

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



I wanted to give you a little more information about our Club's upcoming Fundraising Event: Murder in the Strata-Sphere. This dinner and auction is crucial for our Club to move forward into our next 100 years well-positioned to continue creating impactful projects that benefit the community we all want to see thriving and healthy. With a reduced membership due to Covid and long-term downward trends in participation in service organizations, we accepted the challenge of continuing to serve the community at our traditional high level by asking the greater Eugene/Springfield populace to partner with us. I believe we are doing this in a positive way. I think we will have fun and be successful in this effort, especially with your help.

The Club's Fundraising Committee is asking you to help make our event a success by inviting your friends and acquaintances to attend the event. Of course, you are all invited as well. We will have invitation cards available at the meeting this Tuesday. Please take some and spread the word. We have some awesome auction items lined up as well as opportunities for event sponsorships at the \$1k, \$2.5k and \$5k levels. Contact me if you have someone in mind!

Did you notice my subtext; embracing change? Yes, our Club has not done this type of fundraiser to benefit Club projects in many years. It is different, it is hard to start a benefit event in a town full of non-profits having events every week, and it requires buy-in from all of us. I'm asking you to embrace this change, this challenge, and by doing so, set the table for the Club to thrive through 2123.

Thank you everyone. I'm always available for discussion. Just grab me. It's the benefit and curse of retirement!

Hope to see you Tuesday.

Jerry

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



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Secretary



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Secretary



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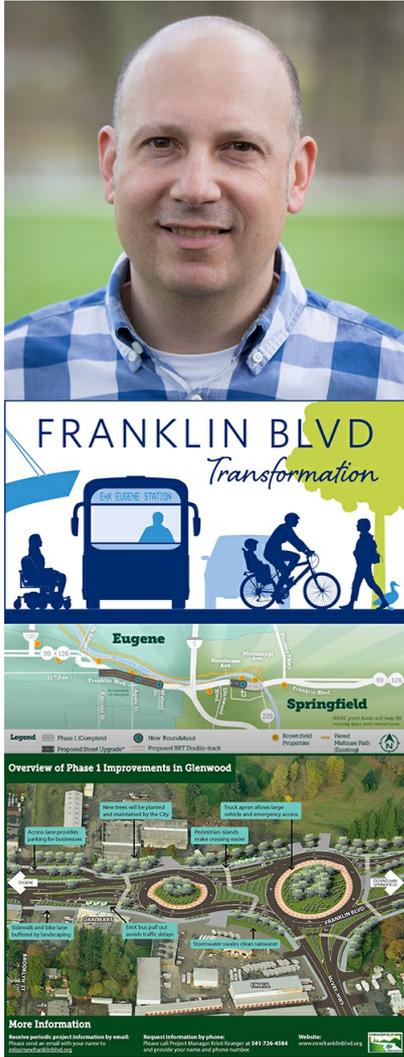


Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-
Chair



Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

March 5th Meeting: Franklin Blvd Update!!



Franklin Blvd Upgrade Project with City Engineer Bob Inerfeld. Not to be missed information on this huge change to the face of Eugene.

The City is working on plans to transform Franklin Boulevard into a street that serves all travelers including people who walk, bike, ride the bus and drive. The project will help meet Eugene’s climate recovery goals and encourage ways for businesses and neighborhoods near Franklin Boulevard to redevelop the boulevard into a more comfortable connector of places, rather than a divider. HDR is lead consultant, and Cogito supporting the public involvement. The City of Eugene is collaborating closely with the local partners including the University of Oregon, Lane Transit District, the City of Springfield, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.



Maxine Proskurowski
Interact Rotary Adviser



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Youth Exchange
Past President



Tom Gilmour
Rotaract Rotary Advisor



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Gregg A. Fuller
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Club Director
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Richard K. Olson
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District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
Past President

Birthdays

- Nathan Philips
March 6th
- Craig A. Smith
March 9th
- John Sather
March 15th
- Monica Piper
March 20th
- Heinz J. Selig
March 23rd
- John Wolf
March 26th
- Candice Barr
March 31st
- Tom Gilmour
March 31st
- Ken Vendley
April 1st
- Jeff Robinson
April 2nd
- Meagan M Thibodeaux
April 2nd

Years of Service

- Gregory C. Richterich
03-20-1990
34 Years
- Jeffrey John Ogburn
04-02-1991
33 Years

March 20th: Food for Lane County Service



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

Wednesday March 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 small but enthusiastic turn out in February. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Four members of our club attended and went out for snacks and libations afterwards. Join us this month on March 20th at 6pm. It's a wonderful way to give back and appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to spend time together.

Contact Victoria at vwhitman@earthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 if you would like to participate so she can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on. We have committed to at least 5 volunteers a month. The more who come, the more fun we have!

