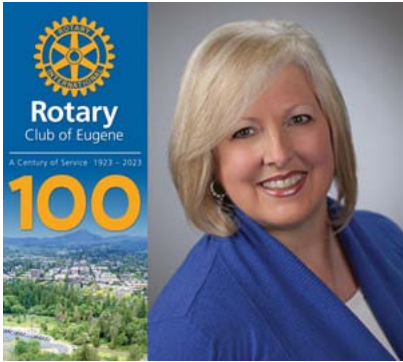


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Presidents' Message



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Happy Yule, and for Karen Happy Boxing Day! I send my greetings and wishes for happiness during whichever you celebrate. These holidays have different meanings for all of us, but in the end they signify a chance to get together with our loved ones and bond over old and new traditions. Wherever you are, I hope your holidays are fun, safe, and filled with love and joy! I look forward to seeing you all in the new year!

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Liz

No Meetings December 20th and 27th

Deleesha Meashintubby Named 2022 First Citizen

Eugene Rotarian Delessa Meashintubby to be Honored at Celebration of Business on January 24th

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor DeLeesa Meashintubby's passionate commitment to our community and her career achievements with the 2022 First Citizen Award.

People often ask when DeLeesa Meashintubby finds the time to sleep. As the executive director at Volunteers In Medicine of Lane County, she plays a vital role in providing medical services for people who fall through the cracks. In addition, she also serves as pastor of St. Mark's SME Church. Two full-time jobs filled by one amazing woman.

Her tireless energy for our community earned her the Eugene Area Chamber of

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541) 342-2000
6th and Pearl 66 East 6th Street Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

Events

No Events found

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DELEESA
MEASHINTUBBY

Executive Director
Volunteers in Medicine Lane County



Commerce's 2022 prestigious **First Citizen Award**, which will be presented at the Eugene Chamber's annual Celebration of Business, on January 24, 2023, at the Graduate Eugene.

The First Citizen Award is given annually to an individual who has made notable contributions to our community through business and community service efforts. The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce has presented the award each year since 1938. A panel of former First Citizen

honorees selected DeLeesa as this year's honoree.

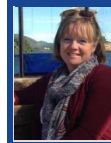
Wednesday, January 18th - Food for Lane County



Food for Lane County service **Wednesday January 18th** from 6-8:30 pm at the 770 Bailey Hill Road site. Jennifer Geller is the contact person for this service event so please contact her at jennifergeller65@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club has been known locally for 100 years as the club with the best programs. Our 2022 recovery from Covid and return to in person meetings strove mightily to maintain that high bar. Here's what members can look forward to during the month of



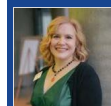
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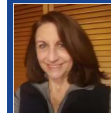
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Club Director



Raquel E. Hecht
iPast President



Gregory L. Stewart
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Charitable Fund



January:

Jan 3- Dual presenters on personal experiences in Ukraine. Hot topic!

Jan 10- Our District Governor presents! Regional Rotary involvement and updaters.

Jan 17- The Arts and Business Association of Eugene represents a unique collaborative entity.

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Jan 24- Immigration. Another hot topic! Susan Cox has been the official Korean Consul for Eugene,

Jan 31- The local business success of the Berg Ski Shop. Seasonally relevant!

Community Service Message



Resolve to Serve in 2023

As we approach the new year, many of us are pondering resolutions and priorities for 2023. Your Rotary Community Service Committee is planning many ways to support our members' desire to put service above self in the new year. Below are some of the things you can look forward to in the first half of the year, with more details to follow. And, please remember that as a Rotarian you are invited to bring ideas and projects for community service. If it's an area where you have passion and energy, chances are that other Rotarians would also like to help—if you have a project idea and want to help create a Rotary Service Project please reach out and let us know.

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Membership is Our Lifblood

We are excited to see new members joining and getting involved in a variety of committees and programs such as our Emerging Rotarians. Looking back over the past twelve months or so our club has welcomed the following new members:

Thomas Albertson, Carrie Carpenter, Ryan



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Ravitej Singh Khalsa
December 28th

Jennifer Schumann
December 29th

Tina Stupasky
January 1st

James Ralph
January 3rd

Richard Ralston
January 4th

Erik Jorgensen
January 6th

Kelly Sutherland
January 12th

Bonnie J Bailey
January 13th

Richard K Olson
January 16th

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen
January 21st

Philip W. Speers
January 22nd

Solomon Harris
January 22nd

Years of Service

F. Doug Hardleroad
01-16-1979
44 Years

Michael Drennan
01-01-1981
42 Years

Michael W Gerot
01-19-1982
41 Years

Mark E. Metzger
01-19-2004
19 Years

Kerrie L. Johnson
01-11-2011
12 Years

Solomon Harris
01-08-2013
10 Years

Elizabeth A. Ness
01-09-2018
5 Years

John Barnum
01-10-2022
1 Year



Cushing, Jeanette Graff, Jacob Hamalian, Mark Hewitt*, Bill Heisey, Tim Marcotte*, Brian Michaels, Tiffany Palaniuk, Alex Pate. Jesse Quinn, Lauren Regnani, Chris Stephenson

*Awaiting induction

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Emerging Rotarian Program

In early 2022, the membership committee began a series of focus groups involving new Rotarians and prospective Rotarians. These discussions focused on discovering what barriers to membership existed for young professionals and others who may be looking for opportunities to serve the community and grow professional and personal connections.

The Emerging Rotarian Program (ERP) blossomed as a way to attract, retain, and grow a diverse Eugene Rotary community and offer a fellowship experience that supported our new and *new-at-heart* Rotarians. Our first Emerging Rotarian cohort launched in October of this year with structured programming, planned conversations, and a major service activity as deliverable.

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Committee Meetings



Committee Meeting for January 2023

January 5th at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.

January 11th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailles, Willamette at 17th.

January 25th at 4pm, the **Community Service Meeting** at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

Other committees are encouraged to submit their monthly meeting dates to be included.

Club Elections Results

Rotary Club of Eugene Election Results:

President Elect 2023-24

Nathan Phillips- Member since June 24, 2003 -Past co-chair for many years of

Program committee

Treasurer 2023-25

Todd Anderson- Member since December 12, 2013. Current Treasurer

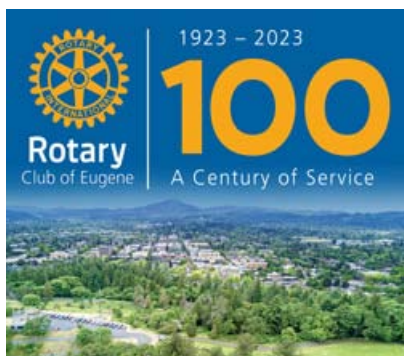
Board of Directors 2023-25

Noreen Dunnells- Member since June 12, 2012 - Current co-chair of Program committee

Stacey Ray- Member since August 25, 2020 - Active in the Emerging Rotarians committee

Ken Brown- Member since March 27, 2018 - Current co-chair of Membership committee

Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration



Next fiscal year our Club will celebrate our 100th birthday with an assortment of activities and events including a big evening near the anniversary date of Wednesday March 15, 2023. All are welcome to participate in the planning of this event. If you're interested please contact co-chairs Rick Olson or Tom Gilmour.

Rotary Club of Eugene



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**Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years
March 2023!**
