

Rotary



Club of Eugene

February 10th meeting - UO Forensics with Trond Jacobson



This week at Rotary promises to be interesting as we welcome UO Professor Trond Jacobsen to our Club. Trond is the Director of Oregon Forensics and University Forum at the UO. I'm sure Trond will quickly disabuse us of any notions that Oregon Forensics is what they do on the TV show *Crime Scene Investigation*! Oregon Forensics does include debate and mock trial opportunities for any Oregon student without regard to major field of study. Oregon Forensics provides students the opportunity to translate what they learn in the classroom into a variety of different contexts, and to carefully and deeply consider different points of view on a broad range of important social and political topics.

About Trond:

Trond Jacobsen grew up in Eugene, attending South Eugene High School and the University of Oregon. He received his doctorate in Information Science from the University of Michigan. A highly decorated debater while an undergraduate at Oregon, in 2013 he returned to his alma mater to serve as the Director of Forensics as a member of the Honors College faculty.

Ever since he made use of the Lane Community College (LCC) library in grade school while his mother (and long-time Club member!) Mary Jeanne worked at LCC in curriculum development, Trond has been interested in how scholarly information is produced, disseminated, used, and archived, especially in legal, policymaking and academic contexts. Drawing on his research skills and enthusiasm for the history of the University of Oregon, Dr. Jacobsen has devoted 100s of hours researching the remarkable history of Oregon Forensics, including a recent publication on the first World Debate Tour nearly 100 years ago.

February 10th - At The Graduate

The **February 10th 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.

Rotary Club of Eugene Call for Volunteers

By Kristina Gribskov

Community Service Volunteer Opportunity – Friends of Trees
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026
Time: 8:45am-Noon

Let's plant trees together across West Eugene! Dozens of trees will be ready for planting in their new homes, and your help is what will make this community planting possible.

Our planting team of Rotary volunteers will have a route of up to 4 sites to plant trees in West Eugene Neighborhoods. Staff and trained planting crew leaders will be leading each team. Friends of Trees provides gloves, tools, trees, and snacks.

Volunteers should dress for the weather, wear sturdy closed-toe shoes/boots, and bring their own personal water bottle and personal snack if desired.

We're using SignUp (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/cxpGemN>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Rotary Club of Eugene Habitat for Humanity Solar Streetlight Project Update

Since its inception 35 years ago, Habitat for Humanity Central Lane (HHCL) has built 74 affordable houses for families. The mission of HHCL is to build homes, communities, and hope. Their vision is "A world where everyone has a decent place to live." HHCL is currently working on its largest housing project yet: Fischer Village. Fischer Village is located in Springfield but applicants for a Fischer Village home

Club Meeting

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

Events

February 10th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

February 17th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

February 24th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

March 3rd
[Rotary Club of Eugene Weekly Lunch Meeting](#)

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are not required to currently live in Springfield. When completed, Fischer Village will comprise 6 duplexes (a total of 12 homes) with two of the units being ADA accessible. Five of the duplexes are complete and two are occupied (four units) with the final two anticipated to be complete in 2026. The project is being funded by donations and funds from the HHCL ReStore.

Your Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee secured an \$8,400 grant from the Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund to purchase and install eight solar streetlights in Fischer Village to illuminate the parking area. Club members and friends supported the project by mobilizing volunteers to assist in the installation of solar streetlights at Fischer Village on February 4th, 2026.

The environment is one of Rotary International's seven Areas of Focus. Promoting the use of solar power helps *Protect the Environment* because it is a renewable energy source and significantly reduces the long term carbon footprint of the parking area. In addition, the use of the solar lights will save the Village the approximately \$2,000 per year in electricity costs it would take to power conventional street lights, essentially paying back the cost of solar electric lights purchase and installation in four and one half years.

If you get a chance, thank Club members Scott Palmer, Dave Frosaker, Dick Barnhart, Todd Anderson and yours truly for volunteering to be part of the installation effort on Feb 4th. These Rotarians, along with friends of Rotary Seth Evans and Ed Mc Mullen, worked on pouring concrete stanchions, finishing the concrete, and installing bolt anchors for the eight light poles.



Safety meeting and training. L to R: Ed McMullen, Todd Anderson, Scott Palmer site leader Ian, Seth Evans, Dick Barnhart and Dave Frosaker.



Pouring concrete (R: Dave and Seth) and vibrating the poured concrete to eliminate air pockets (L: Todd and Seth)



Setting the pole anchor bolts (Ian and Dick)



The Last Stanchion! Concrete crew (L: Seth and Ed), Vibrator crew (R: Scott and Todd).