James W. Savage
03-11-1997
27 Years

Ken Brown
03-27-2018
6 Years

Nissa Newton
03-15-2023
1 Year

March 21st - Craig Smith to be Honored by Eugene Education Fund

In case you haven't heard this through other channels, I wanted to be sure Eugene Rotary Club members all know that Eugene Education Fund will be honoring our own Craig Smith for his many years of service to Eugene youth and our schools at their annual gala on March 21. If you scroll about halfway through the email below you will see Craig's picture and a brief summary about Craig. I checked our records, and Craig joined Eugene Rotary Club in September of 1978--he's been an important part of our club for 45 years! His work on behalf of youth and local schools is one of the important ways he embodied the Rotary principles of service to our community. I plan to be at the event to celebrate Craig, and our schools. It would be fun to see other Rotarians there as well! Email sent recently has links for purchasing tickets and tables.

Thanks for all you do for our community.

Karen



What's that you're doing, Stacey Ray?



By Stacey Ray

Connection with nature is a through-line and constant grounding force in my life. Growing up in central Montana, I rode shotgun in a combine listening to Paul Harvey (thanks for that recent reminder, Bob) and taking in the "big sky country" that always threatened to swallow me up. I followed my parents from the farm to their butcher shop, getting candy from hunters who brought elk and deer in the fall, and helping finish log homes with my Dad in spring. When I visited my grandparents in the Rocky Mountains, we picked wildflowers and huckleberries and paddled creeks with broomsticks. My grandfather took us two girls to trickling streams where we panned for gold. It was only after he died that I found out he seeded our gold pans with beautiful big flakes he found himself years earlier.



I lived within wheat embellished plains, drove with my Dad to the precarious edges of fingers that spread out over the Missouri River breaks, camped in evergreen mountains, and learned to fish for trout and catfish near our community of 250 people. In high school, I brought my homework and set up a card table near the water's edge waiting for the catfish bell to jingle.



I knew that art and academics would get me out of that place that was both so small and so expansive, much like my mind at the time. Sending myself off to Montana State University in Bozeman made sense—the mountains were calling (as they say). I began hiking in the five surrounding mountain ranges, picked up cross-country skiing, and spent countless hours standing in the Madison, Gallatin, and Yellowstone Rivers trying to teach myself fly-fishing. I didn't catch anything but passing greenery for a year, but it wasn't the prospect of fish that kept me

there.

Oregon has only grown my passion for the outdoors. I crave curiosity, adventure, and experiences that engage my senses through quiet observance and noticing the tiny moments that tickle fingertips, buzz the insides of ears, soften noses, and send sharp piney air into lungs. I've fallen in love with birds, and my binoculars are now a constant accessory on urban walks and outdoor adventures. After a divorce and losing my dad far too early, I found respite in a canoe: my companion in silently stalking the sounds and glimpses that tend to go unnoticed in our overly busy world. I've also learned to row a small pontoon, and between these two vessels, I've had some of the most joyful moments of my life floating on glassy lakes, traversing marshy mazes, and holding my breath through rapids on the McKenzie, Rogue, and Deschutes rivers. A few summers ago, I paddled 107 miles of the Missouri River in Montana, experiencing much of the notable journey of Lewis and Clark, and more intimately, some of the wildest part of my childhood backyard.

In just the 35 years of my life so far, I've already had experiences that took me through intense grief, loss, love, and transformation. I've felt the brevity and frailty of life, as most of us have. I'm gratefully reminded of both frailty and resilience when I'm in nature, which has been the greatest gift of all.

Social Event Success



Again, Gregg The Party Animal has created a fun and interesting social event for the club with the Cinderella Ballet. Well attended and well liked.

April 11th Club Fundraising

Let's put the FUN in fundraising!



Murder most foul! Sam Spade, Miss Marple, Hercule Poirot, Philip Marlow, Jessica Fletcher – they all failed to solve the case of **Murder in the Strata-Sphere!** Now we are calling on all sleuths, flatfoots, private detectives, shamus™, gumshoes, private eyes, dicks, covert operatives, P.I.s and Sherlocks to come together on April 11th to finally identify the culprit.

Mark your calendars, grab your floppy fedora, pocket your notepad, sharpen your pencils and tell your friends! Your Rotary Club is hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner and live auction at the Graduate on April 11th to benefit the Club. Stay tuned for more info to come!

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club has been known locally for over twenty years as the club with the best programs. Our return to in person meetings aspires to maintain that high bar. Here's what members can look forward to during the month of March:

Mar 12- Artificial Intelligence, Chris Stephenson. Intro- Bob Hart

Mar 19- 4J Tax Levy, Judy Newman + TBA. Intro- Noreen Dunnells

Mar 26- Ballmer Institute for Mental Health, Lisa Calevi + TBA, Intro- Monica Wilton

April 2- Eugene Ballet, Susan Haag. Michael Syman-Degler

Next Committee Meetings

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

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

Community Service: Wednesday March 27th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce Possible reschedule for the 26th

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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