

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Changing of the Guard - President Nathan Philips



Our Club thanked and honored President Nathan Philips as he stepped down from office and welcomed incoming President Phil Barnhart (the younger!). Nathan did a stellar job guiding the Club through Rotary Year 2024-2025 - our Club's 102nd year.

Some of the projects our Club completed during 2024-2025: We raised \$9,100 for Common Man for Ukraine to help war-traumatized children in Ukraine, our Club's International Service Committee (Committee) is joining an international Rotary campaign to eradicate cervical cancer globally, we conducted our 29th annual Skinner Butte Work Party, we funded and assembled wound care kits for distribution by HIV Alliance, we funded and filled Bags of Love designated for Cornerstone Community Housing clients, and we funded student snacks for several months at Camas Ridge Community School. We funded food purchases and filled Little Food Pantries around

town and we continued our decades-long monthly Food for Lane County (FFLC) food rescue work party. We funded and purchased linens and housewares for newly arrived Afghan immigrants to the US and we funded and volunteered at Lane County's Criminal Record Expungement clinic. We had service projects at FFLC's Grassroots Garden, the 4J 5K Fun Run and Buford Park/Mt. Pisgah.

Through the Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) we provided over \$45,000 in grants to Mobility International, Habitat for Humanity, the Bukobero Community Health Center project in Uganda, an Avian Isolation Ward at the Cascade Raptor Center, the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation (we'll have a Rotary Club of Eugene-branded pickleball court). All of these projects had, or will have, a Club volunteer component (except the Uganda project).

We had so many great socials that we don't have space to name them all (thanks Gregg Fuller). A few that come to mind are the

Finally, the Club donated an astounding and extremely generous \$38,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and \$2,000 to Polio Plus for a total of over **\$40,000 donated by Rotary Club of Eugene members!**

In short, and to quote ol' blue eyes, "it was a very good year!"



July 8th meeting - Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation Annual Meeting - ERSF Chair Liz Ness

Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation (ERSF) will present at our July 8th meeting. The meeting will be led by Past President and current ERSF board president Liz Ness. Liz will begin with the recognition of our five 2025 scholarship recipients. Each recipient will be introduced to the Club and will have the opportunity to say a few words if they wish. In addition to the Rotary Scholarships each student will receive a newly refurbished laptop donated by NextStep Recycling. NextStep's Executive Director Jessica Ahrenholtz will present on behalf of NextStep. After the awards, the ERSF will hold elections for new board members. We hope you will all be in attendance to hear from these incredible individuals, acknowledge and celebrate their many accomplishments, and participate in the ERSF election of new board members.

About Jessica and NextStep:

Thanks to Mike Grudzien's connection with Next Step Recycling's Jessica Ahrenholtz, Mike and Jessica brainstormed the idea to have NextStep partner with our Club to enhance our scholarship awards by including a newly refurbished, late model laptop computer to each ERSF Scholarship recipient.

Thanks to Jessica, NextStep also offers to customize the refurbished laptop to meet any special features the scholar's chosen school recommended for incoming student's laptops. We are proud and grateful to have such a generous and thoughtful partner.

This additional award to our scholars is an incredibly valuable and needed addition to our scholarship package. This year will be the 4th year of our partnership with NextStep. Please thank Jessica and Mike for their efforts in adding NextStep as an important partner in our efforts to support our amazing scholarship recipients.

