

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Hi friends - We are busy dotting i's and crossing t's for Murder in the Strata-Sphere this Thursday evening. So lucky you!! I don't have any bandwidth for pontificating!

Many of you are coming, have helped put the event together or both! Your club and I thank you profusely. We anticipate doing good works with the funds we raise.

See you soon.
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
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Secretary



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Community Service Co-
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April 9th Meeting: CAHOOTS!



CAHOOTS! Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets

With Jeremy Gates, Executive Director of White Bird Clinic in Eugene.

White Bird's CAHOOTS program provides mobile integrated healthcare through teams comprised of a crisis worker and medic in Eugene and Springfield, responding to non-criminal situations including substance abuse, mental/emotional crisis, disorientation, welfare checks, and dispute facilitation. CAHOOTS provides assessment, intervention, and transport to services as needed.

Jeremy has been in his current role since March of 2023 after initially joining White Bird as the CFO in December of 2022. Since taking the Executive Director role, Jeremy's focus at White Bird Clinic has been on creating and strengthening processes and structure to support the organization's rapid growth and allow it to respond to the needs in our community.

Jeremy has a background in finance and business administration. He holds a bachelor's degree from Linfield and an MBA from Morehead State. Most recently, he was the Finance Manager and Interim Practice Manager at Northwest Surgical Specialists and before that, he was the CFO at the OSU Beaver Store and The Duck Store.



Maxine Proskurowski
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Club Director
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District Governor



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Past President

Birthdays

John Barnum
April 10th
Ken Brown
April 18th
Emily Lafon
April 18th
Karen Gaffney
April 20th
Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd
Brian Fox
April 25th
Robert Scott Impehoven
May 5th
Diana Rae Bray
May 6th

Years of Service

Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
29 Years
Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
29 Years
Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995
29 Years
Karianne Westlund
04-14-1998
26 Years

April 11th: Club Fundraising Event: A Murder Mystery to Die For

We are ready to solve a Murder! It is here! Murder in the Strata-Sphere is coming to the Graduate this Thursday the 11th. Hope you have your tickets! We have closed the website to additional ticket sales but we do have 4 seats available. If you wish to grab a last minute seat or two, please email Jerry at gwharris@comcast.net by Sunday evening, April 7th!



April 17th: Food for Lane County Service



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

Wednesday April 17th 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 March. It was a lot of fun and time went by quickly as we portioned and sorted food. Several of us went out for snacks and libations afterwards. Join us this month on April 18th 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@hearthstone.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!

Robert L. Hart
04-13-2004
20 Years

Lynne Grilley
04-08-2014
10 Years

Doug James
04-11-2017
7 Years

Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
7 Years

Brian Fox
05-03-2021
3 Years

April 20th: Annual Skinner Butte Work Party



I wanted to remind everyone that our Skinner Butte Work Party is scheduled for April 20 (Saturday). Time will likely be from 8 or 9 am til noon. We always need quite a few volunteers for the Work Party so please plan to help if you can! Caontact Susan Heisey or Jerry to sign up: susan@heiseyhomes.com or gwharris@comcast.net

Jerry

Boys and Girls Club Work Parties and Celebration!



I know April is brimming with opportunities to help Rotary and our community--thank you in advance for saying yes where you can! Here are the final pieces for our work with Boys and Girls Club to help with their refresh of their facility. Thank you to those who have already helped, and an advance thank you if you can add your name to show up for any of the below. Please email me at karengaffney@comcast.net if you are able to help with either of these work parties:

Monday 4/15 work party: We can use your help with projects on site anytime you are available between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. If you can do a couple hour shift, that would be great--please just email me and let me know when you can be there to help. It will be a mixture of power washing, assembling of new furnishings, moving things back to

classrooms, etc. Feel free to bring friends and family to help!

Friday, 4/19 moving things back from Faith Center. We will help move the last of the supplies from Faith Center back to the clubhouse. The team will assemble at Boys and Girls Club at 10:00 and join staff in getting this piece done. Feel free to bring friends and family to help!

ALSO, we have been invited to help them celebrate their newly-refreshed space. Below is an invitation for Rotarians to join in the grand reopening celebration. They would love to have a general sense of how many will be coming, so [here is a link to RSVP](#).

Thank you for leaning into service this month and always!

Karen

Sharing a quick update on our District Grant!



Rotary's Commitment to Constructing a Brighter Future

As the Rotary Club of Eugene, we are proud to share an inspiring update on our collective efforts to make a meaningful difference in Lane County through our district grant recipient, "Constructing a Brighter Future" through Lane Education Service District. This endeavor embodies our core values of service, community, and collaboration, and we are thrilled to see the impact it is having on the lives of our neighbors. Thanks to the unwavering support of our club, 4J students have been hard at work constructing a transitional shelter for Everyone Village at Lane Community College's Future Build site.

"Constructing a Brighter Future" is not just about building shelters; it's about building hope and opportunity. By introducing high-paying construction trades to high school students, we are providing them with invaluable skills and pathways to success. Through hands-on learning experiences led by dedicated CTE instructors, students are not only learning the technical aspects of construction but also developing essential life skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience.

With the support of our district grant and matching funds, our club has sponsored 4J student in building a single transitional shelter to support an unhoused community member here in Lane Count

Together, let us continue to build hope, opportunity, and a brighter future for all in Lane County.

Jesse Quinn

Community Service District Grants Proposal

We are quickly approaching the time of year when the Rotary Community Service Committee reviews concepts for District Grant proposals and prioritizes applications are to be submitted by our club to the Rotary District Grant team. As a reminder, these are grants that are designed to match local Rotary contributions, up to \$2,000 of District funds. The projects need to target one of the Rotary priority areas and engage Rotarians. Each club can count on one matching grant per year, and sometimes funds are available to provide a second grant. This year our club has 2 District grants: Building a Better Future and Boys & Girls Club.

The Community Service Committee is charged with reviewing and prioritizing proposals for our club. In order to meet the District due date of 6/1/24, we need to review and prioritize concepts at our April meeting, so **we are asking for concepts to be forwarded by April 19. Here is what we need at this point:**

Project Name
Project Brief
Project Definition
Rotarian Involvement
Budget
Contact Person

Please email concepts to be considered to karengaffney@comcast.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, Jesse Quinn, or other members of the Community Service Committee.

Thank you!

Karen

Eugene Ballet at the Mid-Town Arts Center a success!



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 April:

April 16 -University Library and Tech with Dr. Alecia Salaz
April 23 - Mayoral Race with Knutson/Joyce-Striner
April 30 - DEQ: Environmental Cleanups

Next Committee Meetings

Environmental Committee: Thursday April 4th at Noon, via ZOOM:
Program Committee: Wednesday April 10th at 8am, via ZOOM
Community Service: Wednesday April 24th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce

Club ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=cLRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUlZnbnUydz09>

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



Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

Meeting ID: 839 0861 8864

Passcode: 695590

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