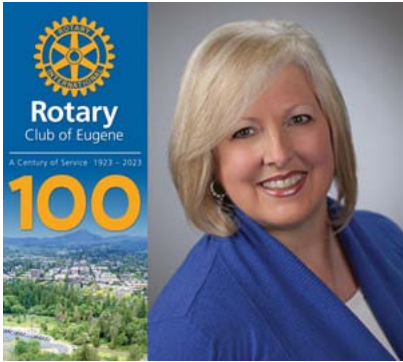


# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message



This week we are thrilled to celebrate fellow Rotarian DeLeesa Meashintubby as she receives the First Citizen award from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, and several of us will be at the ceremony to honor her. For many years I've been blessed to know DeLeesa as a friend, long before joining her in Rotary, and I'm not at all surprised by their choice. To me she epitomizes what it means to be a Rotarian - honest, fair, hard working and altruistic. Over the years I've watched her give everything to her family, employer organization, church, and community. I love her inspirations as they

always bring a smile and sense of hope and are indicative of who she is. We can learn so much from her and the example she sets for us. The accolades are lovely and she certainly deserves them but that's not why she does these things - DeLeesa lives her life this way because she knows in her heart it's right. Imagine a world where everyone aspired to meet her standard. What a great world that would be! Congratulations my dear friend!

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

## January 24th Meeting at the Graduate Hotel



## January 24th Meeting - Increased turmoil in the world and its impact on immigration with Susan Cox

**Susan Soonkeum Cox, Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Eugene, OR**

Presentation will provide an overview of systems, past and present. What are

## 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

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## Club Leaders



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Rotary Foundation Chair



Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
Public Image/Relations Chair

Karen Gaffney  
Community Service



some of the challenges and reality for refugees and vulnerable populations and how can there be equity and fairness in the process.

Susan recently attended the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo. She will share the profound impact of meeting Nobel Laureates and others who are dedicated to human rights with passion and courage, which is an inspiration and call to action for peace-loving individuals.

Click [READ MORE](#) to view Susan's Bio and impressive accomplishments and national and international recognition,

[Read More](#)

## January 24th Deleesha Meashintubby Honored as 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.



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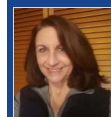
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Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Fund



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Assistant Governor

### Birthdays

Mary Jeanne Jacobsen  
January 21st

Philip W. Speers  
January 22nd

Solomon Harris  
January 22nd

Chris Stephenson  
January 25th

John Clifford Gregor  
January 27th

Bill G Heisey  
January 28th

Michael Grudzien  
February 2nd



**DELEESA MEASHINTUBBY**  
Executive Director  
Volunteers in Medicine Lane County



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.

### Remaining January Meeting Program



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

### January 31st Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund election

The Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is increasing the size of the Board by two members. The election will take place at the January 31 meeting of the Eugene Rotary Club.

Nominees for the open positions:

Dennis Biggerstaff

- David A. Frosaker  
February 7th
- Richard C. Litchfield  
February 7th
- Noreen Dunnells  
February 14th
- Dan Montgomery  
February 17th
- Kerrie L. Johnson  
February 20th

### Years of Service

- R. Scott Palmer  
02-01-1983  
40 Years
- Dan Montgomery  
02-01-1983  
40 Years
- Karen Elizabeth Scheeland  
02-14-1989  
34 Years
- Albert Poston  
01-26-1999  
24 Years
- Richard Shugar  
01-26-2009  
14 Years
- Andy Vobora  
02-19-2013  
10 Years
- Josh Neckels  
01-24-2017  
6 Years

Jennifer Geller  
Pete Gribskov  
Mike Ritchey  
Andy Vobora  
Victoria Whitman

Click [READ MORE](#) for remainder of article and explanation of the ERCF.

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## February 3rd Club Social Event

Progressive Dinner! Information to follow.

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## Wednesday, February 15th - Food for Lane County



Food for Lane County service **Wednesday February 15th** 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.

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## Community Service

### HIVAlliance

Please join us at HIV Alliance for our next Community Service project February 24th from 1-4 pm. In alignment with our focus area on Disease Prevention and Treatment, we will

assist HIV Alliance with assembling Safe Sex and Overdose Prevention Kits. HIV Alliance offers a variety of programs such as free testing, STD/STI treatment, PrEP navigation, overdose prevention, HIV/HCV education, syringe exchange, supportive housing, and behavioral health programs. We will get to learn more about their organization as we help them assemble kits to serve the community. We have room for up to 15 individuals—Rotary members, family, and friends!

Click [READ MORE](#) to sign up.

[Read More](#)

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## 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](mailto:jkittermancollins72@gmail.com). Thank you!

Click [READ MORE](#) for a list of the household items requested.

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## Committee Meetings



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

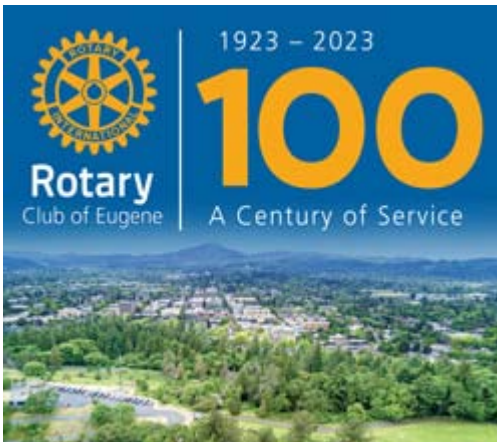
Wednesday February 1st at 12:30 pm on Zoom **100 Year Celebration** meeting.

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

February 8th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailes, Willamette at 17th

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## Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration



**The Countdown has begun for the club's 100th birthday bash.** The Gala Celebration will be Wednesday Evening, March 15, 2023 at the Graduate. Save the date and mark your calendars. Commorative invitations and tickets coming soon. With a 100 year book of past events and accomplishments. Come celebrate with Eugene Rotary and the other local clubs this original club helped start.

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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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