

Rotary



Club of Eugene

August 5th Meeting - OFAM! with Jim Ralph and Chuck Redd at the Shedd!

This week's meeting is a very special one as once again we get a sneak preview of the 2025 Summer Oregon Festival of American Music (OFAM)! Our own Jim Ralph will welcome us and then pass the microphone over to Chuck Redd. Chuck will give us some OFAM insider stories and then he'll launch straight into some tunes with the band: Randy Porter, Scott Silbert, Nicki Parrott, Kevin Kanner, Tim Clarke and Jon Gordon. Of course, some tunes need some vocalists so we will also welcome Bill Hulings, Lynnea Barry and Michael Stone and, if we are lucky, one or two additional songbirds!



About OFAM:

The 2025 Summer Oregon Festival of American Music runs from August 6 through the 16th - so the time to get your tickets is now! With the theme *My Stardust Melody: The Jazz Standard & The Songbook* as their guiding star, Director Chuck Redd and guest directors Shirley Andress, Lynnea Barry, Siri Vik, Vanessa Greenway and Will & Peter Anderson continue their year-long celebration (begun in January at OFAM 2025 Winter) of the dynamic and vibrant relationship between the Classic Songbook and jazz as popular and jazz musicians alike have taken up, interpreted, and reinterpreted existing compositions from both traditions and contribute new ones. Notable composers and performers they'll be looking at include Jerome Kern, Harry Warren, Jimmy Van Heusen, Duke Ellington, Hoagy Carmichael, Louis Armstrong, Nina Simone, Anita O'Day, Peggy Lee, June Christy, Frank Sinatra, Coleman Hawkins, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Holiday, and more. There are nine historic popular music & jazz concerts, the Summer Jazz Party, two community sing-alongs, eight films, nine talks, and two Road Scholar programs to choose from - or choose them all! Please join in for an unforgettable experience! Tickets are available at [OFAM Tickets](#)

August 5th - At The Shedd

The **August 5th meeting will be at The Shedd**, 868 High Street, Eugene, OR.

Special Note: Just a heads up to our members - For Next week's meeting on August 12th, we will be at The Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art (JSMA) at the University of Oregon. For August 19, 26 and September 2nd we will be at The Graduate. The September 9th meeting is an away game, location TBD.

Long Story Short - DEI at the U of O with Dr. Yvette Alex Assensoh, VP of Equity and Inclusion

Club Meeting

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

Events

August 5th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

August 12th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

August 19th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

August 19th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Dr. Miriam Mickelson
Subject: Eugene School District 4J

August 26th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

August 27th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting](#)

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Last week, Dr. Yvette Alex Assensoh, the Vice President for Equity and Inclusion at the University of Oregon (UO), gave us a thoughtful and inclusive (go figure) presentation and group discussion on the current state of affairs regarding diversity, equity and inclusion programs at the UO. Along with insights and uncertainties regarding Federal Executive Orders, funding holds, cuts and rescissions, Dr. Alex-Assensoh also addressed the complications associated with the various competing drivers of educational and administrative programming at UO and most other universities. These drivers include not only the Federal Government's Executive Orders, but also Federal law, Judicial precedent, State law and associated rule-making, university boards, philanthropic and professional organizations.

Our group discussions and Q&A with Dr. Alex-Assensoh revealed a great interest among Club members about the current and eventual effects the current administration's policies are having and will have on not only to UO DEI programs but the UO as a whole.

Regarding the uncertainties caused by the lack of guidance from the administration about what practices and policies Trump administration officials are calling illegal, on July 29, while Dr. Alex-Assensoh was speaking to us, the Department of Justice published it's **Guidance for Recipients of Federal Funding Regarding Unlawful Discrimination**. Use the following link to access this document for your review:

[DOJ Guidance](#)

New Member Proposed - Athena Aguiar

This is our third and final notice that your Membership Committee has recommended, and your Club Board of Directors has voted its approval of, the membership application of Athena Aguiar. Our new member process requires publication of a proposed and approved new member's name in this newsletter for three weeks. Any member in good standing may comment on, or object to, Ms. Aguiar's proposed membership in writing to the Club Board. Barring receipt of written comments by the beginning of the Club meeting on August 5th, Ms. Aguiar will be accepted for membership in the Club and will be scheduled for induction into the Club.

Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Board Election Results

Election of ERCF Board Members

The ERCF elections for two open board positions were held at the Club meeting on July 29th. Per the results of the voting, we are pleased to welcome Bonnie Bailey and Dick Barnhart to the ERCF board. Please thank Bonnie and Dick for volunteering to serve.

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.

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, August 20th, 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 are 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, August 20th from 6-8:30 pm (due to recent shortfalls in rescued foods we often complete our work well before 8:30).



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Birthdays

Maxine Proskurowski
 August 2nd

Ward Beck Jr.
 August 5th

Erik Peter Gribskov
 August 8th

Nissa Newton
 August 14th

Phil Barnhart
 August 18th

Jane Eyre McDonald
 August 20th

Gerald Whitman Harris
 August 20th

Ronald Terry Gietter
 August 22nd

James W. Savage
 August 22nd

Years of Service

Richard Scott Forrest
 08-21-1973
 52 Years

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen
 08-03-1987
 38 Years

Gerald Whitman Harris
 08-15-2006
 19 Years

Victoria Whitman Harris

Field of Dreams at PK Park

Andy Vobora and Jerry Whitman Harris are still looking for a few more Rotarians to fill out a Rotary table of ten for the **Boys and Girls Club of Emerald Valley (BGCEV)** Field of Dreams event at PK Park on August 14th in the evening. If you are interested in joining us we have **just two seats available**. As you may know, our Club members were instrumental in founding the **BGCEV** in 1999. Please contact Andy at andyduck51@gmail.com or Jerry at gwharris@comcast.net for details.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF EMERALD VALLEY

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:

August 12 - The Schnitzer Museum with our own Peggy Whalen. Introduction - Liz Ness.

