

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



With giving Tuesday and Thanksgiving just passed and Christmas and the end of the year coming up I'm sure your e-mail and text inboxes have been inundated as mine have with requests for donations. The depth and breadth of the need can be paralyzing at times. I was bemoaning this sense of paralysis as well as my lack of inspiration for writing my president's message to Victoria today and like all good partners she helped me figure out a way out. She suggested a story in Forbes magazine with ways for getting unstuck and inspired. Not surprisingly, one of the suggestions was to be of service to someone. Now since it is fairly chilly and raining cats and dogs, I didn't jump up and head out to look for someone to help – but, I decided to “look for the helpers” (F. Rogers). So, I wandered about the internets

looking for “Rotary” and “Human Trafficking” for inspiration. I certainly found what I was looking for to inspire me and cure my paralysis...in droves. There is a Rotary Club with one single purpose – in fact, it is in their Club name: Rotary Club to End Human Trafficking (<https://endhrtrotaryclub.org/>). There is a Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS; <https://ragas.online/>). The list of Rotary actions to fight human trafficking is long and deep. Trafficked and enslaved individuals are disproportionately women (71%) and approximately \$150B in wage theft from trafficked individual occurs each year. A study of reported vs unreported human trafficking (“[Capturing Human Trafficking Victimization Through Crime Reporting](#)” (pdf, 41 pages) (2019), by Amy Farrell (PI), Meredith Dank, Matthew Kafafian, Sarah Lockwood, Rebecca Pfeffer, Andrea Hughes, and Kyle Vincent) indicated that actual trafficking cases exceed those reported by 80-85%. We are fortunate to have a representative of the FBI with us this Tuesday to speak on this important issue and it's effect and occurrence in our area.

See you Tuesday.

Jerry

December 5th Club Elections

Thank you to our Nominating Committees and our Nominees

Our nominating committees have been working diligently for the last few weeks to identify candidates to run for election to our open leadership positions. The committee members and their nominees are listed below. Let us say thank you to the committee members and their nominees. Our elections will be held on December 5th. Please review the nominee lists below to vote for your choices.

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

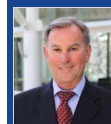
Club Leaders



Gerald William Whitman Harris
President



Nathan Philips
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov
Club Admin Chair
Club Executive Secretary



Todd Anderson
Treasurer



Ken Brown
Club Director
Membership Chair



Lauren Regnani
Rotary Foundation
Committee Member



Jay Silverman
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Ravitej Singh Khalsa
Public Image/Relations
Chair

Robert E Nickel
International Service
Chair

We have five director candidates. At present there is one nominee for President and one nominee for Secretary for Rotary year 2024-2025.

Nominating Committee 1: John Wolf, Jennifer Geller, Ron Gietter

President-Elect: Phil H. Barnhart

Secretary: Ron Gietter

Directors: Jesse Quinn, Bob Nickel, Dick Barnhart

Nominating Committee 2: Karen Scheeland, Diana Bray, Jane Eyre McDonald

President-Elect: Phil H. Barnhart

Secretary: Ron Gietter

Directors: Jesse Quinn, Bob Nickel, Dick Barnhart

Nominating Committee 3: Liz Ness, Bart Poston, Tom Gilmour

President-Elect: Phil H. Barnhart

Secretary: Ron Gietter

Director: Jacob Hamalian, Susan Heisey, Dick Barnhart

December 5th Meeting: FBI Briefing on Human Trafficking



With
Florence J. Mackey
FBI Victim Specialist

Portland Division
Eugene, Salem and Medford Resident
Agencies.

Florence Mackey is a Victim Specialist with the FBI's Portland Division covering Eugene, Salem and Medford Resident Agencies. Prior to joining the FBI, Florence was a Victim Services Advocate for the Superior Court in New Haven, Connecticut, serving victims of violent crime. Additionally, Florence was a Forensic Interviewer as part of a pediatric trauma team at Yale University Medical Center/Child Advocacy Center for over two decades.

Florence has a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati and did her graduate work at Southern Connecticut State University in Social Work.



December TRF Matching Points Giveaway

Up to \$500 -Rotary Club of Eugene
matches your donation. Limited offer



Karen Gaffney
Community Service
Chair



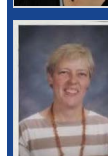
Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-
Chair



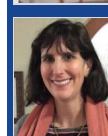
Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair



Maxine Proskurowski
Interact Rotary Adviser



Raquel E. Hecht
Youth Exchange
Past President



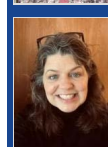
Tom Gilmour
Rotaract Rotary Advisor



Noreen Dunnells
Club Director
Club Programs Chair



Victoria Whitman Harris
Club Service FFLC Lead



Doug James
Club Director
Vocational Service
Chair



Gregg A. Fuller
Club Director



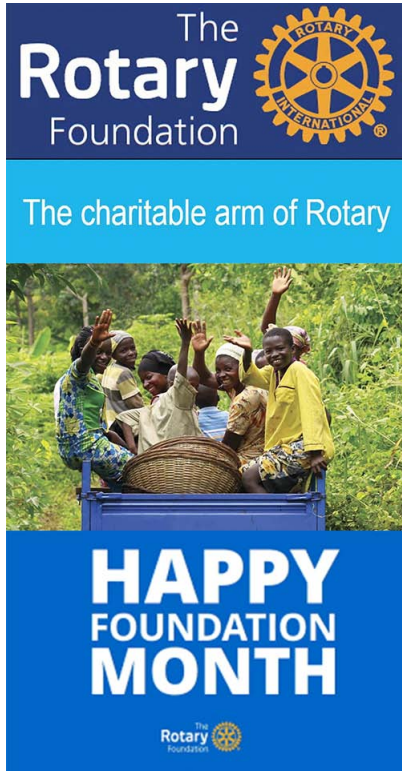
Robert Scott
Impehoven
Club Director
Community Service



Richard K Olson
CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
iPast President



through December **ONLY**.

