

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## January 13th meeting - District 5110 Update - with DG Chris Waugh



This week we are honored to welcome District 5110 Governor Chris Waugh! Chris will share some thoughts about being a District Governor and the state of the District. She will also lead a discussion about new member attraction and retention. She will also share her expertise on marketing our Club and Rotary to the community.

In addition, during our social time before introducing Chris, we will have a slideshow running that honors all of our club Paul Harris award recipients. At the start of Club business your TRF Committee and Chris will bestow awards to our 15 newest Paul Harris Fellows.

During Club business your Community Service Committee will be honoring members who volunteer their time and effort to our Club projects. Rumor has it that some Rotary swag will be given out!

### About Chris:

Chris Waugh brings a unique blend of business savvy and adventurous spirit to her role as District Governor—her background includes both business administration and hang gliding (yes, really!). Chris started her Rotary Journey in 1987 when she joined the Newport Rotary Club, and soon served as its first woman president. In 2000, she left corporate management to launch her own business consulting firm. Later, a move to the Willamette Valley was meant to be retirement—but that didn't last. She soon returned to coaching and consulting, focusing on leadership development.

Chris joined the Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club and served as president during COVID. She launched two satellite clubs—one in a retirement village and another for working professionals. As the District Membership Chair, she hosted monthly Membership Forums on Zoom to engage and support Rotarians across the district.

Chris is now proud to serve as our 2025–26 District Governor.

## January 13th - At The Graduate

The **January 13th meeting will be at The Graduate Eugene**. The Graduate is located at 66 East 6th Avenue in Eugene. The meeting begins at noon and a buffet lunch is available for purchase.

## Hey Membership Committee! What's Happening?

Your Rotary Club of Eugene Membership Committee wants you to know what the Committee is doing to attract new members and retain existing members. If you would like to help strengthen our Club by attracting new members, contact Scott Palmer (rscott85964@gmail.com) or Pete Gribskov (petelauriegribskov@gmail.com) to join in the fun. The next meeting will be on February 3rd at 4pm. Location TBD. Watch for a notice in the newsletter, by email or at the Club meetings.

### Coming Attractions!

In February: The Committee is working to identify a local venue (possibly Claim 52!) to host a Bingo event in early February. Plan on coming and bring a friend/potential member if you can. Details will

## Club Meeting

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

## Events

- January 13th [Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)
- January 20th [Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)
- January 27th [Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)
- February 3rd [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](#)  
Treasurer



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Membership Chair

[David A. Frosaker](#)  
Rotary Foundation Chair

be forthcoming.

The Committee is planning a series of short membership presentations to the Club. Ideas will be shared about the importance of attracting new members AND about methods you can adapt to help you identify and encourage potential members to check us out.

The Committee will contact the Eugene 20/30 Club and Eugene Chamber's Young Professionals Network to look for opportunities to introduce Rotary to their members.

The Committee will initiate a program to contact retired and past members to reconnect them as part of our Rotary family and invite them to rejoin our Club.

A Fireside meeting is being planned for non-attending members and these members are being contacted and encouraged to attend one of our Member Attraction events to get reinvigorated in Rotary.

The Committee is closely aligned with the Rotary Connect Cohorts and their goals of helping new members get a solid introduction to our Club and ultimately integrate with the larger Club. Rotary Connect is a program that is offered to new members. Contact Monica Wilton for information (mwilton36@gmail.com).

Finally, the Committee is tentatively planning to implement a Lunch and Learn program with larger employers to encourage membership.

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## Save the Date! Evening Meeting of the Rotary Club of Eugene!

Have you been having a tough time making your schedule work for our Tuesday noon meetings? Would you like to have an evening meeting in a lovely setting of rolling hills, trees and green grass? Then come one, come all Rotarians!

Plan to attend our Club's first official evening meeting on January 15th at 5:30 pm at Laurelwood Pub, 2700 Columbia Street. Enjoy the company of your fellow Rotarians and light snacks courtesy of President Phil.

The members of our current Rotary Connect cohort are the official hosts and greeters for this inaugural event. Victoria Whitman Harris will be our special guest speaker. She will speak about our club's long history of volunteering at Food for Lane County and how important it is for the community. Bring a friend! It's a perfect opportunity to introduce them to Rotary. See you on January 15th!

*Ed. Note: Our regular meeting on Jan. 13, 20 and 27 will be held as planned.*

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## Food for Lane County - Call for Volunteers

Our first FFLC volunteer night of 2026 is coming up! Our 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 during this holiday season. Help us by **joining in at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+ years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!

Let's start the new year right! We can do some good work together and then, group willing, we can stop at a local establishment for a nosh, some libations, and great social time with friends old and new!

