

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### May 6 Meeting - Maya Buelow of Lane County Waste Management



This week please welcome Lane County Waste Reduction Specialist Maya Buelow to our Club. Maya will give us an update on the state of Battery Recycling in Lane County. This will include a review of battery wastes generated in Lane County and an introduction to battery safety and recycling best practices.

#### *About Maya:*

As a Waste Reduction Specialist, Maya represents the county's recycling interests at the local, regional, and state level. She is a committed environmental advocate and parent, passionate about preserving natural resources for future generations, and works to advance waste reduction programs and recycling policy in Oregon. Maya mastered in Soil Science at UC Davis and her professional background includes soil remediation research and work with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, where she conducted statewide research on multi-tenant recycling.

### May 6th - At the Graduate

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

### Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Grant Cycle Deadline Has Passed

The grant application deadline for the Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund's (ERCF) current funding cycle has passed. Application review will take place this month (May) and awards, if any, will be announced.

### 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 Impecoven, 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

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

### Events

May 6th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Maya Buelow from Lane County Public Works  
**Subject:** Battery Recycling in Lane County

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

May 13th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Becky Crabtree  
**Subject:** Director of International Student Services, Division of Global Engagement, University of Oregon

May 20th  
[International Service Committee Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)

May 20th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Dr. Bruce Blonigan

May 20th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)

May 21st  
[Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity](#)

May 27th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

May 28th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting](#)

### Club Leaders



[Nathan Philips](#)  
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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](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, 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:

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 - Jerry Whitman Harris.

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

May 27 - Palo Alto Software - Sabrina Parsons. Introduction - Phil Barnhart the Younger.



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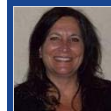
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## Next Committee Meetings

**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 Abilities Diner, 790 Blair Blvd., Eugene. (first Wednesday). Zoom will not be available.

**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)











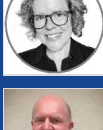

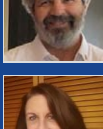
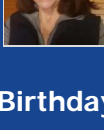
**May 11 is Mother's Day.** Mother's Day has been celebrated around the world since, well, since motherhood. In the United States, Julia Ward Howe inspired the first movement toward a national observance during the Civil War. Appealing to the public for a "Mother's Day for Peace" after witnessing the 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 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.

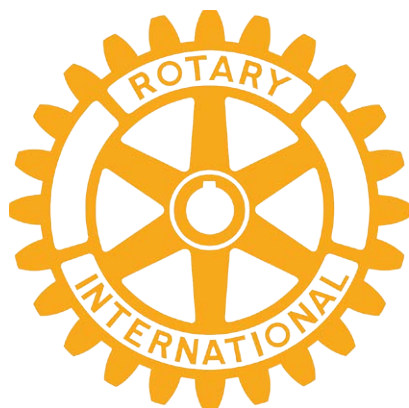
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## Birthdays

Robert Scott Impeccoven  
May 5th

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.

## Rotary Club of Eugene

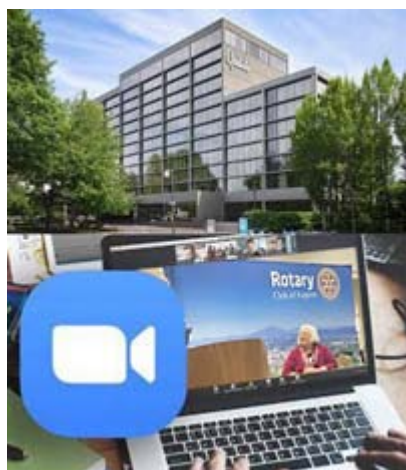


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**The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.**

**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  
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## Join us in beautiful Grants Pass, Oregon, for the 2024 District 5110 Conference

By Brad Converse

Join us in beautiful **Grants Pass, Oregon**, for the **2024 District 5110 Conference**.

Join us in beautiful **Grants Pass, Oregon**, for the **2024 District 5110 Conference**, taking place **May 16–18**. This year's event brings Rotarians together for a weekend of connection, inspiration, and celebration of the service work happening across our district. With powerful keynote speakers, engaging breakout sessions, and opportunities to share your club's impact, this is an event you won't want to miss.

In addition to the conference programming, attendees can enjoy optional events including a Friday golf tournament, a guided wine tasting tour, and a Western-themed dinner at the Josephine County Fairgrounds. Saturday evening will feature a special celebration at the Boys & Girls Club, complete with a silent auction and evening program. There's also time to explore the best of Southern Oregon—from the Rogue River to local shops, restaurants, and nearby attractions.

Registration is now open. We encourage you to reserve your spot early and sign up for optional events no later than **May 2**. Come connect with fellow Rotarians, celebrate what we've accomplished together, and leave energized for the year ahead.

Diana Rae Bray

May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson

May 8th

Kristen F Henry

May 14th

Jay Silverman

May 18th

Victoria Whitman Harris

May 25th

Lauren Regnani

May 28th

Tiffany Marie Palaniuk

May 28th

Gregg Fuller

May 31st

Richard Shugar

June 2nd

### Years of Service

Susan Sygall

05-11-2000

25 Years

Dennis J. Biggerstaff

05-10-2011

14 Years

Jennifer Geller

05-29-2012

13 Years

Jeff Parker

05-29-2012

13 Years

Philip Holt Barnhart

05-17-2016

9 Years

Brian Fox

05-03-2021

4 Years