

Rotary



Club of Eugene

September 17th Meeting: Bridging the Political Divide

Grant Johnson (red/conservative Republican) and Luke Grossmiller (blue/liberal Democrat) are leaders within the local Braver Angels movement seeking to reduce political polarization, a primary crisis of our time. They are working with a team in our local community (Eugene, Springfield, and surrounding areas of Lane County) to bring people of different political perspectives together in an environment where we can respectfully state our facts or opinions without fear of being ridiculed or degraded. We host communication workshops, discussions, and public presentations designed to help us find common ground and connect even when we disagree. Besides sharing about the work of Braver Angels nationally, on the state level, and locally - and how you can get involved - they will offer some interactive BA exercises so that we can get familiar with the skills and practice of becoming confident bridge builders ourselves.

Learn more here: : [Southern Willamette Valley Alliance - About Us](#)



Grant Johnson Red (Conservative) Co-Chair

Grant is a native of Oregon where he has recently returned and become active in the Republican party of Lane County. As a Constitutional Conservative, he believes in the core republican principles versus the current republican platform, and stands firm in the constitutional principles set forth by the founders. He particularly emphasizes that the US is a constitutional republic as stated in Article 4 of the constitution and believes that the separation of church and state is not constitutional. He believes that too much government is the problem and can become tyranny. "People elected to serve are to serve, not rule over us."

Grant entered the Air Force after high school, serving 20 years in active duty until his retirement in 1998. He then served as a human resource manager for two family-owned companies before being recruited back to the Air Force for civil service as the Dover Air Force Base Training

Manager for another 20 years.



Luke Grossmiller Blue (Liberal) Co-Chair

Luke is a mediator with Lane County Courts where he does small claims, and a restorative justice practitioner at The Center for Dialogue and Resolution. As a case manager in the Diversion program, he assists those charged with crimes to carry out a reparations agreement to address the impacts of their actions in lieu of standard court proceedings. Originally from New Hampshire, he has lived in Eugene since 2008, and is a nonviolence practitioner following after the example of Jesus, Gandhi, King, Marshall Rosenberg, and Miki Kashtan. He considers himself a liberal, far left, democratic socialist. He has been an activist supporting many causes including campaigning for Bernie Sanders, the environment, Black Lives Matter, standing up with indigenous people at Standing Rock, and generally transitioning from patriarchy and imperialism toward systems that serve the needs of all.

September 10th - We are at the Graduate!

For the September 17th meeting we are at The Graduate, 66 E. 6th Avenue.

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541) 342-2000
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Events

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Club Social! J Scott Cellars

The Club social at J Scott Cellars on Wednesday, September 11th was a great success and fun evening.



There is still time to sign up! Volunteer Opportunity at Food for Lane County's Grassroots Garden

As you know, one of the big things that sets Rotarians apart is our commitment to ***Service Over Self***. We are starting into the fall with a couple of great opportunities to serve our community, and they will only work when we sign up and show up. Both of these events are great ones for bringing along friends and family - you can sign them up as well.

- **On Saturday, September 28 help at Food For Lane County's GrassRoots Garden (1465 Coburg Rd.) from 9:00 am to noon.** There are different gardening tasks available, and more detail at the sign-up link. To secure your spot, please sign up using the following link <https://signup.com/go/GRnxtfH>. Once registered, you'll receive all necessary volunteer waivers and additional details. For any questions or further assistance, feel free to contact Jesse Quinn at jesse@laneworkforce.org.
- **On Saturday, October 5 help the Eugene Education Fund with their 5K Fun Run at Alton Baker Park with set-up 7:30 am to 9:30 am and/or Race Facilitation from 9:15 to 11:30 am.** More details at the sign-up link. To secure your spot, please sign-up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/cwRCxkY>. For any questions or further assistance, please contact Karen Gaffney at karengaffney@comcast.net.

Please help kick-off this year's community service effort with one or both of these great projects!



Karen Gaffney
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Chair

Birthdays

Craig Opperman
September 16th
Shelly A Williams
September 16th
F. Doug Harclerod
September 17th
Robert L. Hart
September 19th
Christopher Binstadt
September 21st
Nancy Classen
September 23rd
Michael W Gerot
September 24th

Polio Update: Gaza

Below is an excerpt from a NPR article on polio vaccination efforts in Gaza. If you want to read or listen to the entire article, click this link: [Polio in Gaza](#)

The latest on where Gaza's polio came from and the race to contain it

by Ari Daniels/NPR
September 13, 2024 12:26 PM ET



Eyad Baba/AFP/Getty Images

A health worker administers an oral polio vaccine in Zawayda, in the central Gaza Strip. The World Health Organization says that in less than two weeks, they've helped administer more than 550,000 polio vaccines to children across the enclave. Now they're gearing up for the second dose.

