

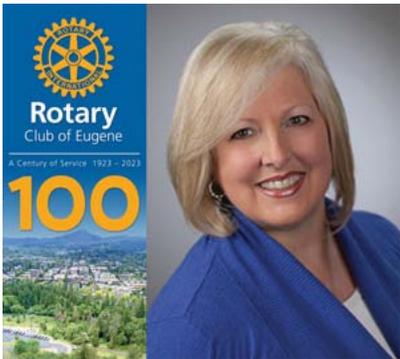
# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message

By Elizabeth A. Ness



Our 100 year "Celebration" is close and I'm "So Excited" for the "Blinding Lights" of this "Larger Than Life" gala. Whether you're a "Dancing Queen" or a "Sharp Dressed Man" you'll "Wanna Be" in "Vogue" at this "Love Shack" of a event where we'll party "All Night Long". "What a Man Gotta Do" is please "Knock on Wood" that you'll have the "Freedom" to "Shake Your Groove Thing" and "Twist and Shout" because "Groove is in the Heart" on March 15th. "I Feel Good" that you don't need to go to "Boston" or "Green River" so you can "Take the A Train" and "Flash Dance" with us that evening. All I know is it's

"About Damn Time" "The Reflex" brings us together as "Another One Bites the Dust" on the last century. So no "Jive Talking", just "Shake it Off" and "Call Me Maybe" to get your tickets because "What I Like About You" is you're a "Dynamite" "Happy" Rotarian. As for me, "All She Wants to do is Dance" so "There's Nothing Holding Me Back" because I'm "Better When I'm Dancing" and "I'm Walking on Sunshine" for this "Party Rock Anthem". Come on and "Build Me Up Buttercup" and have the "Last Dance" at our 100 year anniversary party March 15th!

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

## February 28th Meeting - Climate Change and the Age of Megafires



### Climate Change and the Age of Megafires with Bill Robbins Ph.D

**William G. (Bill) Robbins** is emeritus distinguished professor at Oregon State University, where he taught from 1971 until 2002. A Navy veteran, he holds a Ph.D. degree in History at the University of Oregon (1969). During his time in graduate school, he worked as a choker setter and as foreman of fire crews. He taught at OSU for 31 years, retiring in 2002. He is the author of 6 books on Oregon history, three of which are

environmental histories.

## 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  
President - Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter  
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribkov  
Club Admin Co-Chair  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Treasurer



Todd Anderson  
Treasurer



Doug James  
Club Director



Andy Vobora  
Membership Chair



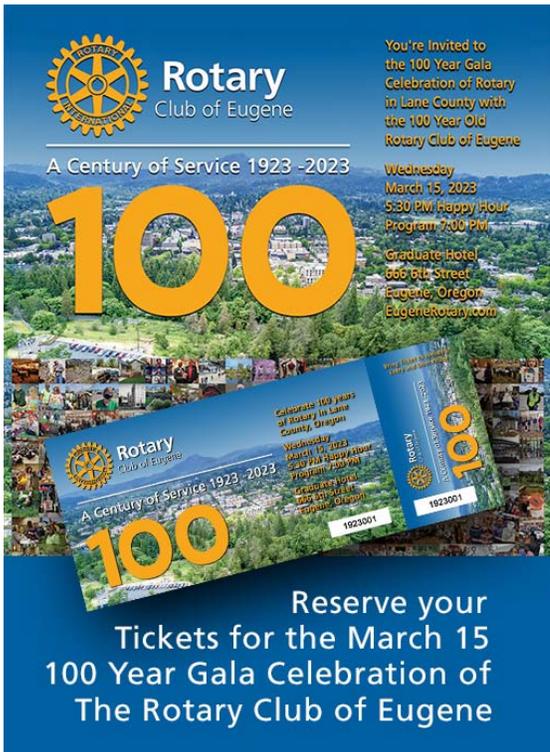
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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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Chair

Karen Gaffney  
Community Service

## 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  
666 6th Street  
Eugene, Oregon  
EugeneRotary.com

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

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

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](mailto:beans1259@aol.com)

DACdb registration is up and running. You can register online with

pay by check or at the door. Pete is also registering people at the club meeting.

