



Eugene Delta Rotary Board Meeting
Chris' House 6:00 -8:00 pm
August 25, 2022

Attendees: Chris Walton, President, Gael Coyle, Secretary, Curtis Diama, President Elect, Terri Baker, Club Service, Susan Blane, Membership, Tony Devico, The Rotary Foundation & Beth Sheehan, Guest at the end of the meeting.

Submitted by Gael Coyle

All members voted to approve July minutes.

Treasurers Report: Laurie not present.

Director Reports:

Jeannie, Community Service: Not present. Gael reminded everyone that we have Hosea Meal group the first and third Tuesday of the month from 4:30-6:00. [Youth Services for Homeless & At-Risk Youth in Lane County \(hoseayouth.org\)](http://youthservicesforhomelessandrisk.org)

We also have a work event at Owen Rose Garden coming up in September in a few weeks. Kim Meyers is the contact. Gael asked if our Board Meetings could start 30 minutes earlier on the third Wednesday of the Month. Southtowne Rotary Club has their Food Box Program on the Third Wednesday, and they need help. She would like to be able to get there by 1:00 pm. Terri said that her schedule is blocked out and she would not be able to change the time.

On Sunday, August 28 there is a volunteer opportunity at Market Fest to serve waffles at 5th Street Market. This is a fund raiser in support of Positive Community Kitchen (PCK). Chris discussed the challenge of the 3-month volunteer requirement to volunteer at PCK. Susan suggested that maybe we could make a 3-month commitment from Delta and have different people volunteer so that it doesn't require an individual 3-month requirement. Chris will discuss with Megan, PCK Director. [Positive Community Kitchen | Inspiring Community Wellness Through Food](http://positivecommunitykitchen.org)

Terri suggested a donation of funds or clothing to Every Child Lane County Organization. Jennifer Brown provided a presentation to us at our Friday, August 19 meeting. Terri will reach out to Jennifer. [Who We Are - Lane County Oregon Lane County Oregon \(everychildlane.org\)](http://everychildlane.org)

Terri suggested we reach out to our club members to ask if they have projects or organizations that they would like our club to support. She also suggested that we might want to partner with other organizations in their projects. For example, Twenty-Thirty Club. Curtis shared that he has had to turn kids away from playing soccer at Kid Sports because they didn't have shin cards. Possibly, we could provide funding for students for shirts or equipment. Gael stated that the club survey suggested that time be provided for members to talk at our Friday meetings. We could have table groups and have directors lead the tables in a conversation about what organizations

they would like to support. Groups could record responses on chart paper and share out after the discussions.

Chris stated that he would like our club to sponsor triannual blood drives. Terri had difficulty signing up through the Red Cross Site for our event on July 29. The site indicated there were slots open but would not let her sign up. Chris will discuss with Carisa. There was a discussion of whether Blood drives would go under Community Service or Programs.

Beth shared that she was contacted by Kathy Poole and asked to close out our District Grant from last Rotary year. Beth will close the grant out.

Susan asked about the process for recommending a grant. She knows a catholic priest who visits Kenya every year. The village he visits desperately needs a water supply. Gael explained the International Grant Process to include the Community Assessment and sponsoring with a local Rotary club in the country to receive the grant. The project must be sustainable after the grant is completed. Gael has been researching a Rotary club to sponsor a grant to work with the Masai near Amboseli. Most of the Rotary clubs are in Nairobi and she has had difficulty finding a club to work with. We partner with the 7 other local rotary clubs through the South Valley Rotary Grants Committee (SVRGC) and have the opportunity to apply for a global grant every three years. Each club pays \$1000 each year toward the other club's grants. If a person is interested in applying for a grant, they must work closely with others and do the groundwork.

