

# Rotary



## Club of Eugene

### Presidents' Message



Happy New Year! It's hard to believe I'm half way through my term as President of this wonderful club. 2023 is a huge year for us as we'll celebrate our 100th anniversary on March 15th. We're planning a great party at The Graduate that evening and hope you will all be there with your families to honor all those who've come before us. And, of course, to launch our second century as a club on good footing.

There will be changes this year, some welcome and some not. The biggest thing we'll have to adjust to is a price increase at The Graduate. Starting this week on January 3rd lunch will cost \$20, a reflection of the inflation we're experiencing across our economy. We've considered other locations but have found the cost much higher and that they couldn't accommodate us on a regular basis. But we'll keep looking.

Also, parking for our lunches will be included for the next six months then we'll need to pay starting July 1st. We continue to seek a solution to this and will report back later with details. Either way we welcome ideas for future lunch locations.

I hope this year brings good health, success, and happiness for you and your loved ones. And is filled lots of great Rotary activities to serve our community and lighten your hearts!

Liz

### January 3rd 2023 - Cliff Volpe and Alina Zaitseva will discuss their experiences in Ukraine.



Cliff Volpe graduated from the United States Air Force Academy. After his military service as a pilot, he worked with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, first in the Republic of Georgia and later, from 2015-2017, as a ceasefire monitor in Donetsk, Ukraine. There, he met Alina. He returned to Eugene, working as an executive at Arcimoto. After the (second) invasion of Ukraine, Cliff sponsored Alina here on the "UNITED FOR UKRAINE" program

### 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

### Club Leaders



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Alina Zaitseva is a native of Donetsk. After completing her degree, she worked in hotel administration there, including with the OSCE monitoring team, and later in Moscow. When the war again broke out, she escaped through Europe and resettled in Eugene.

## Deleesha Meashintubby Named 2022 First Citizen



### Eugene Rotarian Deleesha 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 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.

## January 17th ArtSpark Reunion



### Save the date, January 17th at 3:00pm, for the ArtSpark Reunion!

All current and former ArtSpark committee members are invited to the Learning Center in the Syman-Degler Building for refreshments and reminiscing on the fun and success we've had, awards we've won, artists



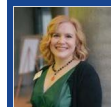
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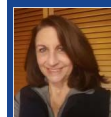
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## Birthdays

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

we've engaged, and students for whom we've ignited the opportunity to make art in school. ArtSpark is alive and well and doing just what we imagined, with full school district support and a full roster of artists residencies beginning and scheduled throughout the school year.

Come and learn about the current status of the successful campaign we launched eight years ago, that is now moving beyond the hopes and dreams we had for it

## 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](mailto:jennifergeller65@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

## Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund is Growing

**The Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is increasing the size of the Board by two members.**

The ERCF Board will present a slate of candidates for membership voting at the Jan. 17 meeting of the Eugene Rotary Club. If you have an interest in serving on this Board, please contact:

Greg Stewart: [glstewart@gmail.com](mailto:glstewart@gmail.com)  
Dave Frosaker: [davefro@comcast.net](mailto:davefro@comcast.net)

The ERCF is a separate 501(c)3 entity serving Eugene Rotary Club, providing grants via Eugene Rotary Club committee submissions that support the advancement of educational, charitable and scientific purposes that fill human needs. Funding for the ERCF grants comes from the generosity of the late John Alltucker's estate in addition to other donations. The ERCF Board members are: Greg Stewart, Monica Wilton, Dave Frosaker, Raquel Hecht and Jay Silverman. Please contact an ERCF Board Member with any questions you have regarding the function of the ERCF.

## January Meeting Programs



**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.

**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!

January 13th  
Richard K Olson  
January 16th  
Mary Jeanne Jacobsen  
January 21st  
Philip W. Speers  
January 22nd  
Solomon Harris  
January 22nd  
Chris Stephenson  
January 25th  
John Clifford Gregor  
January 27th

## Years of Service

F. Doug Harclerod  
01-16-1979  
44 Years  
Michael Drennan  
01-01-1981  
42 Years  
Michael W Gerot  
01-19-1982  
41 Years  
Albert Poston  
01-26-1999  
24 Years  
Mark E. Metzger  
01-19-2004  
19 Years  
Richard Shugar  
01-26-2009  
14 Years  
Kerrie L. Johnson  
01-11-2011  
12 Years  
Solomon Harris  
01-08-2013  
10 Years  
Josh Neckels  
01-24-2017  
6 Years  
Elizabeth A. Ness  
01-09-2018  
5 Years  
John Barnum  
01-10-2022  
1 Year



## Community Service Message



### Resolve to Serve in 2023

Your Rotary Community Service Committee is planning many ways to support our members' desire to put service above self in 2023. 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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## 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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## Membership is Our Lifeblood

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



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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## Committee Meetings



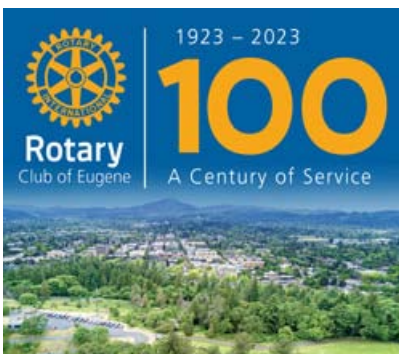
January 5th at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.

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

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

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## 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.

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## Rotary Club of Eugene

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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



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