August 19 - Eugene School District 4J Superintendent Dr. Miriam Mickelson. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells.

August 26 - Rotary Club of Eugene's Uganda Project with our own Dick Barnhart. Introduction - Phil Barnhart.

September 2 - Geopolitics with Bill O'Grady. Introduction - Liz Ness.

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, August 4th 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, August 19 at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 19 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)

August 4 is National Coast Guard Day. As member Tom Gilmour will surely tell you, this day celebrates and honors the courageous work of the service members of the United States Coast Guard. Today, we salute all Coast Guard members, active and inactive, for their service to our country.

The United States Coast Guard is one of the six United States Armed Forces. While this maritime service is a branch of the military, they are also a multi-missioned service. During peacetime, it operates under the Department of Homeland Security. However, their responsibilities can be transferred to the US Navy by the President of the United States any time deemed necessary, or by Congress during war times. The United States Coast Guard's official motto is **Always Ready** - or in Latin *Semper Paratus*.

August 8 is National Pickleball Day. As Karen Gaffney will readily tell you, Pickleball is a paddle

08-10-2007

18 Years

Tom Gilmour

08-28-2012

13 Years

Brent Allyn Johnson

08-06-2013

12 Years

Stacey Ray

08-25-2020

5 Years

Karen Gaffney

08-25-2020

5 Years

Sonya Carlson

08-15-2023

2 Years

Kristina Gribskov

08-15-2023

2 Years

George Rogers

08-16-2023

2 Years

sport that combines tennis, badminton, and table tennis in one. If you have never played or witnessed a game of Pickleball, think Wiffle ball meets Ping Pong meets Tennis. But don't let that description confuse you. The ball used is similar to a Wiffle ball, while the racket used is similar to a short tennis racket only solid like a ping pong paddle rather than webbed. Play happens on a court similar to that of a tennis court. This is a game that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Here are five fun Pickleball facts:

Pickleball players and fans are called "Picklers."

When a team scores zero points in Pickleball the loss is known as being "Pickled."

Some people eat mustard before playing Pickleball to avoid getting leg cramps.

The non-volley zone in front of the Pickleball net is called the "Kitchen."

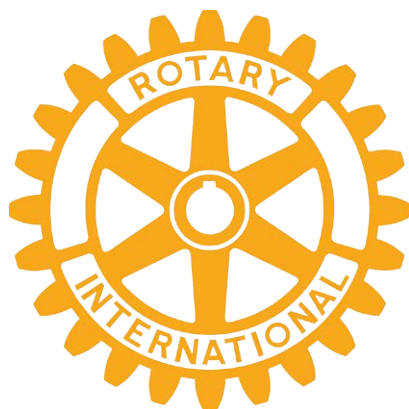
A "dink shot" is the result of the ball landing in the Kitchen.

August 14 is National Code Talkers Day. This honors the contributions of the Native Americans who brought their unique abilities to the World War II effort. The day also highlights their impact on U.S. code and the Native American language that made it possible. While code talkers were instrumental during World War II, the United States military used the Native American language in their coded messages before. During World War I, the Choctaw tribe's language was called upon to relate coded messages. Read more at [Code Talkers](#).

August 17 is National Nonprofit Day (NND). This day recognizes the goals and positive impacts nonprofits have on communities and the world. Somewhere a volunteer reads to school children. At the same time, a patient receives steady medication. A lawyer provides legal services for low-income individuals. A lost soul's life is remembered with dignity, thanks to a nonprofit funeral home. Elsewhere, a first-time homebuyer moves into his own home. *Rotary International's The Rotary Foundation (TRF)* provides funds to Rotarians to do projects like these and more all over the world.

August 26 is National Women's Equality Day. The United States Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women full and equal voting rights on this day in 1920. The wheels for the 19th Amendment were set in motion decades earlier: While in London at the World Anti-Slavery Convention 1840, several women were denied access to the convention floor. This denial of access planted the seeds for a women's rights movement. Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, along with Martha Wright, Mary Ann McClintock, and Jane Hunt, set in motion plans for the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York. Held at Wesleyan Chapel on July 19-20, 1848, the conference drew 200 women on the first day. On the second day, the convention opened to men, and some did attend. During the convention, leaders presented 12 resolutions enumerating the rights of women needed to make women equal to men socially, economically, legally and representatively. Of the resolutions, all but the 9th, which enumerated women's right to vote, were approved unanimously. The right to vote created concern. Many women felt it would cause large numbers of their backers to withdraw their support. However, after much debate and the support of abolitionist Frederick Douglass, the 9th resolution also passed. With this action, women's suffrage began in earnest in the United States. Another advocate, Susan B. Anthony, joined Stanton in 1869 to create the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA). Through nearly ten years of persistence and lobbying, the NWSA introduced an amendment in 1878. Despite years of debate it was finally brought to the floor of Congress in 1886, only to be defeated. For many years advocates continued their efforts for equal rights. New states entered the union, some of these already had constitutions that codified rights for women that states before them never had - including the right to vote. Civil disobedience ensued and women gained ground in their fight for equality. Finally, Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 1920.

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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 102 years. We are taking our second century of Service deeper into our community and farther across the world than ever before.

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.

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