

Rotary



Club of Eugene

April 15th Meeting - Club Assembly

Our meeting this week, April 15, will be an important one for us. Rather than our usual program, we will devote the meeting to a discussion of our Club in order to solicit input from the membership about the future direction of the Club. To be clear, the Club is on a solid footing. We are engaging in this process to align our long-term plans with the interests of the membership.

There will be important presentations from Club Secretary Ron Gietter, our Administrator Pete Gribskov and Club President-Elect Phil Barnhart, Jr. Next we will have table discussions to consider a few questions this leadership group has developed. Each table will briefly report their answers and concerns to the group. The results will be reported to the Board and discussed at the Board meeting later Tuesday afternoon.

We would love to have broad participation to help us with our planning. If you haven't been able to attend a meeting recently, this would be a good one to come to. Aligning the Club with the interests and vision of the members will make our Rotary Club stronger and more effective.

Looking forward to seeing you this Tuesday,

President Nathan Phillips



Rotary Club of Eugene

Stronger Together

April 15th - At the Graduate

The Tuesday April 15th meeting will be at The Graduate, 66 East 6th Avenue.

How to switch to the digital subscription to Rotary Magazine

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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:

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 15th
[International Service
Committee Meeting \(via
Zoom\)](#)

April 15th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: President Nathan
Phillips
Subject: State of the Club
meeting

April 15th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board
Meeting](#)

April 16th
[Food for Lane County
Monthly Volunteer
Opportunity](#)

April 22nd
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Ibrahim Hamide
Subject: Cafe Soriah Business
Success Story

April 23rd
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Community Service
Committee Meeting](#)

April 29th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Ana Babauta
Subject: Ophelia's Place

May 1st
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Environmental Committee
Meeting](#)

May 6th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Maya Buelow: Lane
County Public Works
Subject: Battery Recycling

May 7th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Program Committee Meeting](#)

Club Leaders



Nathan Phillips
President

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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 preceded 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:

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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.

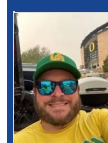
Community Service Committee - Skinner Butte Work Party Call for Volunteers

We would like a few more volunteers! The Work Party is this weekend! Sign up now if you have the time!



SAVE THE DATE!

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



Phillip Holt Barnhart
President-Elect



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Secretary



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Club Admin Chair
Club Executive
Secretary



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Community Service Co-
Chair



Jesse Quinn
Club Director
Community Service Co-
Chair

Bonnie J Bailey



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://signup.com)

Club Committee Membership

Club Committees are the engines that drive the work our Club does in the community we live in and the communities we help around the world. For the next couple of months, we will use this space to highlight one of our 17 Club Committees and ask you to consider turbocharging your membership by joining a Committee that has causes that resonate with you. This week we highlight our

Environmental Committee and encourage you to attend one of the Committee's Zoom meetings (see upcoming meetings article in this issue). Consider joining the Environmental Committee if its causes and projects speak to the issues you are passionate about. Without the Environmental Committee our Club wouldn't be; helping threatened and endangered species by funding and building an isolation ward for **Cascade Raptor Center's avian veterinary hospital**; encouraging you to switch to the **electronic delivery of your Rotary magazine** (article in this issue) to reduce our carbon footprint; organizing work crews to help the **Friends of Buford Park** maintain one of the environmental and recreational gems in our community; learning more about **Battery Recycling in Lane County** and beyond, **the problem with microplastics in our oceans**, or **Bring Recycling** from upcoming Club Speakers; and, much more! Committee participation is a requirement for all new Club members. Please give the Environmental Committee a try! We meet virtually on Zoom at noon on the first Monday of the month. Use this link:

[Environmental Committee Meeting link](#)



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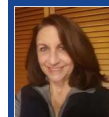
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Birthdays

Julius Kyakuwa
April 14th

Emily Lafon
April 18th

Ken Brown
April 18th

Karen Gaffney

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).

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

To follow-up our report last week on Club member Jay Silverman's Matching Fund for CMU, the items in bold are corrected: As of this writing, Jay reported that our club had exceeded our match goal of \$4000 by **\$1,100**, meaning we raised **\$9,100** (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!

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

Jane Scheidecker

Scott Impecoven

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 **and our sincere apologies to Jane and Scott for their omission from last week's donor list.**

This is the power of Rotary



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Club of Eugene



April 20th

Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd

Brian Fox
April 25th

Robert Scott Impecoven
May 5th

Diana Rae Bray
May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

Years of Service

Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
30 Years

Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
30 Years

Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995
30 Years

Susan Sygall
05-11-2000
25 Years

Robert L. Hart
04-13-2004
21 Years

Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
14 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 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

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 15 - State of the Club - President Nathan Philips, Ron Gietter, Pete Gribskov. 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.

May 6 - Battery Recycling - Maya Buelow of Lane County Public Works. Introduction - Bonnie Bailey.

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, May 5 at Noon, via ZOOM (first Monday). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, May 7 at 8:00 am at 497 Oakway Road, Suite 280, Eugene. (first Wednesday).

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.

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

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?).

May 1 is National Law Day. Law Day encourages us to reflect the role of law in the foundation of the country and the importance it has on our society. Today, we are asking Americans to focus on every legal right laid out in the fundamental documents of American democracy--the [Declaration of Independence](#) and the [Constitution of the United States](#). Both documents uphold the same rights and freedoms for everyone, including the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

May 20 is Rescue a Dog Day. On May 20th, National Rescue Dog Day recognizes all the benefits of allowing a four-legged canine to adopt you into their immeasurably lovable life. According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When these abandoned and abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home and their potential is limitless. They're rescue dogs. And they are awesome companions that need their person! Did you know that Fwank was rescued from the First Avenue Shelter seven years ago in May!



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

[Read More](#)

Rotary Club of Eugene



Rotary is an organization of 1.4 million business and professional leaders united worldwide in 30,000 Clubs to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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](#)

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.

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pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09)

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ROTARY - DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Discover Grants Pass – Watch the Video & Register Today

By Nelson R. Maler

ROTARY - DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Discover Grants Pass – Watch the Video & Register Today [Read More](#)

Look What Eugene Rotarian, Jesse Quinn, found in Washington DC!



Jesse Quinn, a Paul Harris fellow from the Eugene Club, was just out on a stroll. The Extra Mile — Points of Light Volunteer Pathways is a mile-long walking path in the heart of Washington, D.C., honoring the actions and commitment to service of famous Americans who have transformed the nation and the world.

Just blocks from the White House, the monument begins at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 15th Street, continues north on 15th Street to G Street NW, then east on G Street to 13th Street. Formed by a series of bronze medallions creating the historic one-mile walking path, the monument honors individuals whose actions and commitment to service have transformed our nation and the world. As honorees medallions are added in future years, the pathway will continue down G Street.

DEDICATED TO THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Created in honor of President George H.W. Bush and Barbara Bush, The Extra Mile is dedicated to the spirit of service in America. On Oct. 14, 2005, President and Mrs. Bush dedicated The Extra Mile – Points of Light Volunteer Pathway, inducting its first 20 honorees. To date, 33 medallions have been placed, paying tribute to the work of 36 individuals. The pathway stands as a permanent representation of the president's enduring legacy of service, and it is the only

monument in the nation created to honor everyday citizens for the extraordinary work they've done to create meaningful, lasting change in their country and around the world.

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.](#)