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Birthdays

- David A. Frosaker
February 7th
- Mark Hewitt
February 7th
- Noreen Dunnells
February 8th
- Dan Montgomery
February 17th
- Kerrie L. Johnson
February 20th
- Karen Elizabeth Scheeland
February 24th
- Nathan Phillips
March 6th

Years of Service

- Phil Barnhart
02-22-1983
43 Years
- Erik Peter Gribbskov
02-21-1984
42 Years
- Karen Elizabeth Scheeland
02-14-1989
37 Years
- Gregory L. Stewart
02-27-1996
30 Years
- Ravitej Singh Khalsa
02-26-2001
25 Years
- Monica Wilton
02-25-2010
16 Years
- Andy Vobora
02-19-2013
13 Years

One Month to Go Until Rotary Club of Eugene's Laulima Lua Fundraiser!

Rotary Club of Eugene Fundraiser and Auction

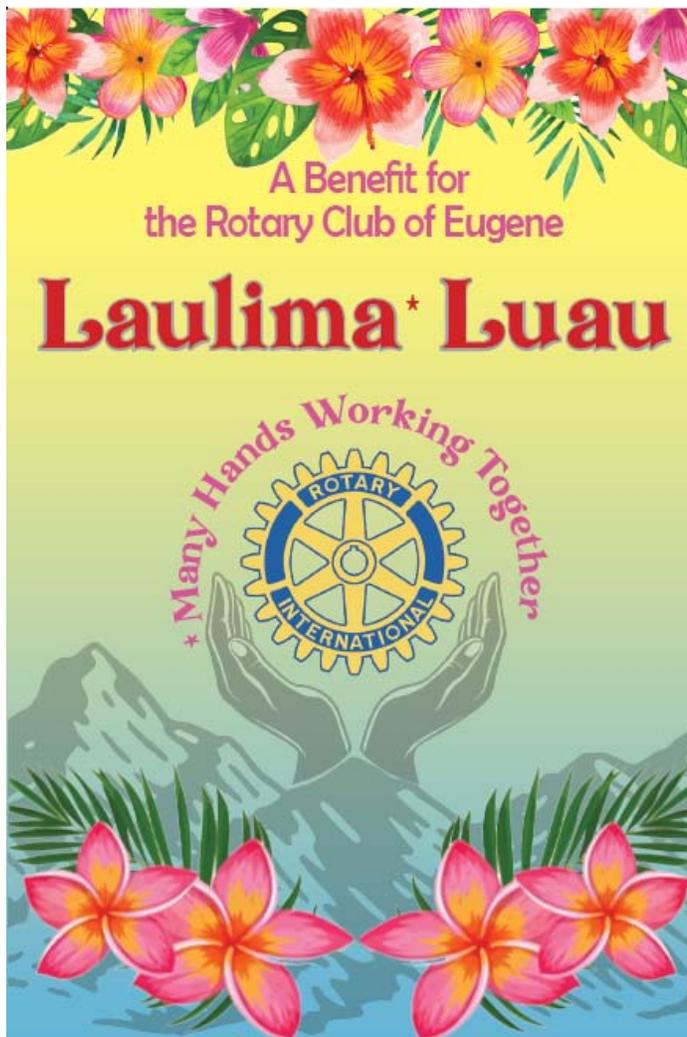
When: Thursday, March 5th, 2026
Where: Ford Alumni Center on the UO Campus

Rotarians, your Laulima Luau Event Committee is working hard to wrap up plans for our fundraiser. The word Laulima in Hawaiian means "many hands working together." It represents the power of teamwork, community effort, and individuals uniting toward a common goal. This spirit is at the heart of Rotary - and at the heart of this year's celebration.

The committee's goal for the event is to be a lot of fun for all, while raising money for the great work our club committees do in our community. If you have not yet signed up to attend the event, do so now to ensure that you get to be a part of it. Who knows, you just might be the high bidder on one of our silent or live auction packages. You might be the winner of our "Heads and Tails" program, or you might get a special bottle of wine from our wine wall.

To sign up, just go to this link: <https://auctria.events/rotaryeugeneluau> and then get ready to have some fun. We hope to see you all on March 5th at the U of O's Ford Alumni Center!!!

Come on! Grab your Hawaiian shirts, bring your friends, sip on a Mai Tai and join the fun for a good cause.



The Rotary Club of Eugene thanks **Summit Bank** for their support as the **Exclusive Presenting Partner** for our Club's Laulima Luau Fundraising Event. **Summit Bank's** support is a tremendous start toward reaching our goals for the event.



Food for Lane County - Call for Volunteers

Our FFLC volunteer night for February 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, February 18th, 2026 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!.

Let's do this thing! 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 whitman@earthstonere.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, February 18th from 6-8:30 pm (due to recent shortfalls in rescued foods we often complete our work well before 8:30).

UO Rotaract Club Trivia Fun!

The University of Oregon's Rotaract Club presents Winter Trivia Nights!

