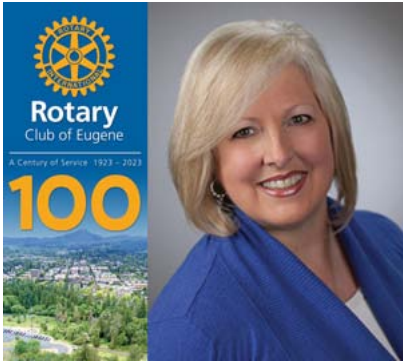


# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message



We are now less than one month from our 100 year celebration at The Graduate. This is a monumental milestone for our club and we should all take pride in the history of this organization. I'm incredibly impressed with the lengthy list of achievements of past Rotarians including building facilities and resources we've seen and used often like Hult Center and Cutberth Amphitheater.

A book is going to print soon highlighting these projects and the individuals who often work behind the scenes to ensure their success.

Everyone who attends the gala March 15th will receive a copy, and it will be a great resource for membership recruitment as it shows the power of Rotarians working together and partnering with like-minded organizations. I know you'll enjoy this historical record and appreciate having it on hand.

Finally, when we began planning this event past Governor Dick Olson agreed to be our honorary event chair and was active with the committee. He was looking forward to this evening and understood it's significance. We're sad his loss won't afford us the opportunity to celebrate his achievements with him but we are planning a tribute that night. I hope you can all join us to honor his legacy on March 15th.

If you haven't already, buy your tickets now for this important event. We hope to see you all there!

Liz

See below for a message from Rick Olson about his father

## The Life and Legacy of Past President and Past District Governor Dick Olson

On behalf of the Olson Family, we are saddened to announce the passing of our longtime Rotary Club of Eugene member, Past President, and District 5110 Past District Governor Richard (Dick) F. Olson. He was 94 years of age and was called home to Heaven on Thursday February 16, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was blessed with a long and wonderful life 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

## Club Leaders



[Elizabeth A. Ness](#)  
President



[Gerald William Whitman Harris](#)  
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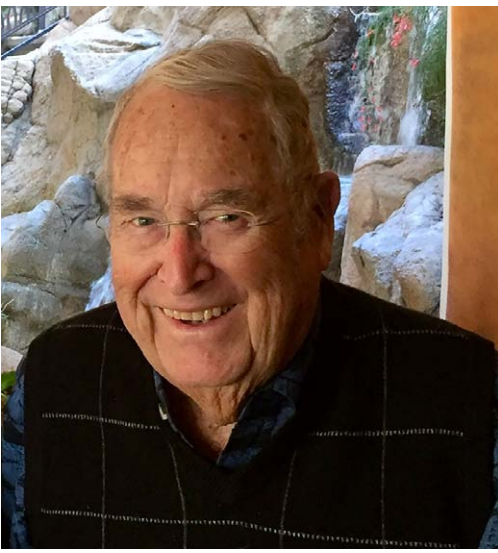


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friendships, family, and great memories.

For those that knew him, Rotary and its value of friendships, connections and service to others was a very important part of his life. Ideals that he instilled in his family and to those that he met throughout his life. His commitment to

his profession, philanthropic and community organizations was his fulfillment to give "part of your time" to help build a stronger community where you live.

Dick joined our club in 1960 and continued to be actively involved until his passing. He is the honorary chair of our club's 100th Celebration Gala to be held in March. He provided a wealth of knowledge about our Rotary history. Dick was a strong supporter of our many community projects and helped initiate the new member firesides and vocational gatherings. He would always ask when meeting people about their passions and desires, making everyone feel welcome.

Dick supported the valuable work of Rotary through The Rotary Foundation, where he is a Paul Harris, Major Donor, and Benefactor. His Rotary family carried on his legacy with his son Rick, our club Past President and Past District Governor, his daughter Becky Robertson, a charter member of the U of O Rotaract Club as well as her husband Scott, a Past President of the Tualatin Club and a son in law, Neil who was a Rotary Foundation Scholar from District 1180 of Rotary International Great Britain & Ireland. Daughter Julie Olson is an active and past board member of the Rotary Club of Portland, granddaughter, Jennifer Olson is in our club, and grandson, Mike Olson was a RYLA Graduate. Great-grandsons Nate and Ben attend our Food for Lane County outings. His father-in-law Hugh Ford was also a member of our club, starting in the 1940's.

Sally, his wife of almost 71 years, will be surrounded by family as we remember his life. His wishes were for a small family gathering, one that would be filled with love, joy and sharing of family memories. In addition to Sally, he is survived by his 6 children and their spouses, 23 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

## February 21st Meeting - Oregon Softball with Coach Melyssa Lombardi

**Oregon Softball has had one of the top defenses in the country under Coach Melyssa Lombardi. Why? Excellent Communications!**

**Meet the Coach and hear the success story of this winning**



Chair



Craig A. Smith  
Club Director  
Vocational Service  
Chair



Phillip Holt Barnhart  
Club Director



Gregg A. Fuller  
Club Director



Robert Scott Impehoven  
Club Director  
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Club Director



Raquel E. Hecht  
iPast President



Gregory L. Stewart  
Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Fund



Jennifer Geller  
Assistant Governor

### Birthdays

Kerrie L. Johnson  
February 20th

Karen Elizabeth Scheeland  
February 24th

Robert C. Laney  
February 27th

Nathan Philips  
March 6th

Craig A. Smith  
March 9th

John Sather



### team.

Melyssa Lombardi enters her fifth season as Oregon's head coach in 2023. She was named the 12th head coach in program history on July 9, 2018, and brought an elite championship resume to Eugene after a highly successful 21-year tenure on the staff of Oklahoma head coach Patty Gasso, including the final 11 seasons as associate head coach.

