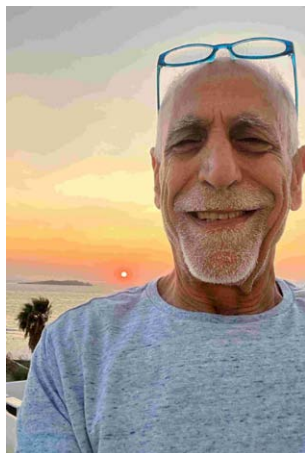


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Club of Eugene

April 22nd Meeting - Ibrahim Hamide shares his Story



This week we are fortunate to welcome long-time community organizer, restaurateur and truly nice guy Ibrahim Hamide to our meeting. Known to many simply as Ib, Mr. Hamide will share with us his reflections and observations garnered over 50 years of success navigating in two vastly difficult fields that are often fraught with obstacles and challenging situations. From Ib's beginnings in Bethlehem, Palestine to Eugene, Oregon, this is a meeting you don't want to miss!

About Ib:

Born and raised in Bethlehem, Palestine. Ibrahim came to Eugene a year after the Six-Day

War to get a degree from the University of Oregon, with plans to go back home after that. During that early time in Eugene, Ib got involved in justice causes and co-founded a few organizations, including the Inter-Religious Peace in the Mideast and Eugene Middle East Peace groups. Ibrahim also served on the Human Rights Commission for the city of Eugene for two terms and continues to work on social justice issues. Mr. Hamide's day job is as the owner and chef at Cafe Soriah.



April 22nd - At the Graduate

The Tuesday April 22nd meeting will be at The Graduate, 66 East 6th Avenue.

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 Gribskov, Dennis Biggerstaff, Jennifer Geller or Dave Frosaker).

Food for Lane County Report

We all win when we are all pulling in the same direction. Last Wednesday evening at Food for Lane County we all had our paddles pointed upstream to save good food from going to waste. Our team once again included a crew from the UO Rotaract Club plus six club members and four family members! Our winning crew included (L to R): Scott Impeccoven, Tom Gilmour, Amy and Ethan from UO Rotaract, Victoria Whitman Harris, Rotaract Club President Chris, Todd Anderson, Jerry, Carolina, Chuck and Maria Binstadt and Lark, their exchange student. Missing is Chris Binstadt.

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 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

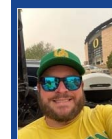
May 7th
Rotary Club of Eugene's Program Committee Meeting

May 13th
Eugene Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Dr. Zhang Yu and International Scholar Guest
Subject: University of Oregon International Cultural Service Program

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Secretary



After we completed our work saving food, a bunch of us met at Forresters on W. 11th for a nosh and some quality social time. Rotary = Food Rescue + Friends + Families + Food to Eat : It's the circle of life!



If you missed out last month 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, May 21st, 2025 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!

The United States Department of Agriculture canceled its Commodity Credit Corporation food purchasing program last month. [FOOD For Lane County](#) Executive Director **Carolyn Stein** said it means a loss of about 15% of their inventory (~1.2 million pounds of food), but not across the board.

"It's the kind of primary foods that build meals: meat, eggs, fresh dairy, and produce," she told KLCC. "Those are often the most expensive things to purchase, and they're the hardest to afford for people that are living paycheck to paycheck."

Stein said she's budgeting for the next fiscal year expecting that this food won't be coming. She says the move comes at a time when the levels of need are at their highest in recent memory, and that Lane County food pantries have had a 101% increase in demand since 2022.

Let's vow to do what we can to prevent hunger in the face of these cuts. 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, May 21st 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 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.

May 13 - UO International Cultural Service Program - Becky Crabtree plus ICSP students! Introduction - Victoria Whitman Harris.



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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, 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, May 20 at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 20 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 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 waste 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!



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Birthdays

Karen Gaffney
April 20th

Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd

Brian Fox
April 25th

Robert Scott Impeccoven
May 5th

Diana Rae Bray
May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th



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

[Read More](#)

And now for something completely different...

BREAKING NEWS FLASH!

On April 15, in the most recent of a long list of his demonstrations of *Stupidity in Action (SIA)*, Jerry Whitman Harris took a massive header over his bicycle handlebars in an empty driveway just to experience a tete-a-tete between his (helmeted) head, his shoulder and some Graduate asphalt. The result of this encounter was no surprise: The asphalt soundly rejected Mr. Whitman Harris' advances.