Club Meeting

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

Events

July 8th
**Eugene Rotary
Scholarship Foundation
Scholarship Awards**

Speaker: Liz Ness/Rotary
Scholars

Subject: ERSF board
president will introduce
our five Rotary
Scholarship recipients for
2025,

July 8th
**Rotary Club of Eugene
Weekly Lunch Meeting**

July 15th
**Rotary Club of Eugene
Weekly Lunch Meeting**

July 16th
**Food for Lane County
Monthly Volunteer
Opportunity**

July 22nd
**Rotary Club of Eugene
Weekly Lunch Meeting**

July 23rd
**Rotary Club of
Eugene's Community
Service Committee
Meeting**

July 29th
**Rotary Club of Eugene
Weekly Lunch Meeting**

Club Leaders



**Philip Holt
Barnhart**
President



**Robert Scott
Impehoven**
President-Elect



**Ronald Terry
Gietter**
Secretary



**Erik Peter
Gribskov**
Club Admin
Chair
Club Executive
Secretary
Todd Anderson



July 8th - At The Graduate

The Tuesday July 8th meeting will be at The Graduate, 66 E. 6th. Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

Special Note: Just a heads up to our members - the July 22 meeting is an away meet, location TBD; July 29 we are back at the Graduate; and August 5th we will be at the Shedd for our annual OFAM meeting; and September 9 is also an away meet, location TBD.

Walk it off! What a game and what a fireworks show!

Wow! the 40 Rotarians and Friends had a literal blast at the ol' ball game on July 3rd. Tied up 1-1 into the bottom of the 9th - the Ems load the bases the a sharp grounder to third base! home for one out and the catcher fires to first looking for the double play. Looks like he has time as he fires the ball....and he hits the runner!! The ball dribbles behind first base as our runner from second rounds third at full speed and heads for home. Safe! Game over! Ems win!!! **and...No Extra Innings!!!** We have to wait until dark but get to watch a glorious sunset during the wait. Best one I've seen since I started going to the Rotary Annual July 4th baseball game and fireworks show. After sunset the Ems put on a great fireworks show, dazzling the 10 youngsters in our crew and us oldsters alike! Enjoy the photos:



Treasurer



Jesse Quinn
Club Director
Community
Service Co-
Chair



Richard A
Barnhart
Club Director



Susan Heisey
Club Director



Robert E. Nickel
Club Director



Richard K. Olson
CCO-Club
Communications
Offcr



Craig Opperman
Club Director



Chris
Stephenson
Club Director



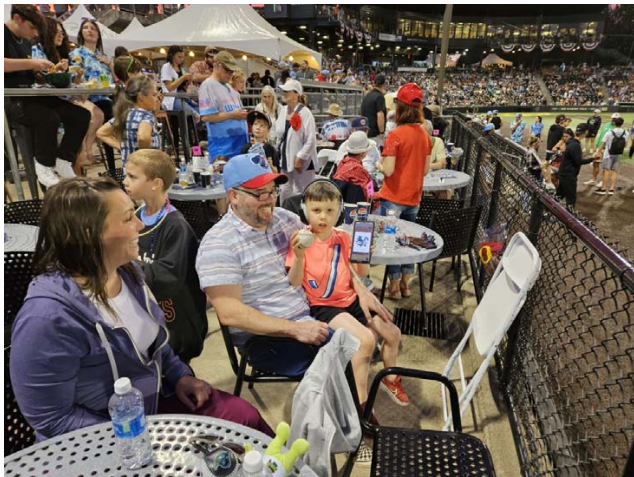
Nathan Phillips
iPast President

Birthdays

Brent D. Kehn
July 7th
Ed H. Barclay
July 20th
Don R. Doerr
July 22nd
R. Scott Palmer
July 24th
Sonya Carlson
July 25th
Doug James
July 30th
Harry B. Storr
August 1st
Maxine Proskurowski
August 2nd
Ward Beck Jr.
August 5th

Years of Service

John Wolf



07-20-1987
38 Years
Mary Jeanne Jacobsen
08-03-1987
38 Years
Gregg Fuller
07-29-1997
28 Years
DeLeesa G. Meashintubby
07-20-2017
8 Years
Susan Heisey
07-27-2021
4 Years
Jesse Quinn
07-08-2022
3 Years
Stephanie Bulger
07-29-2024
1 Year



Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Announces Current Grant Cycle and Upcoming Elections

ERCF Summer Grant Cycle Continues

The ERCF is still accepting grant applications for its summer grant cycle. Applications will be accepted through August 29th. Grant awards will be announced the week of September 1st.