March 15th

### Years of Service

- Phil Barnhart  
02-22-1983  
40 Years
- Erik Peter Gribskov  
02-21-1984  
39 Years
- Gregory C. Richterich  
03-20-1990  
33 Years
- Gregory L. Stewart  
02-27-1996  
27 Years
- James W. Savage  
03-11-1997  
26 Years
- Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
02-26-2001  
22 Years
- Monica Wilton  
02-25-2010  
13 Years
- Andy Vobora  
02-19-2013  
10 Years

## Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration

**Rotary Club of Eugene**  
A Century of Service 1923-2023

**100**

You're Invited to the 100 Year Gala Celebration of Rotary in Lane County with the 100 Year Old Rotary Club of Eugene

Wednesday  
March 15, 2023  
5:30 PM Happy Hour Program 7:00 PM

Graduate Hotel  
600 Pitt Street  
Eugene, Oregon  
EugeneRotary.com

Reserve your Tickets for the March 15 100 Year Gala Celebration of The Rotary Club of Eugene

Join us at The Graduate Hotel and Conference Center on Wednesday March 15, 2023 for our "Century of Service Gala" celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Lane County

Tickets \$75 per person  
Table of 8 \$600  
Sponsorships available

This fabulous event will begin at 5:30 pm and will include performances, exhibits, dinner and dancing, plus some gifts for each attendee. Please plan to attend with a table of friends, by yourself, or with your significant other. Tickets will be available at club meetings and on our website. **For more information please contact Liz Ness at beans1259@aol.com**

## Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Awards





**The Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is pleased to award \$61,250 to the following recipients in support of club committee charitable activities:**

Airport Rotary Global Grant: \$5,250 (International)

Hosea Youth Services Classroom: \$2,000 (Community Service)

North Eugene High School Day of Caring: \$4,000 (Community Service)

Grupo Latino de Acción Directa (GLAD) JusticeKids: \$10,000 (Youth)

Looking Glass Community Services New Roads capital improvement: \$40,000 (Children with Special Needs)

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

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## Good Company at PETS 2023



*Rotary Club of Eugene President-Elect Jerry Harris (L) and Rotary International President-Elect Gordon McNally (R) at Pacific Northwest President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Feb 18, 2023.*

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## More Good Company at Latest Club Social

*Warming up at the Brays with food and cheer before attending "Shakespeare Ladies Club" at Very Little Theater (VLT) on Feb 17th. Club Member Karen Scheeland Directed the play. A very good time was had by all. Looking forward to the next social event.*



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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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## 2023-2024 District Grants

We are beginning to turn our attention to spring submission of applications for 2023-24 District Grants, and the Community Service Committee is encouraging you to start putting your ideas to paper! While we will not receive the specific instructions for 2023-24, until after their Executive Committee meeting in March, we want to share what we know including our anticipated deadlines for review. As a reminder, these are matching grants where our Club submits one (or maybe two) applications to the District as an opportunity to bring some of our local money back to serve our community.

For 2022-23 grants, club funds were matched with district funds at 1:1.5 We do not yet have the amounts from the district for 2023-24, they will give us a

maximum District funding level and the match level later in March. Our final, prioritized application(s) will need to be submitted prior to June 1, so in order to allow time for getting any needed clarification or make edits, **the Community Service Committee will need to receive written applications by April 15, 2023** so we can review and prioritize applications at our April meeting. Applications should include a brief description of the following: Project Description (brief); Project Definition (greater detail); Rotarian Involvement (how members are involved); Budget (income and expenses); Contact person.

If you or your committee are working on a concept you plan to submit, it would be great to know for planning purposes. Please reach out to Karen Gaffney, Community Service Chair, with any questions and your proposal at [karengaffney@comcast.net](mailto:karengaffney@comcast.net).

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



Food for Lane County service **Wednesday March 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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## Program Schedule for February

**Program Committee has put together the following meeting programs for February. For 100 years, the meeting programs of the club have been interesting, engaging and the best in town.**

**Feb 28-** Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Lisa Abia-Smith, Director of Education. The Art Heals Program. Intro- Stacey Ray

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## Committee Meetings

February 22nd at 4pm, the Community Service Meeting at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

March 2nd at Noon, the Environmental Committee is meeting via the club zoom account.

March 8th at 8am, the Program Committee at Brailles, Willamette at 17th

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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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**Regular in-person meeting at the Graduate Hotel or on Zoom  
- link below**



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

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