

Rotary



Club of Eugene

October 8th Meeting: Fireside Distillery with Kyle Akin



Kyle Akin is the President and co-founder of Fireside Distillers (Fireside). Fireside began as a collaboration between Akin, a USMC veteran/Civil Engineer/entrepreneur with a dream and energy, and his former boss/mentor who believed in that dream (and Kyle's energy).

Fireside started in 2013 and released their first brand, Crescendo, in 2014. Their second brand, Diamond Clear, was released in 2022. Crescendo and Diamond Clear are both organic spirit brands that are sold in Oregon, Washington and Montana liquor stores.

Fireside is a small business with less than 5 employees/contractors. All production byproducts are donated to local nonprofits and farms so they have almost no waste. "Our organic certification shows our commitment to transparency, and accountability for our production process and end products."

Fireside's Eugene tasting room features their "signature spirits". These are their limited release handmade whiskey, rum, gin, and brandy products along with whatever else they decide to make. Fireside is a veteran-owned and operated business located at 4065 W. 11th Ave #47 in Eugene, Oregon. Give them a visit!

October 8th - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday October 8th meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E. 6th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401.**

Thank you to The Shedd Institute!



Thank you to The Shedd Institute for hosting the Club!

Many thanks to The Shedd and members Ginevra and Jim Ralph for stepping in and hosting our Club! As many of you are well aware, some of our Tuesday meetings cannot be at The Graduate because their meeting rooms are unavailable. Sometimes it is a mad scramble to identify an alternate venue. Through the years we have been very fortunate to have The Shedd as a reliable alternate venue for our meetings. Last week was no exception and we thank The Shedd for

hosting an important meeting where we could "meet the candidate" and find out about Monique DeSpain, her background and her political positions as she runs for Oregon's 4th Congressional seat against incumbent Val Hoyle. We trust that having Val and Monique speak at our meetings helped clarify your decision on whom to support.

Please note that we have two additional meeting dates coming up soon at The Shedd: Next week, **October 15th**, we will be at The Shedd to welcome our speaker, **UO Athletic Director Rob Mullins**. On **November 19th**, The Shedd will again host us and our speaker **Kelly Johnson, Executive Director of the Arts and Business Alliance of Eugene (ABAE)**. Mark your calendars!

Special Note: For Rob Mullins' appearance on Oct. 15th we are inviting Rotarians from all the local Clubs to join us for Rob's talk. We are also encouraging our members to invite their friends, especially those who are Duck athletics fans. We'd like to have a big audience for Rob's talk. Please note: If you do have friends who wish to attend, you need to **RSVP all guests** with Pete (petelaurigribskov@comcast.net) or Liz (beans1259@aol.com) **by this Friday, October 11th.**

Club Meeting

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

Events

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](#)
October 29th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

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Rotary Club of Eugene Teams Up with Eugene Education Fund for EEF Fun Run

A big thank you to the 12 Rotarians and friends who came out to help set-up and marshall the Eugene Education Foundation's (EEF) annual community fun run and 5K race at Alton Baker Park this past Saturday, October 5th. We had a crew of early birds who helped unload trucks and tubs and mark the race course, and then a second crew that helped direct the runners and monitor the course and finally, two of our crew who ran! (way to go Jesse and Tim). We received lots of deep appreciation from the EEF staff and community for helping make this happen, and regular shout-outs from the race MC. Lots of youth and families in both the fun run and the 5K, building community and raising money for EEF grants to support our local classrooms and kids.

These community events are possible only because of the incredible volunteers who generously give their time and energy to make it happen, EEF asked the Rotary Club of Eugene for volunteer assistance and of course YOU delivered because Community Service comes in many forms.



A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped with setting up and marshaling the race – your efforts ensured a smooth and fun experience for all participants.



We'd like to give a special shout-out to Karen Gaffney for her leadership in coordinating this community service project. Her dedication and organization were key to making this event run flawlessly. We truly appreciate our Club's commitment to our community. Rotary is about believing that it is the Work that is important, not which organization does it. Thank you again to all who made this event possible. We couldn't have done it without you! Well done!



Rotary Clubs Join Forces for a Successful Community Service Project at GrassRoots Garden!



On Saturday, September 28, 2024, 15 dedicated volunteers from the Rotary Clubs of Eugene, Southtowne, and Delta came together at GrassRoots Garden for a rewarding day of service. In partnership with United Way of Lane County and FOOD for Lane County, volunteers rolled up their sleeves to support local food security efforts.

Throughout the morning, the team worked hard, harvesting fresh vegetables, chopping apples, and painting sheds to improve the garden's facilities. This hands-on project will directly benefit families experiencing food insecurity across our community.

A huge thank you to all the Rotarians who participated and made this event such a success! Your time and effort are deeply appreciated, and the impact of your work will be felt throughout Lane County. Let's continue to support each other and our local organizations in future projects!

Food for Lane County - Thank you!



Remember, our FFLC volunteer night is **always** on the third Wednesday of the month - so put it on your calendar as a recurring event and make it part of your monthly routine! 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!

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



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International Service
Co-Chair



Robert E. Nickel
International Service
Co-Chair



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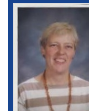
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Chair



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Community Service Co-
Chair



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Club Director
Youth Services Chair



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Youth Exchange



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Group Service Chair



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Club Director



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Communications Officer

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

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

October 22 - The New Age Carpetbaggers - Chris Stephenson. Introduction - Liz Ness.

October 29 - Oregon Community Foundation - Lisa Mensah. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells.

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Weds. Oct. 23rd at 4:00 pm at The Bierstein (4th Wednesdays).

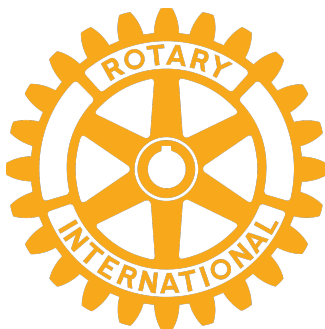
Environmental Committee: Thurs. Nov. 7 at Noon, via ZOOM (1st Thursdays). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, Nov 6 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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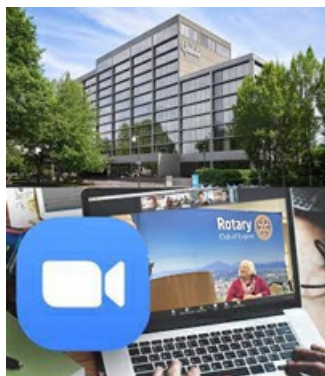


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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

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

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

Michael Syman-Degler
October 28th

Peter M Knight-Sheen
October 30th

Darryl Lynn Larson
November 1st

Jesse Quinn
November 2nd

Mark G. McGinley
November 3rd

Dave Moss
November 5th

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

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