

Rotary



Club of Eugene

October 1st - At the Shedd!

The Tuesday October 1st meeting will be at **The Shedd - 285 E Broadway, Eugene, OR 97401**. Croissant sandwiches, chips, beverages, and cookies will be available at the door for \$15 **cash only (no credit cards)**.

October 1st Meeting: 4th Congressional District Candidate Monique DeSpain



Monique DeSpain is running against incumbent Congresswoman Val Hoyle for Oregon's 4th Congressional seat. She earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Willamette University College of Law in 1998 and began her 30-year career with the Air Force at that time. Her last posting before retiring was as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commandant, USAF Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Ms. DeSpain also worked in the Law Office of Kevin Mannix after her military retirement. In 2022, she joined the non-profit Common Sense for Oregon, where she worked to formulate policies that would better serve Oregonians and improve public policies to address homelessness, addiction, and crime in Oregon communities. She also volunteered at the Center for Dialog and Resolution for the past 10 years.

Ms. DeSpain is the single mother of twin boys, raising them for the past 22 years in Eugene, Oregon. Her priorities for Oregon are to: Fight crime and support law enforcement; Tackle homelessness; Secure our borders and stop the flow of illegal drugs into our communities; Bring back a prosperous economy; and, Bring transparency and accountability to our federal government.

Ms. DeSpain will discuss her current assessment of the needs of Oregon and the nation, present her campaign priorities, and provide time for questions and answers.

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 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 5th
Volunteer to assist at Eugene Education Foundation 5K Fun Run

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

October 22nd
Eugene Weekly Club Meeting

October 23rd
Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting

Club Leaders



Nathan Philips
President



Philip Holt Barnhart
President-Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter
Secretary

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.*

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Food for Lane County - Thank you!



Special thanks to our Food for Lane County (FFLC) volunteers Chris Binstadt, Jeffery Ogburn and Scott Impecover 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@earthstonere.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:

October 1 - Monique DeSpain, Candidate for US House of Representatives District 4 Seat. **At The Shedd.**
 Introduction - Liz Ness

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

October 15 - UO Athletics - Rob Mullins. **At The Shedd.** Introduction - Ken Brown

October 22 - TBA

Next Committee Meetings








Community Service: Weds. Oct. 23rd 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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Birthdays

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

Diana Rae Bray
10-03-1989
35 Years
 Michael Grudzien
10-31-1996
28 Years
 Michael Syman-Degler
10-24-1999
25 Years
 Craig Opperman
10-26-2004
20 Years
 Peter M Knight-Sheen
11-01-2016
8 Years
 Tiffany Marie Palaniuk
10-25-2021
3 Years
 Bonnie J Bailey
10-25-2021
3 Years

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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](#)

Lauren Regnani
10-20-2022
2 Years

Emily Lafon
10-24-2023
1 Year

Mark Hewitt
10-30-2023
1 Year

Timothy P Marcotte
10-30-2023
1 Year

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



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

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