

Rotary



Club of Eugene

September 24th Meeting: YMCA Update!



If you have driven past the new YMCA facility at 24th and Hilyard lately and noticed the full parking lot, you know that good things are happening there! YMCA CEO Brian Steffen joined the Eugene Family YMCA as their CEO in May of 2018 and guided the Y through the pandemic, the final phases of new facility fundraising, construction of the new facility and opening of the facility for business serving the community as the "Y" has done since 1909. Brian will speak to us about those exciting and challenging times as well as what's currently happening at the Y.

Prior to his work in Eugene, Brian was the CEO of the YMCA in Missoula, MT. Before joining the YMCA network, Brian spent a decade as the CEO of a Community Action Partnership in Montana, focused on housing, education, and health access for lower-income individuals and families.

Brian has served on several organizational boards, including a school board, a retirement center's board, and various state-wide boards in Montana focused on issues such as housing insecurity and poverty-related initiatives.

Brian grew up on a cattle ranch in Montana as a fifth-generation rancher. He, and his wife Jessica, are the parents of five children who are attending school at Kennedy Middle School, Churchill High School, and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. His family loves spending time in the mountains and at the coast as they explore the wonders of Oregon.

September 24th - We are at the Graduate!

For the September 24th meeting we are at The Graduate, 66 E. 6th Avenue. Please note that the **following** week (October 1st) we will **not** be at the Graduate. Stay tuned for an announcement regarding our venue for October 1st.

There is still time to sign up! Volunteer Opportunity at the Oct 5 Eugene Education Fund Fun Run

We still have room for volunteers to help at the Eugene Education Fund fun run, This will be a fun event to cap off your summer volunteer efforts and also a great one for bringing along friends and family - you can sign them up as well!

- **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 continue our Club's commitment to serve the community by signing up to volunteer!

Club Meeting

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

Events

September 24th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

September 25th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting](#)

September 28th
[Grassroots Garden Day of Service](#)

October 1st
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 2nd
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Program Committee Meeting](#)

October 3rd
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee Meeting](#)

October 8th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 15th
[International Service Committee Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)

October 15th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 15th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)

October 16th
[Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity](#)

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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.*

Food for Lane County - Thank you!



Special thanks to our Food for Lane County (FFLC) volunteers Chris Binstadt, Jeffery Ogburn and Scott Impeccoven for their service on September 18th. These three and a few others have been carrying the load for our Club at FFLC lately. Please be like Scott, Chris and Jeffery and clear your schedule for Wednesday October 16th to do your part in feeding our neighbors.

Remember, our FFLC volunteer night is **always** on the third Wednesday of the month! 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, October 16th, 2024 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+ years old and older (supervised by an adult), all welcome! Please

You'll be pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to join in and how much you will enjoy it when you do. Often we go out for snacks, libations and lively banter 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, October 16th 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 24 - YMCA Update - Brian Steffen. Introduction - Ron Gietter

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

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

October 15 - UO Athletics - Rob Mullins. Introduction - Ken Brown



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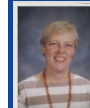
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Next Committee Meetings

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

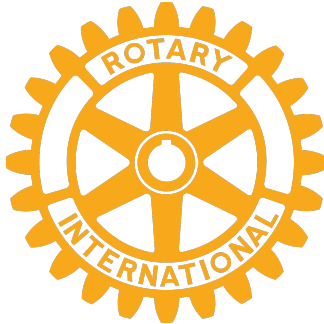
Environmental Committee: Thurs. Oct. 3 at Noon, via ZOOM (1st Thursdays). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

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

International Service Committee: Tuesday, October 15th at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesdays) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 pm (Third Tuesdays). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

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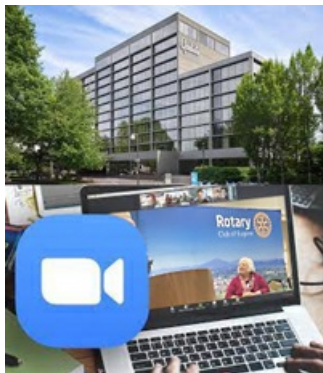


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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

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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Birthdays

Nancy Classen
September 23rd

Michael W Gerot
September 24th

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

Jeffrey John Ogburn
October 19th

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