

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



In just over two months we'll celebrate our 100th anniversary as a club, a momentous occasion. Over the last century we've achieved incredible successes and impacted most areas of our community in ways you may not know. We're inviting past and present members to join us at our party on March 15th and we're really hoping every current member will be there to honor these accomplishments. I will be asking each of you to contribute to the success of this event in various ways because it will take all of us to make this party as fabulous as it deserves to be. And don't forget how much fun we have

when we get together - ain't nothin' like a Rotary party!

This week we will have the pleasure of hosting our District Governor Aimee Walsh. She's from Eugene and is a member of the Metro Club. You may know that one of her responsibilities is to visit each club in her district, and this is her official visit to our club. She'll report to us about activities happening in Rotary around the globe and district, and we'll recognize the contributions of a few members. I hope to see you at The Graduate Tuesday to welcome her.

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

Meeting at the Graduate Hotel



January 10th Meeting - District 5110 Governor Aimee Walsh

Meet District Governor Aimee Walsh.

5110's 2022-23 District Governor fell in love with Rotary in 2009 when her

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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Community Service



NGO [Direction Service](#) was a first-time recipient of Duck Race funding.

Who were these incredibly dedicated people raising so much money to [prevent child abuse](#) all over Lane County? And that's not all they do? They're [eradicating and preventing polio](#) around the world too? And they support [youth exchange programs](#)? What's a [Peace Scholar](#)?

Rotary International has more than 30,000 clubs organized by 500 districts. That totals up to more than a million humanitarians around the world who believe in Service Above Self. What kinds of service? All kinds. That is exactly why Aimee became a Rotarian.

She is especially excited about the local clubs getting to know each other within the district.

"The whole reason I wanted to be governor is people. I wanted to connect people." Aimee says, smiling.

What does she love most about Rotary?

Before she became a Rotarian, Aimee was an agency rep for Duck Race and an active member of the steering committee for ten years.

One night, after her first long Duck Race season was over, prizes had been announced and another successful year had been celebrated, she stood in a cold parking lot after the annual awards ceremony with Mary Ellen Riley and Dale Hartley from the [Rotary Club of Eugene Airport](#).

Dale and Mary Ellen explained how money raised by each Rotary club can get matched by district funding and also Rotary International funding.

Aimee loved the multiplier effect. Not only were Rotarians fundraising to do good work all over the world, but they were also leveraging their resources to make every dollar go as far as possible. Rotarians are as efficient as they are compassionate. And ambitious.

Aimee is a proud member and past president of the [Rotary Club of Eugene Metropolitan](#). She is a wife and mother of five. She has 10 grandchildren and another one on the way. She believes in family as much as she believes in community. And she's always got her eye on the future.

Rotary is a secular organization. It is non-partisan and apolitical. But there's one value we all share: we want to make the world a better place. And we know that service is the best way to make lasting change.

"I don't want to sit around and talk about things, I want to get things done. I've seen what we can do. We can make a real difference in the world. We just have the best people."



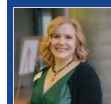
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Chair



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Club Director



[Dana B. Fleming](#)
Club Director



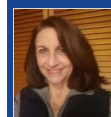
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Birthdays

Erik Jorgensen
January 6th

Kelly Sutherland
January 12th

Richard K. Olson
January 16th

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen
January 21st

Philip W. Speers
January 22nd

Solomon Harris

Imagine what we can all do together.

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 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 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.

January 22nd
John Clifford Gregor
January 27th
Michael Grudzien
February 2nd

Years of Service

F. Doug Harclerod
01-16-1979
44 Years
Michael W Gerot
01-19-1982
41 Years
R. Scott Palmer
02-01-1983
40 Years
Dan Montgomery
02-01-1983
40 Years
Albert Poston
01-26-1999
24 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

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 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
Dave Frosaker: 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 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!

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 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 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



Committee Meeting for January 2023

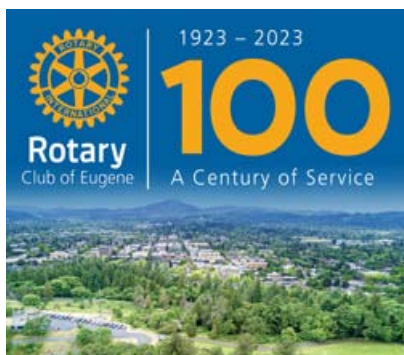
January 11th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailes, Willamette at 17th.

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

February 2nd (Groundhog Day!) at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.

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

Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration



The Countdown has begun for the 100th birthday bash. Dates for events to be announced soon. Commemorative invitations and tickets are coming soon. With a 100-year book of past events and accomplishments. Save the time to celebrate with Eugene Rotary and the other local clubs this original club helped start.

The 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



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!

Zoom -Full Link

Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

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