If you are looking for a fun activity during these cold Eugene months, stop by **Rabbit Hole Tea Bar** at 240 W. 17th Ave. on February 10th or February 24th. Each event will start at 6:30 and run for approximately one hour. Our trivia themes are as follows: Decades, Valentine's Day, and World Traveler.

Whether you're looking for a fun date night or sweet time with friends, Rotaract's Trivia Nights are for you. Cash donations will be collected for a local charity. Our February 10th Trivia Night proceeds will support Food for Lane County. Still not sure? We have a prize for the winning team/person! The competition is sure to be *fierce!*

Rotaract is looking forward to seeing some friendly familiar faces at the Rabbit Hole in the coming weeks. See you soon!

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:

February 17th - Bushnell's Health Program Expansion with Corynn Gilbert and Dr. Reed Mueller. Introduction - Bob Hart.

February 24th - Trillium Community Health Plan with Sarah Brewer. Introduction - Craig Opperman.

March 3rd - Actor's Cabaret Theatre with Sylvia Barry. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells.

March 10th - Orchestra Next with Frances Pinkham. Introduction - Kristen Henry.

Next Committee Meetings

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

Environmental Committee: Monday, March 2nd, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Via Zoom. [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, March 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 17th at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (**third Tuesday**) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00 pm at Lane Workforce Partnership, 1401 Willamette St. No. 2, Eugene, Oregon. (**third Tuesday**).

Give A Dollar, Get A Point, Make a Difference

Our The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Committee chairperson Lauren Regnani announced the start of the Committee's Matching Points Campaign for TRF at last week's meeting. In case you missed the details, the Campaign is encouraging all Club members to donate to TRF this month by offering donors matching points for every dollar they donate up to \$500.

For example, this means that if a Club member wants to score their first or another Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) they can donate \$500 dollars to TRF this month and your TRF Committee will match your donation with 500 matching points to get your donation up to the \$1,000 threshold for a PHF. Regardless of whether you donate \$500, \$100, or \$25, you will have your donation matched. Our TRF donation goal for the Club is **"Every member, every year."**

The easiest way to donate is to go to this link: [Donate to TRF!](#) The default TRF donor option (highlighted on the link page in blue) is a one-time donation to the TRF Annual Fund - SHARE. This option ensures that one-half of your donation is returned to our District (District 5110) in three years to be re-distributed to District Clubs as matching District Grants. There are many other donation options available on the linked page, including the convenient Recurring Donation Option. We encourage our members to explore these options to **find one that most closely matches your philanthropic goals and desires.**

If you prefer to just write a check and let the TRF Committee handle it from there: Make the check out to The Rotary Foundation, put Annual Fund-Share (or your preferred option as listed in the link above) in the memo line, and hand your check to a TRF Committee member (Lauren, Dave Frosaker, Todd Anderson or Jerry Whitman Harris). They will take it from there and donate your matching points to boot! Just remember:

It's the Truth!, It's Actual!, Everything is Satisfactual! when you donate annually to TRF!

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

February is Black History Month. Believing Black history was central to understanding the American story, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a renowned historian and scholar, founded "[Negro History Week](#)" in February 1926 to bring recognition to the often-overlooked contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Often called the "[Father of Black History](#)," Woodson, a Harvard-educated son of former slaves, established the observance to counter historical narratives that minimized Black achievement, leading to the month-long Black History celebration we recognize today.

February 7 is National Periodic Table Day. Because - Science!

February 13 is National Galentine's Day. On February 13th, Galentine's Day brings women together to celebrate each other every year the day before Valentine's day.

and of course...

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day began as St. Valentine's Day, a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. February 14th first became associated with romantic love during the High Middle Ages as the tradition of courtly love was then flourishing. During 18th century England, this day evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending Valentine cards. *Ed. Note: By no coincidence, February 14 is also National Organ Donors Day.*

February 17, 2026 is Fat Tuesday. Held the day before ash Wednesday (which is observed 46 days before Easter), Fat Tuesday is the last day of Carnival, the final period of indulgence (feasting and partying) before the 40-days of fasting and sacrifice during Lent. Also known as Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras, this enduring celebration has many traditions and deep roots around the world.

Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) dates back to an ancient Roman festival honoring the deities Lupercalia and Saturnalia which took place in mid-February. When Christians arrived in Rome, they incorporated the festival into Lenten preparations.

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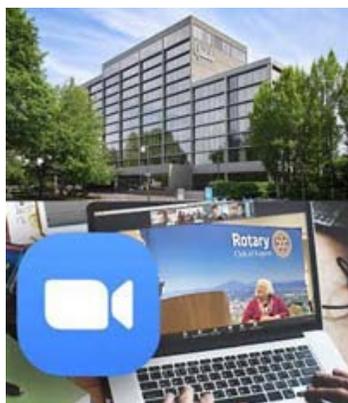
The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 102 years. We are taking our second century of Service deeper into our community and farther across the world than ever before.

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.

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

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