The first wave of a massive vaccination campaign against polio is wrapping up in Gaza. The World Health Organization (WHO) says that in less than two weeks, they've helped administer more than 550,000 polio vaccines to children across the enclave. But the work is only half done. "We start the race against time for the second stage of the campaign," says Juliette Touma with the [U.N. Relief and Works Agency](#), the group that's administering the vaccines. "We have to do all of this all over again to give the children the second doses of vaccines against polio."

*Ed. Note: The WHO's work in Gaza is funded by The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The GPEI is a public/private partnership led by national governments with six partners — the World Health Organization (WHO), **Rotary International**, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. Your contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Fund support the GPEI.*

September 18th- Food for Lane County Service Opportunity

Our Club's next monthly Food for Lane County service opportunity is on September 18th (always on the third Wednesday of the month). As we roll into harvest season let's do our part to spread the bounty to our fellow citizens who don't have enough to eat at times. Help us by **joining in at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+ years old and older (supervised by an adult), all welcome! Please

Good fun and lots of banter from the peanut gallery guaranteed! Time usually flies by as we portion and sort food of all sorts from FFLC's community partners. Often we go out for snacks and libations afterward. It's a wonderful way to give back and appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to spend time together.

Please contact **Victoria Whitman** at vwhitman@hearthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 or **Chris Binstadt** at 415-519-7036 or binstadt@gmail.com if you would like to participate, so we can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on. We have committed to at least six volunteers a month. The more people who come, the more fun it is!

Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402
Wednesday, September 18th from 6-8:30 pm

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club is known locally for our outstanding speakers and programs. Here's what members can look forward to during the next month:

September 17 - Bridging the Political Divide - Luke Grossman and Grant Johnson. Introduction - Jesse Quinn

September 24 - YMCA Update - Brian Steffen. Introduction - Ron Gietter

October 1 - Monique Despain, Candidate for US House of Representatives District 4 Seat. Introduction - Liz Ness

October 8 - Fireside Distillery - Kyle Akin. Introduction - Ken Brown

Mark D. Forrest
October 4th

Marianne Wood
October 5th

Dennis J. Biggerstaff
October 6th

Michael J. Ritchey
October 7th

Ryan C Cushing
October 7th

Robert McOmie
October 9th

Jennifer Geller
October 12th

Robert E Nickel
October 12th

Gregory C. Richterich
October 12th

Years of Service

Craig A. Smith
09-12-1978
46 Years

Don R. Doerr
09-06-1983
41 Years

Brent D. Kehn
09-10-1991
33 Years

Jane M. Scheidecker
09-25-1992
32 Years

Mark G. McGinley
09-23-2002
22 Years

Jennifer Olson
09-17-2013
11 Years

Kelly Sutherland
09-30-2014
10 Years

Jean E. Schore
09-12-2017
7 Years

Morgan Salih Jemmali
09-01-2020
4 Years

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Weds. Sept. 25th at 4:00 pm at The Bierstein (4th Wednesdays).

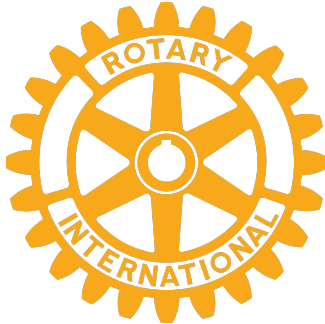
Environmental Committee: Thurs. Oct. 3 at Noon, via ZOOM (1st Thursdays). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 8am, at Brail's on Willamette (1st Wednesdays).

International Service Committee: Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesdays) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 17th at 4:00 pm (Third Tuesdays). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

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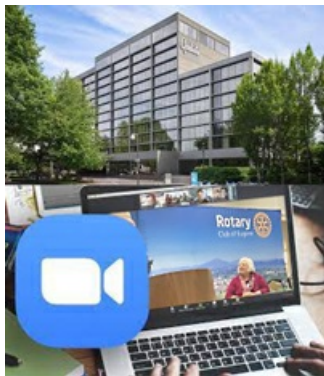
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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

Join us to make an impact in our community and around the world! To find out more about membership and fill out an application please visit:

[Rotary Club of Eugene Membership](#)

Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate this week or on Zoom - link below



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