

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Ironically, as I was gestating my president's message for this week. A very famous line from a movie popped into my head. You might recognize it: "I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' and no baby!" spoken by actress Butterfly McQueen in *Gone with the Wind*. So about now you're usually thinking what does this have to do with Rotary, Jerry? Well, I'll tell ya: I hadn't put it in these words for the past couple months but I often woke up in the middle of the night in a sweat because "I don't know nuthin' 'bout birthin' a fundraiser".

Two things rescued me from the night sweats. One, I learned from my teachers and mentors early on that there is no shame in saying "I don't know". I'd only feel ashamed if I didn't follow up with "But I'll find out and get an answer back to you soon." The second thing is one I learned from you, my Rotary colleagues, and that is that this Club and RI country- and world-wide is a vast network of people who, 1) do know the answer, and 2) are there to help if asked.

I still don't know much about birthing a fundraiser but I now know a little. More importantly, I know we have great folks in this Club who knew what they were doing and they were willing to help get *Murder in the Strata-Sphere* up and off to the races. Some folks were asked to help sooner, some later, and some I asked later but wished I'd asked sooner. But, when the bell rang, man, our horse ran a great race.

Long story short, *Murder in the Strata-Sphere* was a resounding success for our Club. We are still doing some final accounting so I'm loathe to throw out numbers that may change but rest assured we raised funds to support our service projects in Eugene and its environs for the coming year. We will provide a full and transparent accounting to you when we have all the pieces put together.

I left the best for last: To all of you, thank you so much for supporting this Club with your expertise, enthusiasm, get it done attitude and your treasure. Without you we wouldn't have been successful in the endeavor. The credit all goes to you: Any slips we may have made, (and I made quite a few) are on me. We'll survey you about the fundraising event in the near future. Please respond and tell us your thoughts. My door is open too so you can always give me a shout in person.

In gratitude,

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



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Rotary Foundation
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Chair



Robert E Nickel
International Service
Chair



Karen Gaffney
Community Service
Chair



Jesse Quinn
Community Service Co-
Chair



Bonnie J Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services Chair

April 16th Meeting: UO Libraries: The Next Chapter



How Libraries are Embracing a New Diversity of Users

With Dr. Alisa Salaz, UO Vice Provost and University Librarian.

At a public research institution like the University of Oregon, the library exists to serve the evolving research and learning needs of students and faculty members as well as the research and information needs of our surrounding community, both now and long into the future. As higher education institutions make progress on expanding access and diversifying student bodies, how do we evolve our libraries to meet a broadening array of user types and needs? And how does the library work to ensure that our Oregon community also has the broadest possible access to information? UO's Vice Provost and University Librarian Dr. Alicia Salaz shares how library services are changing to meet the needs of new kinds of users, and how the library's services are tackling contemporary challenges to make a difference to our Oregon communities.



BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Alicia Salaz was named Vice Provost and University Librarian at the University of Oregon in 2021, bringing extensive experience serving diverse communities. Prior to her appointment, she held leadership roles at Carnegie Mellon University's campuses in Pittsburgh and in Doha, Qatar, as well as at Dubai Women's College in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, accumulating over a decade of work in the Arab Gulf region before returning home to the United States. An Oregon native, she was born and raised in Portland, attending Portland public schools and earning an undergraduate degree from Portland State University while kicking off her library career as a book shelver for the Multnomah County Library. She went on to earn a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of

Washington and a doctor of higher education from the University of Liverpool in the UK. As University Librarian, Dr. Salaz' portfolio includes oversight of the University's seven library locations in Eugene, Portland, and Charleston at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. She is nationally recognized as a passionate advocate for public access to knowledge and has spoken and presented extensively on this topic. She resides in Eugene with her husband and two children.



Maxine Proskurowski
Interact Rotary Adviser



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Youth Exchange
Past President



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Rotaract Rotary Advisor



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Club Director



Robert Scott Impehoven
Club Director
Community Service



Richard K. Olson
CCO-Club
Communications. Past
District Governor



Elizabeth A. Ness
IPast President

Birthdays

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
Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

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

SUNDAY EXTRA! BREAKING NEWS

Murder in the Strata-Sphere Solved! Detectives know who done it!

Detective Noreen Dunnells and her investigators apprehended the perpetrator of the crime of the century! They did the crime, now they'll do the time! The Rotary Club of Eugene's murder mystery fundraiser was a resounding success for our Club.

We had a full house of determined detectives, a long rap sheet filled with heartwarming speakers, a fast paced Heads and Tails contest, outstanding paddle raise, smashing auction items full of adventures, an auctioneer extraordinaire in Sid Voorhees and his team, Stage Master Karen Scheeland, Program Priestess Diana Bray, and a crime conjured up by our Mistress of Murder Liz Ness. Monica Wilton kept event planning on track and kept all the details from falling through the cracks.

The house was hopping! We'll be providing details soon but the evening was a success, our guests were engaged and having fun, and we raised funds to put to good use in our community. Well done team and thank you Rotarians and guests!



Susan Sygall
05-11-2000
24 Years

Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
13 Years

Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
7 Years

Brian Fox
05-03-2021
3 Years

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@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. We have committed to at least 5 volunteers a month. The more who come, the more fun we have!

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

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

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 23 - Mayoral Race with Knutson/Joyce-Striner
April 30 - DEQ: Environmental Cleanups

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Wednesday April 24th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce
Environmental Committee: Thursday May 1st at Noon, via ZOOM:
Program Committee: Wednesday May 8th at 8am, via ZOOM

Club ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=cjRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUjZnbnUydz09>

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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