

Rotary



Club of Eugene

April 29 Meeting - Ophelia's Place Corporate Relations Director Ana Babauta



This week we have the good fortune to welcome Ophelia's Place Corporate Relations Director Ana Babauta to our meeting. Ophelia's Place is a Eugene nonprofit organization celebrating their 20th year serving girls of all stripes in our community. They are located at 1577 Pearl Street, Suite 100, in Eugene, Oregon.

This important local organization is dedicated to empowering girls and gender-diverse youth aged 10–18 to thrive in a complex world. The organization provides a range of programs and services designed to build resilience and self-confidence so that together we can create a better, safer, and more equitable community for girls and youth.

About Ana:

Ana Murphy Babauta is the Corporate Relations Director for Ophelia's Place. She develops and maintains strong relations with corporate communities, ensures giving opportunities are

explored, creates awareness in all OP communities and works with the OP Community Engagement Team to support events and programming. She is dedicated to supporting the financial health and ability of Ophelia's Place to provide a positive, inclusive environment for girls with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities.

Ana believes in being kind, loving and genuine. In her role as Corporate Relations Director, she sees a chance to build genuine relationships with people in our community so that we can all work together to further the purpose of OP.

Ana was born and raised on the beautiful island of Guam, USA and moved to Eugene, Oregon in 2019. She has extensive experience in sales and marketing with a diverse career path that has taken her to many places.

Inafa' maolek, which is pronounced e-na-fah mao-lek in Ana's CHamoru culture, is the notion of restoring harmony or order. The literal translation is 'to make' (inafa) 'good' (maolek) and Ana puts this into effect in every sphere of her life, including her work at OP.

Ana's words to live by: "I would tell my 13-year-old self that a lot of the things that are happening in your life are not your fault. That you have a long future ahead of you and not to get caught up with your current day-to-day struggles. Be loving and kind but also be selective in who you surround yourself with."

April 29th - At the Graduate

The Tuesday April 29th meeting will be at The Graduate, 66 East 6th Avenue.

Project Wrap - 29th Annual Skinner Butte Work Party

The Rotary Club of Eugene: Skinner Butte Park Stewards for 29th Year

On April 19th, 2025, Rotary Club of Eugene (Club) volunteers made the trek once again to the top of Skinner Butte for the 29th iteration of the Club's Annual Skinner Butte Restoration project. Long-time residents of Eugene may recall the week of March 17th 1997. During that week, the Eugene City Council, several local advocacy groups, concerned citizens, and members of the Club drew lines in the

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 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

May 20th
International Service Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

May 20th
Eugene Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Bruce Blonigan
Subject: University of Oregon School of Business

May 20th
Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting

May 21st
Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity

Club Leaders



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sand regarding the City's recent proposal to close the road to Skinner Butte. The City had set 11:00 pm on Friday, March 21 as the date of closure. Prompted by letters, calls of complaint and strong media attention, including an editorial arguing against closure from Register-Guard (R-G) editor Alton Baker III, at 5:00 pm Friday the City withdrew the closure order "to allow more time for evaluating alternatives" to the closure of the Park's only access road.

The week of March 24 continued with more efforts from opposition groups to stop the closure of the road. On Tuesday March 25, 1997 the R-G reported that Ray Wiley, a member of the Eugene Rotary Club (sic), pledged to the City that "if the road stays open, he will ask the Club to take on major park improvements as an ongoing project. The Club responded to Ray's pledge as it has done for many projects in this community for the past 102 years: The challenge was accepted. Plans were made and approved, Club volunteers stepped up, task lists were draw up, funds were raised by the Club members and allocated, members used their expertise to draw in contractors for donated or reduced fee services, and the restoration of not only the access road but the whole park had begun.

Over the years, the road was repaired, water was brought to the planters, trash removed, invasive blackberries and ivy was killed, the Big E and Big O were repainted dozens of times, stone steps were constructed from the flagpole down to the Big O, a new access trail was built to the Big E, landscaping plants were added, flowers were planted, weeds were weeded everything that needed paint was painted...and painted again, graffiti was removed, trails maintained and more. Year in and year out, rain or shine. This brings us full circle back to April 19 when Club members honored that pledge once again. Rotary doesn't quit: It's part of our DNA.