Of course and as usual in his SIA demonstrations, the encounter did result in an injury. In a surprising but welcome turn of events, the American medical system worked with both alacrity and celerity: First, with an emergency room visit to McKenzie Willamette Hospital (their ER operates like a well-oiled machine – we highly recommend them next time you have a **rapid unscheduled disassembly** of your body!). Per the ER doctor: "Fortunately for Whitman Harris, no permanent head damage was diagnosed (thank you helmet - that was a great investment of \$100)". (*Ed. Note:* No ER doctor was willing to go on record saying that no brain damage *existed* due to the strange behavior of the patient). The ER doctor did say that the left clavicle appeared to have sustained some damage. On the way out of the emergency room Whitman Harris was heard to say "Well, at least I'll have more medical deductions for my taxes next year!

The ER visit was followed up with a *next day!!* appointment at Slocum Orthopedics with Dr. Anna Vanderhorst, who went old school, looked at the shoulder and diagnosed "yep, your clavicle is messed up"). This was followed up yet again by *another* next day appointment for surgery! Shouts of **Trifecta!** were heard echoing through Slocum's corridors.

After a successful surgery to install a metal thingy (yes, that is the scientific term). Whitman Harris was discharged from the hospital into the very capable hands of Victoria Whitman Harris. As you may guess from this missive, his discharge was facilitated by massive quantities of pain medicine - resulting in you, dear reader, either skimming this article *or perhaps this entire newsletter* for evidence of competency or, maybe skipping to the end of this way too tedious report. To his credit, during a moment of clarity Whitman Harris tendentiously exclaimed, "I'm fine, gol durnit!] Nothing to see here!". Mr. Whitman Harris also commented on how wise he was to have scheduled a long shoulder convalescence to sequence smoothly into a nine-week course of radiation, saying "Ha – **Daily Double** too! Looks like I'll be playing my broken shoulder **and** cancer cards all summer! Staycation of my dreams!" (*Ed. Note:* At this, Ms. Whitman Harris could be heard whimpering in the background. Asked if he had anything else to add, Ms. Whitman Harris stepped in with a firm "No" as he was wheeled out of the hospital while raving about how much he loved everyone.) Wary observers were seen backing away from Whitman Harris and shielding their children. No immediate traumatic stress injuries were reported.

Kristen F Henry
May 14th
Jay Silverman
May 18th

Years of Service

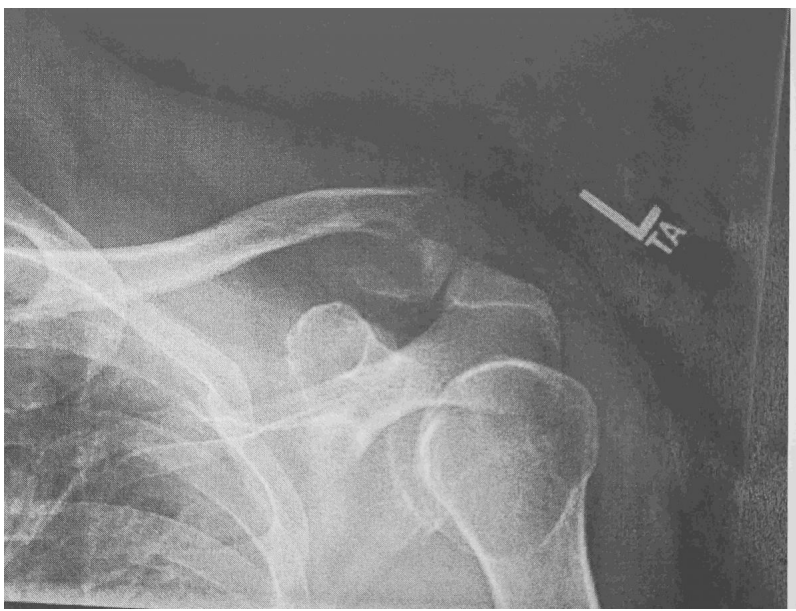
Susan Sygall
05-11-2000
25 Years
Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
14 Years

Philip Holt Barnhart
05-17-2016
9 Years

Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
8 Years

Brian Fox
05-03-2021
4 Years

Meagan M Thibodeaux
04-23-2024
1 Year



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.

Rotary Club of Eugene



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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](#)

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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Get Ready to Launch into the New Rotary Year!



District 5110's Club & District Learning Assembly

April 12, 2025 | Doors open at 8:00 AM | Cottage Grove High School, Cottage Grove, Oregon
Formerly known as CTA, this *revved-up* event is your springboard to success in the coming Rotary year. Whether you're a President-Elect (attendance is required!) or a club officer, director, or committee chair — this day is built for YOU.

Why Attend?

Power-packed training sessions

- Fresh ideas to take back to your club
- Networking with Rotarians from across the District
- Free continental breakfast & lunch!

Sessions for every Rotarian—no matter your role or experience.

Spouses and guests are welcome — just be sure to register them separately so we can plan each session accordingly!

Come for the training. Stay for the inspiration. Leave ready to SOAR.

Get more details and [REGISTER HERE](#). Mark your calendars and don't miss it!

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.