It's Rotary Foundation month and we're going to do an outstanding matching points giveaway.

As announced at recent club meetings, our offer is to match your donation, up to \$500, with immediate points from our club. For example, combining your donation of \$500 with the 500 points from our club will....**yes!, result in a Paul Harris Fellow Award.**

Don't regret not taking advantage of this offer that only comes around in December.

Your donation will need to be made between now and December 31. Simply go to [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org), click on "Donation" and in a minute you'll be done. It's that easy to donate and help fund the projects that TRF does locally and around the world.

We also accept checks! Kindly contact any of us with any questions you might have

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season,

Mike Ritchey, Dave Frosaker, Lauren Regnani, Jay Silverman

Community Service Everyone Village

In the spirit of giving back and embracing the holiday season, we extend our gratitude to the seven Rotarians who braved the rain to participate in our community service project at Everyone Village on Thursday. Despite the challenging weather, your dedication shone brightly as you worked tirelessly to move greenhouses, reinforce structures, assist with the garden, and tour the village, providing invaluable support to the 70 residents.

A special shout-out to Jerry for his innovative approaches to greenhouse relocation, which paralleled construction methods of ancient pyramids.

The Community Service Committee appreciates your commitment to service and sincerely grateful for your ongoing support. This project was an incredible way to see how our recent district grant is impacting residents through transitional shelters.

Birthdays

Karianne Westlund
December 5th
Susan Heisey
December 6th
Lynne Grilley
December 11th
Stephen P. Savelich
December 18th
Otto J Glausi
December 18th
Lourdes Sanchez
December 19th
Serena L Kelly
December 19th
Elizabeth A. Ness
December 22nd
Ravitej Singh Khalsa
December 28th
Jennifer Olson
December 29th
Tina Stupasky
January 1st

Years of Service

Otto J Glausi
12-14-1971
52 Years
Darryl Lynn Larson
12-16-1986
37 Years
Ronald Terry Gietter
12-16-1986
37 Years
Heinz J. Selig
12-08-1987
36 Years
David A. Frosaker
12-22-1992
31 Years
Stephen P. Savelich
12-15-1998
25 Years
Jane Eyre McDonald
12-11-2001
22 Years
Philip W. Speers
12-03-2002
21 Years
Ward Beck Jr.
12-14-2010
13 Years
Todd Anderson
12-10-2013
10 Years
Richard Ralston
12-08-2015
8 Years
Bill G Heisey
12-05-2022
1 Year



December 11th Environmental Committee



Citizens' Climate Lobby

The Inflation Reduction Act: Financial Incentives to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

By Dick Barnhart

The Inflation Reduction Act was passed in August of 2022. For the next 10 years it offers substantial financial incentives, in the form of tax credits and rebates, to help people take actions to reduce their monthly energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint.

I am a member of the Lane County Chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby, a national organization of over 220,000 supporters which was formed to create the political will for effective national climate policy. On December 11 at 4:00 PM, Elizabeth Grant and I will give a presentation at the Campbell Center titled "Incentives Available from the Inflation Reduction Act to Help Reduce Your Energy Consumption". This is open to the public. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

This will be our first time doing this presentation, but we would like to present this information to any group that wants to hear how to take advantage of these incentives. If you are a member of a group, or know of a group, that might want

to hear this presentation in 2024, please contact me at ricbar2@mac.com.

December 20th: Food for Lane County Service



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

Wednesday December 20th 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!!

We had a great turn out in November. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Seven members of our club were joined by EIGHT Rotoractors from the University of Oregon. Join us this month on December 20th at 6pm. It's a wonderful way to give back and to celebrate the season.

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.



Host families for Rotary Youth Exchange Update



We now have one family committed to hosting an international exchange student starting in the fall 2024 and another family in Veneta who

is pleased to help on weekends or vacation times when the student does not have school obligations. Now we would ideally welcome two other families who would want to share the hosting time during the academic school year September 2024- June 2025. If you, or others you know who might be interested, and do not need to be Rotarians, in helping to host an international high school student, please contact either Raquel Hetch at raquel@immigration.oregon or 541-953-0776 or Maxine Proskurowski at max.proskurowski@gmail.com or 541-554-8090 to discuss the program and responsibilities.

We will in the next few weeks make a decision if we can go forward with hosting a student. This club has sponsored several students over the years—prior to Covid time—and everyone who participated enjoyed the experience. Just ask Dennis Biggerstaff about all the fun times host families and students have had in the past!

Thanks so much!

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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.

Dec 12- Author Update, Bill Sullivan, Intro- Gregg Fuller

Dec 19- "Why the Two State Solution Hasn't Worked," Dr. Reuben Zahler, UO;
Intro- Bob Hart

Dec 19- Just BEFORE Dr. Zahler's Program will be a short presentation from the International Committee on the Uganda and Ukraine Projects.

Dec 26- Dark

Jan 2- Dark

Jan 9- District 5110 Update, District Governor Jim Polk, Intro- Jennifer Geller

Next Committee Meetings

Environmental Committee: Thursday December 7th at Noon, via the club zoom account.

Program Committee: Wednesday December 13th at 8am, on ZOOM

Community Service: December Meeting Canceled.

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

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