Curtis reminded members about Ralph Christensen's presentation to our club regarding his grants and work in Togo, West Africa. Ralph has worked with Togo for about 15 years. Gael worked with Ralph and submitted the grant in 2019-2020 through our club. Ralph is a member of Twin River's Rotary Club and had this grant to submit, but it was not their year to submit one. Gael submitted the grant under Eugene Delta Rotary Club and worked closely with Rotary International, Ralph, and the Rotary Club in Tandjouare in completion of the Latrine project.

Eugene Delta Rotary Members are more interested in working with local projects rather than international projects as expressed in polls and surveys.

Youth Services:

We need a new director. The position is until July 2023 on the board and then an election would be necessary. We have RYLA each year and Student of the Month. The 4 Way Speech has not had many applicants and COVID has prevented the Student Exchange Programs. Harold Foutz will resume Student of the Month in October. Kim Meyers is the representative for the Interact Club at Sheldon High School and Gael has done RYLA for 3 years and the 4 Way Speech for two years. Terri explained that she doesn't know what RYLA is and recommends a presentation at a club meeting on RYLA and other components of Youth Services.

Andrea Voorhees Club Programs: Andrea was not present. Chris has the committee sign ups and will give them to the directors. Gael would like the sign ups so she can update the charts in DACdb and publish. Gael recommended that the Directors introduce themselves at a club

meeting and give presentations of the areas and projects that come under their purview. Curtis recommended that we have a Delta Day at our Friday club meeting to review our Directorships. In addition, the difference between The Rotary Foundation and our Scholarship program needs to be addressed. The annual fund needs to be explained as well as the Polio Plus Program. Chris would like a presentation about Polio Plus. The board also discussed the need to provide information/training about grants. Chris suggested a day in October. Rotary International suggests a Rotary Minute at each meeting.

Chris asked if and how the club makes donations to Poli Plus. Each guest speaker is told that Eugene Delta donates 100 vaccines in their name. Chris will check will Laurie.

Ann Mulqueen has said that she does not want to continue to do the monthly Birthday celebrations. We need someone to join Marian Kloster.

Susan Blane, Membership: Susan is the new director. Curtis will meet with Susan and give her the membership package. He will also meet with Kieran Walsh. Kieran is dropping his membership as is Melissa Koke and Kim O'Brien. Chris shared that Melissa will pay the Rotary International dues. There needs to be a formalized process for people to follow when they want to terminate their membership. Need to decide who will complete terminations in DACdb. Chris will check. Gael shared that this is usually done by the secretary.

Gael shared that Penny Carpenter wants to be involved. Curtis recommended that Penny work on recognition. He agrees that recognition of years in rotary should come under the Membership area. Gael explained that she did recognition of years from January to June and now it is time to do July to December. Curtis will work with Susan and contact Penny. Gael asked about Rotarian of the Month.

Terri Baker, Club Service/Admin: Terri recommended a formalized process in welcoming new board members and training to assist them in their roles. Gael asked that directors review the organization charts and descriptions of their areas of responsibility. She emailed these to all directors and will email them again. Gael will also update committee member charts.

Margie Anderson, Public Image/Relations: Not present.

Tony Devico, The Rotary Foundation (TRF): Tony said that we have not established goals for the new Rotary Year. He would like the Rotary Annual Fund goal to remain the same this year, \$16,500. We were approximately \$200 short from meeting our goal last year. Tony will send the TRF package out to new members.

New Business: Chris would like to give a quarterly check to the Mission. Terri suggested that the money be for a specific identified need. She asked about a vocational program or other need. Beth discussed the possibility of food handler classes and food handler cards. Chad, at the Mission, is interested in starting a program for classes. Beth will get back to us on this possibility.

Chris discussed the value of meeting in person and would like to meet every three months face to face. It would be an evening meeting from 6:00 to 8:00. Gael and Terri offered to host an evening meeting. Chris also stated that he would like Directors to hold committee meetings.

Chuck Deer, Club member, was in the hospital and is now at River Run Place, Senior Living. 1155 Darlene Lane, Eugene. 541-338-8780. He enjoys visitors.