

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



James Ussher, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland between 1625 and 1656, published a chronology of Creation of the world in two volumes (1650 and 1654). In these texts he placed the date and time of Creation at nightfall on October 22nd, 4004 BC. Personally, I love the story of Ussher and his chronology. His dedication, research effort and knowledge of history were nothing short of amazing in his time. Another option for the creation of the Earth is 4.543 billion years ago – plus or minus 50 million years.

Alternatively, if you consider the Creation to include not only the earth but the universe, then maybe 13.7 billion years ago plus or minus 200 million years is the right number for you. Regardless of which numbers you believe, very serious scholarship has gone into the calculation

of all three numbers and I look up to the men and women who persevered to reach their various conclusions. Now, what does all this have to do with Rotary you ask? For me, Rotary means that regardless of whether you believe the earth is 6027 years old on Sunday evening, the 22nd of October or you believe the 4.543 billion year estimate, or something entirely different, we can join forces in fellowship and with good will to do great work that needs doing. Rotary has done great works for decades and continues the work now and into the future. We collaborate with people of all faiths and no faith; all income levels; all ages, all colors, all flavors of gender and sexuality, all everything. These tenets all fit easily under the umbrella of the 4-Way test: In particular, "Is it fair to all concerned". Let's all continue to strive to be fair to everyone.

One of the good works of Rotary is the effort to eradicate polio. This Tuesday is World Polio Day. Before our speaker we will have Assistant District Governor and District PolioPlus Chair Jane Falls speak to us about this important work, and yes – the importance of funding this work *if you are able to contribute*. After Jane we will hear from Dr. John Rogers about a great local business success story.

See you Tuesday.

Jerry

October 24th Meeting - Thermo Fisher Scientific

The title of the presentation is "**Bringing colors to science: Thermo Fisher Scientific and a Eugene site overview.**" Dr. Rogers will describe

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541)
342-2000
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

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Thermo Fisher Scientific in terms of our mission, our customers, and our products, and how the Eugene site impacts that mission as we develop products, processes, and people.

John Rogers directs synthetic, analytical, and biological chemistry research and development efforts at Thermo Fisher Scientific. John has an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Computer Science, and a Ph.D in Pharmacology from the University of Washington in Seattle.

John held post-doctoral positions at Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Pfizer pharmaceutical research labs and positions of increasing responsibility at Pfizer and Abbott Laboratories before joining Thermo Fisher Scientific in 2007. John and his wife relocated from Illinois to Thermo Fisher Scientific's Eugene site in 2000 because of their love for the Northwest. John leads teams in the development of dyes and reagents for cellular imaging and flow cytometry analysis along with a range of other products supporting the study of cells and proteins. These products are used around the world by scientific researchers in academic, pharmaceutical, and government laboratories seeking to detect, understand, treat, and prevent disease.

October 24th Meeting World Polio Day



Jane Falls of Spfld Rotary will do a short (10 minute) presentation on Polio Plus on the 24th for World Polio Day. I'm planning on starting the meeting a bit early (like 12:10) so John's talk won't be impacted.

Jerry

October 31 - Shaping Lane County's Workforce



Eugene Rotary member Jesse Quinn is asking for assistance in spreading the word about an upcoming community conversation on *Shaping Lane County's Workforce* scheduled for 10/31 at the WorkSource Oregon Lane from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Lane Workforce Partnership is Lane County's designated Workforce Development Board and is hosting five regional community conversations to ensure that Lane County employers have a skilled workforce, and individuals possess the



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knowledge and skills necessary for successful careers. These conversations are crucial in shaping the local workforce development board's plan for the next four years. We would be more than interested to hear Rotarians' perspective as it relates to building our strategic plan for the next four years.

Here is the RSVP link to attend: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LQ6VVXX>

Please feel free to forward widely and share with prospective employers, officials, and/or community members.

District Foundation Dinner in Jacksonville, hence all the cowboy gear



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

Michael Syman-Degler
October 28th
Peter M Knight-Sheen
October 30th
Genevieve Schaack
October 30th
Darryl Lynn Larson
November 1st
Jesse Quinn
November 2nd
Mark G. McGinley
November 3rd
Richard Scott Forrest
November 8th
Marshall L Wilde
November 16th
Andy Vobora
November 18th

Years of Service

Michael Grudzien
10-31-1996
27 Years
Michael Syman-Degler
10-24-1999
24 Years
Craig Opperman
10-26-2004
19 Years
Robert McOmie
11-12-2007
16 Years
Erik Jorgensen
11-10-2009
14 Years
Ken Vendley
10-27-2015
8 Years
Peter M Knight-Sheen
11-01-2016
7 Years
Maxine Proskurowski
11-05-2019
4 Years
Tiffany Marie Palaniuk
10-25-2021
2 Years
Bonnie J Bailey
10-25-2021
2 Years



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is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.

Lee H. S. Rosenthal

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Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Jennifer Jones

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President, Rotary International



November 15th: Food for Lane County Service

Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402

Wednesday November 15th from 6-8:30 pm

Eugene Rotarians have been helping out at Food for Lane County for over 20 years! Please, join us in continuing this meaningful tradition. Our Rotary Club comes in for approximately two hours per month to help sort, package and get food ready for distribution. It's a simple way to give back to our community and humbling



to realize how easy it is to help others. Get to know your fellow Rotarians, help others and have fun - all at the same time. Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), all welcome!!

Contact Victoria at vwhitman@hearthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 if you would like to participate so she can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on.

Rotary Decision Making



For 101 years your Rotary Board has established a tradition of not making rushed, rash decisions...

2024 Rotary Trip to Africa

Last week Bob Nickel announced that fellow Rotarian Larry Rhodes is leading a Rotary trip to Africa to bring volunteers to work at medical clinics in the Tororo District where our joint Rotary Global Grant projects have been and are located. If anyone is interested in going on this Rotary 'mission', here is Larry's email address... larryrhodes@gmail.com

The trip is as follows "We'll be arriving on Feb 2 and back to Kampala for return home by Feb 18." Anyone interested in going should contact him as soon as possible to get further details. The group will be primarily traveling/working in the Tororo District which is where all our grant activities are located. They do not need to be a medical person. There is lots to do both during the clinics as well as

during leisure time. I do not know the cost but Larry can provide those estimates.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

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

Oct 31- Forrest Paint, Kim Forrest, Intro- Bob Hart

Nov 7- Australian Ambassadorial Scholar, Dr. Fiona Clay, Intro- Jerry Harris

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Wednesday October 25th at 4pm, at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

Environmental Committee: Thursday November 2nd at Noon, via the club zoom account.

Program Committee: Wednesday November 8th at 8am, on ZOOM

Rotary Connections

Reach out to your Rotary alumni friends and reconnect! Then give your creativity some exercise and write about it. Send it to Ravitej (ravitej@ravitej.com) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Thanks, Jerry

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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!**

Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate Hotel this week 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>

Meeting ID: 839 0861 8864

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