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, January 21st 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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## Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club is known locally for our outstanding speakers and programs. Here's what



[Jesse Quinn](#)  
Club Director  
Community Service Co-Chair



[Richard A Barnhart](#)  
Club Director-  
Membership



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Club Director-  
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CCO-Club  
Communications Officer



[Craig Opperman](#)  
Club Director- Youth  
Services



[Chris Stephenson](#)  
Club Director-Club  
Service



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iPast President

## Birthdays

Kelly Sutherland  
January 12th

Bonnie J Bailey  
January 13th

Richard K Olson  
January 16th

Peggy Whalen  
January 17th

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen  
January 21st

Philip W. Speers  
January 22nd

Chris Stephenson  
January 25th

George Rogers  
January 27th

Michael Grudzien  
February 2nd

David A. Frosaker  
February 7th

Mark Hewitt  
February 7th

Noreen Dunnells  
February 8th

## Years of Service

members can look forward to during the next month:

January 20th - The Hult Center with Laura Lee. Introduction - Monica Wilton.

January 27th - Mobility International with Susan Dunn. Introduction - Liz Ness.

February 3rd - SMART Reading Program with Elissa Korbrin. Introduction - Andy Vobora.

February 10th - Building Leadership through Debate/Mock Trial with Trond Jacobson. Introduction - TBD.

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## Next Committee Meetings

**Community Service:** Wednesday, February 4th, 2026!! at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (**first Wednesday**).

**Environmental Committee:** Monday, February 2nd, 2026!! at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (**first Monday**). Via Zoom. [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

**Program Committee:** Wednesday, February 4th, 2026!! 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, February 16th at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (**third Tuesday**) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

**Club Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16th at 4:00 pm at Lane Workforce Partnership, 1401 Willamette St. No. 2, Eugene, Oregon. (**third Tuesday**).

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## For the Good of the Order

The Eugene-Springfield NAACP 2026 MLK March & Celebration will be on January 19, 2026 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

This year's theme is: **Together. Together we can. Together we will. Together we are unified.** A combined Eugene and Springfield march will go from the X's and O's of Autzen Stadium on MLK Blvd. to The Shedd at 285 E Broadway in Eugene. At the Shedd at 11am there will be music, a dramatic reading, and a short keynote speech. There will also be a panel expanding on the theme **Together we are unified** by connecting MLK Day and Day Without an Immigrant. Immigrants from a few countries will talk about what the current situation looks like for them.

Please join us and show your support!

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

**January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month.** National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month is intended to increase awareness about the exploitation of people through force, fraud, or coercion. This includes both labor and sex trafficking.

Victims often come from vulnerable backgrounds, but anyone can be targeted. Traffickers use manipulation and threats to control their victims. Raising awareness helps communities recognize and combat these crimes. Understanding the signs of enslavement and trafficking can lead to prevention and support for those affected. This month encourages collective efforts to end human trafficking.

Recognizing the signs of trafficking is crucial because many victims stay silent out of fear. That's why raising awareness is so important. If more people know what to look for, more lives can be saved.. Indicators may include individuals who appear fearful, lack freedom of movement, or show signs of abuse. Unusual work conditions or living arrangements can also be red flags. If you suspect someone is a victim, it's important to report it to the authorities. Resources like the **National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888)** are available to help. By staying informed and vigilant, we can protect our communities. *We are Rotary*, together we can work towards a future free from human trafficking.

**January 27th is Holocaust Remembrance Day**, also known as the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. Each year on January 27th, the world remembers one of the most horrific events in modern history. This tragic event is known to Jews as

F. Doug Harclerod  
01-16-1979  
47 Years  
Michael W Gerot  
01-19-1982  
44 Years  
R. Scott Palmer  
02-01-1983  
43 Years  
Dan Montgomery  
02-01-1983  
43 Years  
Albert Poston  
01-26-1999  
27 Years  
Richard Shugar  
01-26-2009  
17 Years  
Kerrie L. Johnson  
01-11-2011  
15 Years  
Josh Neckels  
01-24-2017  
9 Years  
John Barnum  
01-10-2022  
4 Years  
Peggy Whalen  
01-23-2025  
1 Year

the Holocaust. The holocaust occurred during WWII when Adolph Hitler's National Socialist German Workers Party (Nazis; this term is a phonetic shortening of the word *Nationalsozialist* [National Socialist]) killed an estimated six million Jews. Most were killed in concentration camps, making the Holocaust a genocide for the Jews. Hitler's persecution was not limited to the Jews: millions of other minorities were killed in the four years from 1941 to 1945. These minorities included 1.8 million Polish civilians; 312,000 Serb civilians; approximately 250,000 people with disabilities; approximately 250,000 Roma; an estimated 1,900 Jehovah Witnesses; and thousands of homosexuals. In addition, the Nazis indiscriminately killed approximately three million Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) prisoners of war (POWs) and seven million USSR citizens. Beginning in 1933 when Hitler assumed power, these other groups of people were segregated and persecuted. By the beginning of World War II in Europe (September 1939), these people were forced to live in ghettos where they died of sickness or starvation. During WW II, others were rounded up, shot, and buried in mass graves; were killed in concentration camps; or were killed in POW camps.

*Remembering the Holocaust and these other mass murders is important: If the holocaust is forgotten or denied, it will be easier for history to repeat itself.*

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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 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](#)

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## 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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