External event link:

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77642348>

EZ Registration:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77642348>

## March 7th Community Service - Global Issues Conference

By Gerald William Whitman Harris



### North Eugene High School Global Issues Conference!

Dear fellow Rotarians – We have another great volunteer opportunity coming up soon. Our Club is using a District Grant to fund the North Eugene High School (NEHS) Global Issues Conference (GIC). The GIC is a condensed

Model United Nations event that involves the participation of the entire NEHS sophomore class. The event will be held on March 7 in the ERB Memorial Union on the University of Oregon campus. We need up to three volunteers to come at 8:00 am to help set up tables for the conference (packets and flags) for the event. This shift will last approximately one hour so you can get in some volunteer time and still get in to work if need be! We will also need up to four volunteers to assist during the conference by helping to manage paperwork and validating treaties. We are looking to have two shifts for these volunteers: one shift of two people from approximately 9 am until 11:30 and two new volunteers from 11 am until 1 pm. Please volunteer to help these students as they give



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Club Director  
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Chair



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Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Robert C. Laney  
February 27th

Brian Leonard Michaels  
March 1st

Nathan Philips  
March 6th

Craig A. Smith  
March 9th

John Sather  
March 15th

Heinz J. Selig  
March 23rd

John Wolf  
March 26th

## Years of Service

Richard F. Olson  
03-22-1960

speeches and negotiate solutions to the real problems affecting our world.

We're using SignUp to organize our community service activities, and have had positive feedback from earlier events. You just need to click on the link below, enter your email address (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp), and then sign-up for your spot(s). You will get an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

You can volunteer by signing up at this link: <https://signup.com/go/bkMoaOT>

If you have questions or difficulties signing up, or want me to sign you up manually, please email Jerry Whitman Harris at [gwharris@comcast.net](mailto:gwharris@comcast.net)

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## Program Schedule for March

By Robert L. Hart

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

Mar 7 - Oregon Wildfire History. Dr. William Robbins, emeritus environmental historian, OSU. Intro- Bob Hart

Mar 14 - 4J Schools Report, Dr. Andy Dey, Superintendent, \$J Schools. Intro- Noreen Dunnels

Mar 21 - The Infrastructure Bill, Former Representative Peter Defazio. Intro- Marty Wilde

Mar 28 - Fire Restoration Grant, Jared Weybright, Executive Director, McKenzie Watershed Council Intro- Jerry Harris

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## Committee Meetings

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

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

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

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

By Richard K 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

63 Years

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

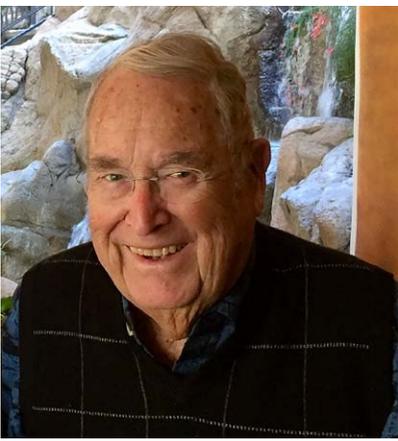
02-19-2013

10 Years

Ken Brown

03-27-2018

5 Years



family. He was blessed with a long and wonderful life of 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.

A tribute will be conducted at the 100th Club Anniversary Gala on March 15. Secure tickets right away.

## 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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## 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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## 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 Fed 17th. Club Member Karen Scheeland Directed the play. A very good time was had by all.

Looking forward to the next social event which is of course:



**The Gala Celebration of the 100th Year of the Rotary Club of Eugene on March 15th at the Graduate Hotel.**

Get your tickets today at the above links in the 100th Celebration story.



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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 15, 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?>



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