

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Errata: **July 19, 2020** – This marks the first appearance of the President's Message in this Club's newsletter. Thanks Tom!

New feature #1 in the newsletter: You may have noticed a couple of "Rotary Connections" articles in the past month or so. I'm hoping some of you will decide to exercise your literary muscles and write your own Rotary Connection story. It can be about a meaningful event in your life that probably wouldn't have happened but for your participation in Rotary; a vacation you took because you heard about a place through Rotary; a person you met because you were wearing your Rotary pin on a business trip; something you heard from a meeting presentation that gave you an idea to implement in your business. You get the idea.

Send it to me and I'll get it published in this newsletter.

New feature #2 in the newsletter: "What's that you're doing?": I'd like to ask members to write up a short narrative telling us about something non-Rotary in your life that; gets your motor running/gets the blood flowing/makes your day/lights your fire/punches your ticket/tickles your fancy/gets you pumped up/brightens your day/fills your sails/fluffs your pillow/lights up your life/gives you wings/sparks your interest/gives you goosebumps/warms your cockles/revs your engine/is your cup of tea. This is intended to let us learn something about you that we didn't know and you'd like to share. Just write your story about one thing that gets you excited and send to me. I'll get it in the newsletter. I am probably going to reach out to some of you and ask you to write your story so be prepared!

World Polio Day: What a moving and impactful story we were privileged to hear from ADG (assistant district governor) Jane Falls at last week's meeting. Jane has promised to come back and give us a full program on Polio and Rotary's Polio Eradication efforts. In the meantime, I have just been made aware of the Rotary Voices Podcast. The podcast includes interviews and stories about many Rotary issues and concerns. The link to the podcast is:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6GG3ahBugk3iHumD0lQkJn?si=a7fa3643c2284ec9&nd=1>

The first podcast in the list right now is "Polio Update: Closing In on Zero". There are many other podcasts at this site that may be of interest to you. Please take a look!

Finally, I haven't been saying this anywhere near enough: Thank you for being a Rotarian and a member of our club. I value each and every one of you and hope you are getting what you want out of Rotary. If not, please give me a call and we'll see if we can fix that.

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

Club Leaders



Gerald William Whitman Harris
President



Nathan Philips
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Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov
Club Admin Chair
Club Executive
Secretary



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Membership Chair



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Rotary Foundation
Chair



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Public Image/Relations
Chair

Robert E Nickel
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Chair

See you Tuesday.

Jerry

Happy Rotary Halloween



October 31st Meeting - Forrest Technical Coatings



Our own Scott Forrest grew up in Roseburg and went to Northwestern University where he majored in Chemical Engineering and met his wife of 50 years, Cecelia. He started Forrest Paint Company on the site of Cascade Chemical Coatings, located at West 11th and McKinley. His goal was to develop the best specialty paint laboratory in the Pacific Northwest. Since 1973, Forrest Paint has grown from a regional industrial paint company to a specialty coatings company with customers in over 30 countries and every continent except Antarctica. The City of Eugene and Bring Recycling recognized the company with the 2023 Mayor's Bold Steps in Sustainability Award



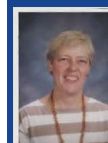
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Chair



Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-
Chair



Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair



Maxine Proskurowski
Interact Rotary Adviser



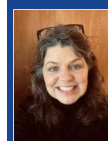
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Youth Exchange
Past President



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Noreen Dunnells
Club Director
Club Programs Chair



Victoria Whitman Harris
Club Service FFLC Lead



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Club Director
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Chair



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Club Director
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CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
iPast President



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor

November 2nd - Club Membership Recruiting Event

Time is running short to RSVP for our club membership committee's fall membership recruitment event on Thursday, November 2. Who do you know that would make an active club member? Please invite them to join you at our event. We want to grow our membership. We need and encourage each of us to actively seek out and invite guests and prospective members to lunch meetings and special events such as this gathering. The timeline is now short, so act quickly and find a prospective member to invite - **then RSVP!**

The nuts and bolts:

Date: Thursday, November 2

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Location: WildCraft Cider Works - 232 Lincoln St, Eugene, OR 97401

Cost: Free

Food & Drink: Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks tickets provided

Community service

The Community Service Committee is the Club's vetting and management arm for all official, club-sponsored local service projects. Service projects are defined as projects within the community that 1) provide member opportunities for Service Above Self, 2) meet the 4-Way Test, 3) meet any additional criteria assigned by the committee, and 4) involve projects that predominantly require sweat equity from club members (i.e., committee funds may be granted to a project as long as the funds do not constitute the bulk of the club's support for the project. We do not select projects that require only funding). The committee receives annual funding from the club that has ranged from \$2,500 to \$10,000 per annum, and is responsible for selecting our District Grant proposals. **The committee now meets the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Boy Scouts office, 2525 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Eugene.** The committee roster is open to all club members in good standing. Contact the committee chair(s).

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!!