Election of ERCF Board Members

The ERCF is also preparing to hold elections for board members that are term-limiting out of their positions. Candidates for the

open position(s) are: Chris Binstadt, Bonnie Bailey, Dick Barnhart and Lauren Regnani. These are all outstanding candidates and Rotarians. Actual election date TBD. Stay tuned!

Food for Lane County - Call for Volunteers

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 this 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, July 16th, 2025 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!.

Let's vow to do what we can to prevent hunger. 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! We have had some great FFLC socials at local establishments serving food and libations so come join us!

PLEASE DON'T FORGET - FFLC was looking at a 15% drop in critical meal basics (especially proteins) due to the current administration's cuts in Federal Grants programs before the recently passed federal legislation. With the recent passage of President Trump's Big Beautiful Bill in the House and Senate, reductions in the SNAP program are expected by Oregon government officials to result in thousands of current SNAP recipients being removed from the food assistance program in Lane County and Oregon. *If you can't volunteer, please consider donating food directly to FFLC.* You can drop off your donations at their facility located at 770 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene.

Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402

Wednesday, July 16th from 6-8:30 pm (due to recent shortfalls in rescued foods we often complete our work well before 8:30).

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:

July 15 - Emergency Communication using Amateur Ham Radio - Club Member Ron Gietter. Introduction - President Phil Barnhart.

July 22 - The Wild Salmon Center - Stacey Detwiler. Introduction - Liz Ness.

July 29 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the University of Oregon - Dr. Yvette Alex Assensoh. Introduction - John Wolf.

August 5 - Oregon Festival of American Music. Introduction - Jerry Harris

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: The Committee will go on hiatus for July and August. Next meeting will be in September. Date TBD. Meetings are held at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (normally on first Wednesday).

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

Program Committee: Wednesday, August 6th at 8:00 am at Stifel office, 497 Oakway Rd #280, Eugene, OR 97401. **(first Wednesday). Zoom will be available - request link from Chris Stephenson if you are not a committee member.**

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

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 15 at 4:00 pm (third Tuesday). If you wish to attend, contact President-Elect Phil Barnhart to reserve a seat.

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

July 3 is the Eugene Rotary/Eugene Emeralds baseball game, bar-b-que and fireworks.

July 4 is Independence Day in the United States. Each year on July 4, the United States celebrates Independence Day to commemorate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain and, by extension, rule by a King (or Queen).

July 20 is the anniversary of Man's first steps on another world. On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first humans to the moon. Six hours after landing on the moon, American Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface. As he stepped onto the moon's surface Armstrong described the event as "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong spent two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. After joining Armstrong, the two men collected 47.5 pounds of lunar material. Their specimens would make the journey back to Earth to be analyzed.

The last person to walk on the Moon was Eugene Cernan, during the Apollo 17 mission. This occurred on Dec. 14, 1972 according to NASA..

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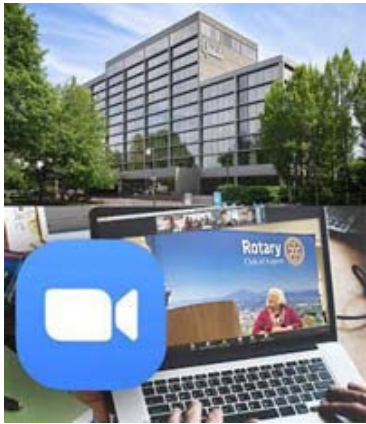
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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

We meet at The Graduate Eugene, 66 E. 6th Street, Eugene Oregon. Meetings are held weekly on Tuesdays at Noon. We can be contacted at PO Box 1184, Eugene, Oregon 97440. Our phone number is 541 654-0921. Our email address is EugeneRotary@gmail.com.

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.

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

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