pixels wide) [\[For help take a look at this article\]](#)
- **Your Content** – Your best prose or poetry.

Let us know when you want us to post it and when we should turn it off.

**The great news is your article is added to the newsletter, featured on the District website home page, in the category you choose, and on all District social media, including Facebook and Instagram.**

We are here to help you get your message out. If you have any questions, please contact the Webmeister at [webmeister@rotarydistrict5110.com](mailto:webmeister@rotarydistrict5110.com)

## Getting the District Newsletter

By Aimee Walsh on Tuesday, July 26, 2022

### Where's My Newsletter?

Darn good question, and **we thank you for your patience as we transition to a new format along with our new District website.** It is the responsibility of District leadership to keep Rotarian's informed of the happenings and important information from Rotary International, our Zone, and our District. We also hope that it will help us connect with one another. We know change can be challenging and appreciate your support. In addition to fostering better connections, there are other good reasons to change the way our newsletter is distributed. Let me explain.



**As you know, Rotary has a new Area of Focus, the Environment.** It is not just something cool to talk about it's something to inspire us to take a close look at how we can take action. Every little thing we do helps.

Well, believe it or not, sending out over three-thousand email newsletters every week, that not many people open, does have an impact on the environment.

Here are some interesting facts from an article from the BBC:

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the footprint of an email varies dramatically, from 0.3g CO2e for a spam email to 4g (0.14oz) CO2e for a regular email and **50g (1.7oz) CO2e for one with a photo or hefty attachment** [like a newsletter], according to Mike Berners-Lee, a fellow at Lancaster University who researches carbon footprints.

According to estimates by antispam service Cleanfox, the **average user receives 2,850 unwanted emails every year** from subscriptions, which are responsible for 28.5kg (63lbs) CO2e.

If every adult in the UK sent one less "thank you" email, it could save 16,433 tons of carbon a year – **the equivalent to taking 3,334 diesel cars off the road.**

Choosing to send an SMS text message is perhaps the most environmentally-friendly alternative as a way of staying in touch, because each text generates just 0.014g of CO2e.

Little things do add up.

The District Newsletter

**So what is the impact of the District 5110 Newsletter?**



This is just a quick estimate but sending 3,000 email newsletters with images every week for a year generates about 17,196 lb CO2e. **That's enough to drive the family car 11,400 miles** (that's two trips to New York and back).

So, instead of just bugging everyone with an email that gets deleted, we thought it was better to offer our members a bit more control over how they receive District news. **If you open and read the newsletter, that's great.** [Sign-up here](#) and it will get delivered every week. You must [opt-in](#) to receive the newsletter.

**If you prefer, we have an alternative News Feed we think you'll really like.** It's much more environmentally friendly and you have the news right there on your phone or computer. Your news on your time. [Check it out.](#)

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## Stay Connected with Rotary District 5110 on LinkedIn!

By Christine A. Waugh



Exciting news! Rotary District 5110 now has a **LinkedIn page**, and we invite you to follow us.

As a district dedicated to leadership and service, we want to connect with professionals who believe in **service above self**. Whether you're a current Rotarian, a potential member, or a professional seeking meaningful connections, this is where we grow together.

Follow us today and be part of the conversation!  
[Read More](#)

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## Join Us for the Club & District Learning Assembly – A Day of Inspiration and Growth!

By Christine A. Waugh on Saturday, March 15, 2025



Are you ready to be inspired, energized, and equipped for the year ahead? We are excited to invite you to the annual Club and District Learning Assembly. This event is the perfect opportunity to invest in your personal growth and leadership, connect with fellow Rotarians, and gain the tools you need to help your club thrive in the coming year! [Read More](#)

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