L/R: Susan Heisey, project lead, Jeffery Carlson, Mike Gerot, Justin Case Sandoval, Jesse Quinn, John Wolf.
 Dick Barnhart, Jerry Whitman Harris, Stacey Ray, Scott Impecoven, Andy Vobora, Bonnie Bailey, Sonya Carlson.
 (Not in photo: Gage Carlson, Victoria Whitman Harris)

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Club Social - At McMenamins North Bank.

By Gregg Fuller



Claussen, Bonnie Bailey and Steve McIntire.

What a fun time we had last night at McMenamins North Bank! Great food, great socializing, great fun outside of our weekly meeting! Look for the next social! It is amazing all the different things I learned that I did not know from Rotarians!

Above (L-R): Gregg Fuller, Sybele, Todd Andron, Richard Scheeland, Karen Scheeland, Victoria and Jerry Whitman Harris, Mark Hewitt, Bob and Linda Hart, Nissa Newton. At right (L-R): Scott and Jane Impecoven, Jaden, Matt and Nancy



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Only a few days left! Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Grant Cycle Deadline

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).

Food for Lane County Report

We all win when we are all pulling in the same direction. Last Month 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 Impehoven, 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.



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."



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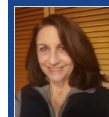
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Birthdays

Robert Scott Impehoven
May 5th

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May 6th

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May 8th

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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 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.

May 20 - UO School of Business - Bruce Blonigan. Introduction - Jennifer Geller

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Wednesday, May 28 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 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 11 is Mother's Day. Mother's Day has been celebrated around the world since, well, since motherhood. In the United States, Julia Ward Howe inspired the first movement toward a national observance during the Civil War. Appealing to the public for a "Mother's Day for Peace" after witnessing the devastation left by war, Howe went on an international crusade. While her efforts never gained formal recognition for an official observance, she was acknowledged posthumously in 1988 for her achievements and her efforts for women's rights.

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

May 14th
Jay Silverman
May 18th
Victoria Whitman Harris
May 25th

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
Brian Fox
05-03-2021
4 Years

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!



May 26 is Memorial Day. Honoring the men and women who have died while serving in the military, communities, individuals, and organizations have kept Memorial Day in various forms in the United States since the end of the Civil War. General John Logan first called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 5, 1868. The observance was called Decoration Day, and it was observed on May 30th, 1868. Now, Americans observe the Federal holiday, Memorial Day, the last Monday in May. It honors and remembers all men and women who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Memorial Day is also a day to remember all loved ones who have passed away.

Traditionally on Memorial Day, the flag of the United States of America is raised briskly to the top of the staff then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position where it remains until noon. At noon, it is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. When the flag is at half-staff, the position is in remembrance of the more than one million men and women who gave their lives for their country. Raising the flag at noon signifies the nation lives, that the country is resolved not to let their sacrifice be in vain but to rise up in their honor and continue to fight for our democracy against all enemies, foreign and domestic and to ensure liberty and justice for all.

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

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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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Thursday, May 8th at 7:30pm
The Shedd Institute for the Arts
285 E Broadway, Eugene, OR




\$35 entry fee +
all donations are
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Info: Joseph & Elizabeth Lewis 541.513.6231

Farewell concert for
Eugene's visiting Ugandans.
Dessert spread, drinks, &
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Proceeds go towards \$7,000
goal to purchase health clinic
equipment through
Kampala, Uganda Rotary.
Tickets: theshedd.org
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In case you didn't hear, the District Rotary Friendship Exchange just returned from a FANTASTIC trip to Uganda. Some of our young outbound team members became so inspired about providing a maternity unit to Butoolo Health Center in Uganda, that they've organized an event to help raise funds for that effort. *Talk about Rotarians making an impact!*

You can help by enjoying a benefit concert on Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 at the Shedd Institute for the Arts (285 E Broadway, Eugene.) Call the Shedd at 541 687 6526 and get your tickets!

One of the Best Parts of the District Conference? The People.

By Nelson R. Maler



You've heard about the speakers, the golf, the wine tasting, and the Saturday celebration—but one of the most meaningful parts of the **District 5110 Conference in Grants Pass** is something we haven't talked much about yet: **the people you'll meet.**

The conference brings together Rotarians from across our district—leaders, doers, innovators, and community builders. Between sessions, over shared meals, during optional tours and casual hangouts, you'll have countless chances to connect, swap ideas, share stories, and find new inspiration for your club's next project.

This is a weekend for building relationships that can lead to collaborations, friendships, and fresh energy for your Rotary journey. Don't miss your chance to be part of it.

Register today and be in the room where service ideas grow: [Register Now](#)

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