Birthdays

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

Piotrek Buciariski
November 22nd

Phillip Holt Barnhart
November 26th

Years of Service

Richard K Olson
11-02-1986
37 Years

Michael Grudzien
10-31-1996
27 Years

Raquel E. Hecht
11-27-2000
23 Years

Robert McOmie
11-12-2007
16 Years

Erik Jorgensen
11-10-2009
14 Years

Peter M Knight-Sheen
11-01-2016
7 Years

Marshall L Wilde
11-21-2017
6 Years

Maxine Proskurowski
11-05-2019
4 Years



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.

What's that you're doing Victoria?

By Victoria Whitman Harris

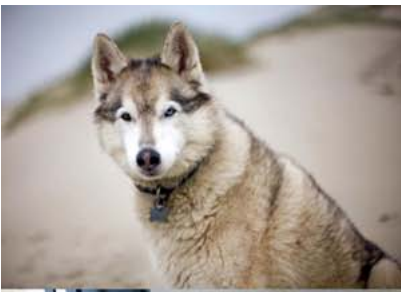


What's that you're doing Victoria?

By Victoria Whitman Harris

So, being Jerry's wife, I get to be the first of our club to write a little about my most heartfelt and time-consuming hobby/obsession/passion. Many of you might guess, but for those of you who don't know, this would be my dogs. I got my first dog as an adult, two days after I bought my own house. His name was Rahku and he was a German Shepard /Husky mix. He was beautiful, independent, stand-offish, stubborn, and lived 17 years. I could barely keep up with him for the first 14 years and then had to train myself to be patient for the last 3 years. When he was eight, I got a tiny puppy named Wred. He was a first-generation Labradoodle who grew to be a 95 lb gentle giant. Rahku was not at all happy to have a little brother but eventually learned to tolerate him. Wred adored him from the minute he walked in the house. They grew very close over the years. As Rahku aged and got disoriented, Wred would grab his collar and drag him to me. Wred was a remarkable dog; one of the gentlest I've ever met. He would willingly share his bones with Rahku, chase squirrels but slow down to ensure he didn't get too close and loved absolutely everyone and every dog. That said, when I was approached by some men while walking in the dark, he stepped between





my legs, pushed his chest out and gave the loudest, meanest bark ever (while shaking in fear). The men said "Sorry lady" & left quickly. Wred became a certified therapy dog when he was four years old. We visited nursing homes, libraries, kindergartens, and he loved every bit of it. Wred was an only dog at the time Jerry had his stroke. While he was at Sacred Heart for rehabilitation the staff allowed Wred to stay as long as we wanted, including overnight! He visited with Jerry, but he also went visiting other patients with Jerry via walker. He would stand for hours while they sat and petted him. He later went on miles and miles of walks with Jerry while he relearned how to walk. When we eventually got a puppy (Wred was eight years old) he immediately took Wrover to heart and let him sleep curled up on his stomach the very first night. He helped us train him and taught him how to behave (well, he tried as we did). He died suddenly just two weeks after our wedding. We were all crushed but grateful to have loved him. Wrover was just barely a year old and is a very anxious and high-strung dog. He regressed to chewing, crying in the car, and barking incessantly when left alone. He tried to

be no more than 15 feet away from us. It became very clear he did NOT do well as an only dog. We spent several months looking for an older rescue dog. We had a few close calls, but it was almost eight months before we found Fwank. He isn't older than Wrover, but he IS larger and calmer. We saw him on PetFinder and met him at First Avenue Shelter an hour later. We brought him home that day. He walked into our house and our hearts and never left. He is by far the strongest dog I've ever known, and it took a bit to feel comfortable handling him. He never wants to misbehave, but he does get excited (squirrels, strange dogs walking by the house, visitors). He is much like Wred, in that he has a huge heart and wants to share that love. I hope to eventually get both Wrover and Fwank certified as therapy dogs and begin doing visitation work in the next few years. They have so much love to share it seems a natural fit.

Caring for them takes a lot of time, but I find it all worthwhile.

October Social!

Thanks to all who attended the spooktacular Club Social at the Whitman Harris home Friday night. We had such a frightfully good time that I forgot to take pictures! We do have a couple thanks to Victoria though:

- (1) L to R Jennifer and Randy Geller, Nissa Newton, Wrover and Bart Poston.
- (2) L to R Karen Fuller, Jerry Whitman Harris, Gregg Fuller and Scott Palmer.

We had a nice turnout of 20-25 folks, including many who stayed the entire time. These social events put together by Gregg Fuller and his Social Committee (members and input welcome – just speak with Gregg) are meant to be fun occasions to laugh with, and learn something about, your fellow Club members. I hope you will attend the next one.



Caught in the Act!



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By J. Whitman Harris

Club member Mark Hewitt was 'caught in the (juggling) act' by Jerry and Victoria in downtown Eugene on Saturday as he was performing during the City of Eugene's Halloween Downtown party on Broadway. We watched Mark (far right if you haven't identified him) thrill audiences with his scary juggling

talents. I'm hoping to get Mark to tell us his juggling story in another installment of "What's that you're doing..?. Mark, what say you?"

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.

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

Next Committee Meetings

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

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

Community Service: Wednesday November 15th at 4pm, at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

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

Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate Hotel this week or on Zoom - link below



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