

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



As President I'm automatically a member of every committee and have tried to attend as many meetings as possible. I've been so impressed with the work done by our members as they strive to enhance our club and community. Some committees are service centric like Community Service and Environmental and give our members an opportunity to get out into the community and interact with other organizations. Others are designed to guide the narrative of our meetings such as Program. And some have the responsibility of bringing in and retaining new

members like Membership and Social. The hardest thing for me will be deciding which committee(s) to continue with after my term ends because I'm enjoying each one for different reasons. I encourage each of you to visit the committees and choose at least one to work on. They are rewarding and fun and will help you appreciate Rotary even more!

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

Meeting at the Graduate Hotel



January 17th Meeting - Arts & Business Thrive Together with Kelly Johnson

Arts and culture are core components of the health of any community. The arts beautify our downtowns, unify our communities, make us feel creative in the workplace, and infuse our lives with joy. The ABAE believes that arts and business thrive together, and it is their

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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role to forge that connection. In today's presentation, Kelly will discuss how the arts can help the business in our community and highlight two programs at the ABAE. The first is measuring the

economic impact of the arts, and the second is how the ABAE works to improve the local workforce's creative skillset.

Kelly Johnson has had the privilege of serving as Executive Director for the Arts & Business Alliance of Eugene since 2018. She brings a lifelong passion for the arts and over a decade of experience in nonprofit administration to her role. She has a bachelor's degree in theatre from the University of Colorado at Denver and a master's degree in arts administration from the University of Oregon. When not enjoying Eugene's spectacular arts and culture scene, you can find Kelly curled up with a good book, taking a long walk around town, or cheering in the stands at a Ducks football game. She carries a torch for arts and culture and wants to shine a light on how the arts can help you personally and professionally as well as uplift and transform entire communities.

Contact Info: (541) 242-2364 director@artsbusinessalliance.org

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



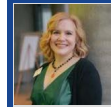
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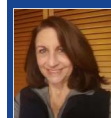
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Birthdays

Richard K Olson
January 16th

Timothy P Marcotte
January 19th

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen
January 21st

Philip W. Speers
January 22nd

Solomon Harris



DELEESA
MEASHINTUBBY

Executive Director
Volunteers in Medicine Lane County



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.

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

- January 22nd
Chris Stephenson
- January 25th
John Clifford Gregor
- January 27th
Bill G Heisey
- January 28th
Michael Grudzien
- February 2nd
David A. Frosaker
- February 7th
Richard C. Litchfield
- February 7th

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
- Josh Neckels
01-24-2017



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.

January 20th Club Social Event at Ninkasi



Dear Rotarians, Up next---our next Social!

Friday, January 20th at the Ninkasi living room at 155 Blair Blvd, 5-whenever

I was able to get what they call the 'Rec Room' , which normally costs to reserve! It is more spread out than in the main part.

Great beer, wine and food! Spouses and friends and significant others invited.

Please let me know if you can go. Last time at the Hyatt we were very full....which is a good thing!

AND. . . Coming up! Feb. 3 progressive dinner....more to come!

January Meeting Programs



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!

Committee Meetings



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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.

Household Items Needed



The Material Donations Team keeps a list of items needed by specific refugee individuals and families. If you can donate any of these items, please send an email to Jane Kitterman-Collins jkittermancollins72@gmail.com. Thank you!

- * Dressers (small to medium-sized)
- * New pressure cookers

- * Area rugs 5 x 8 or larger (for sitting on the floor in the living room)
 - * Cushions for floor (20 x 20 x 2 ins or 24 x 24 x 3 ins. Kids' cushions could be smaller)
 - * Tea pots for making and serving tea
 - * Mugs
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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.

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:

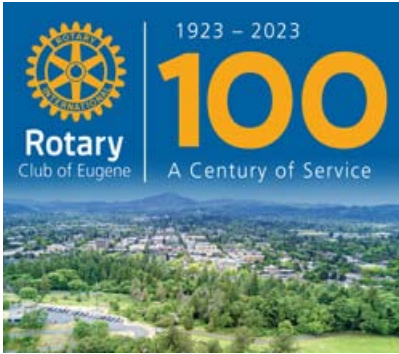
Thomas Albertson, Carrie Carpenter, Ryan Cushing, Jeanette Graff, Jacob Hamalian, Mark Hewitt*, Bill Heisey, Tim Marcotte*, Brian Michaels, Tiffany Palaniuk, Alex Pate. Jesse Quinn, Lauren Regnani, Chris Stephenson

*Awaiting induction

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Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration



The Countdown has begun for the 100th birthday bash. Dates for events to be announced soon. Commorative invitations and tickets 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.

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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGl2dz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0861 8864

Passcode: 695590

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