

Rotary



Club of Eugene

October 22nd Meeting: The New Age Carpetbaggers with our own Chris Stephenson

car-pet-bag-ger /kärpet bager/ **noun** derogatory•informal. The term carpetbagger, used exclusively as a pejorative term, originated from the carpet bag, a form of cheap luggage, made from carpet fabric, which many mid-19th century travelers (including traveling salesmen) carried. The term came to be associated with opportunism and exploitation by outsiders: a person perceived as an unscrupulous opportunist.



So who are the new age carpetbaggers? Join member and Google alumni **Dr. Chris Stephenson** as she gives us tools and tips to identify and avoid the carpetbaggers of the internet age: They are often faceless and fearless. They target anyone and everyone indiscriminately: Targeting you via your email, social media and telephone. They are clever, resourceful and persistent but we can avoid them and Chris will help us.

October 22nd - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday October 22nd meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E. 6th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401.**

Eugene Public Defenders Office Set Aside Clinic was a Resounding Success

By Jesse Quinn

A Fresh Start in Our Community: The **Set Aside Clinic of 2024** was a resounding success, thanks in large part to the amazing support from our community volunteers! This clinic, which offers participants the chance for a fresh start by helping expunge non-violent criminal histories, represents a meaningful opportunity for individuals in our community. The impact of this effort will be felt for years to come, and we are excited to see how it continues to grow. We are especially proud to share that **nine volunteers from the Rotary Club of Eugene** stepped up to assist, contributing their time and effort to ensure the event ran smoothly. Our volunteers' commitment is a true testament to the power of collaboration in driving positive change.

This clinic was made possible by a generous grant from the Rotary Charitable Fund, which was awarded to the Restored Connections Peer Center to cover court filing fees in collaboration with the Public Defender Services of Lane County, Inc. Their support ensures participants can take steps toward a brighter future, free from the burden of past criminal records. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive community, one step at a time!



*Left - Not shown: Rotarians Jesse Quinn and Liz Ness.
Right: Due to an excess of volunteers, Rotary volunteers Jay Silverman, Mike Grudzien, Dan Montgomery and Jerry Harris were elected to leave early. (It was just as well because all four were a little nervous to be so close to a fingerprinting station for some reason.....hmmm?)*



Club Meeting

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

Events

No Events found

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October 24th is World Polio Day

World Polio Day is this Thursday, October 24th. World Polio Day is an opportunity for Rotarians to highlight Rotary's and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's (GPEI) global efforts toward a polio-free world. We honor the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe. Through the GPEI, global partners and communities work and coordinate to eradicate polio and end the suffering from this devastating disease.



Visit [End Polio](#) to learn more and for ideas about how you can contribute to Polio Awareness in our community.

Want to contribute to Rotary's Polio Plus Initiative? Visit [Rotary Polio Plus](#)



Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund News - New Grants!

Your Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) board is pleased to announce the award of two grants for proposals submitted by Club members:

Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation

With this grant our Club will join a collaborative project with the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation and other area Rotary Clubs to support the development of the Regional Pickleball Complex at LCC. This is part of a larger public/private partnership in our community to build this facility that will expand the number of available public courts in our community to serve all ages and will provide an excellent tournament facility that will spark local tourism and economic development. The Club will use this grant from ERCF to help leverage contributions from other local Rotary Clubs to ultimately secure a permanent court naming that will recognize the work of Rotary in our community. The grant of funds is contingent upon the successful completion of the project. **Grant Amount: \$15,000**

Lane County Public Defenders and Restored Connections Peer Center Set Aside Clinic

The "Set Aside Clinic" is aimed at helping individuals clear their low-level, non-violent criminal records through expungement. The next clinic is scheduled for October 18th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. These clinics offer vital support services to individuals seeking to reintegrate into society by removing barriers to employment and other opportunities.

At their last clinic on 10/20/23, 116, primarily Lane County residents, joined to expunge their criminal records, highlighting the significant demand for this service within our community. It is estimated that of the 4.1 million people in the State of Oregon, 1.4 million people have a criminal record (which disproportionately impacts BIPOC and other historically marginalized communities). Only around 112,000 of those that qualify have applied for expungement. This program aims to increase access to justice, education, and career training, and to address the lasting impacts of incarceration and experiences with the legal system.

By providing guidance and covering the court filing fees of \$33 per participant, the clinic is empowering individuals to move beyond their past mistakes. With the support of this Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund grant, we will cover the filing fees and assist 60 individuals in filling expungement requests, thereby facilitating their journey towards rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and socioeconomic stability. **Grant Amount: \$1,980.**

Both of these grant proposals include a volunteer service component. Please watch for calls for volunteers and sign up!

Next ERCF funding cycle

The ERCF is accepting grant proposals for the next funding cycle now, Proposals will be accepted through November 30. Proposal review takes place the week of December 1 with award announcements immediately following. Any member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Eugene may submit a proposal. Members intending to submit are encouraged to contact an ERCF board member for proposal guidelines and advice. Proposals must be vetted by one of the Club's standing



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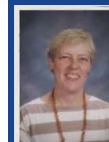
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committees (e.g., Community Service Committee, Environmental Committee, International Service Committee, etc.) before submittal to the ERCF board. Your ERCF board members are: Greg Stewart, Monica Wilton, Dave Frosaker, Jennifer Geller, Pete Gribskov and Jerry Harris.

Election of new Members: There are two ERCF board openings. Interested members in good standing should express their interest to one of the current board members (listed above). Prospective candidate names will be submitted to current club president Nathan Phillips in November for inclusion on the ballot for our Club elections held in early December.

Food for Lane County



Thank you to Sonya Carlson, her son Gage and partner Jeffery, Scott Impeccoven, Victoria and Jerry for volunteering last Wednesday! 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, November 20th, 2024 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+ years old and older (supervised by an adult), are 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, November 20th 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 22 - The New Age Carpetbaggers - Chris Stephenson. Introduction - Liz Ness.

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

November 5 - ELECTION DAY! PLEASE VOTE and then come to the meeting to kickoff TRF month with: The Rotary Foundation - Club TRF Committee Members. Introduction - Nathan Phillips

November 12 - Eugene Parks Foundation - Areil Lissman. 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, November 19th at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesdays) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 19th at 4:00 pm (Third Tuesdays). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

News you can use (and other snippets of useless information)

Get Your Vote On! Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Oregon ballots are mailed to military and overseas voters on September 21, 2024. Local and out-of-state voters have their ballots mailed on October 17, 2024. Ballot dropsites have been open since Thursday, October 17, 2024. The deadline for a current registered voter to update their registration and still get a ballot is 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2024. If you do update your registration, Lane County will mail your ballot to you until Thursday, October 31, 2024. After this date, ballots must be picked up in person at Lane County



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Birthdays

Michael Syman-Degler
October 28th

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October 30th

Darryl Lynn Larson
November 1st

Jesse Quinn
November 2nd

Mark G. McGinley
November 3rd

Dave Moss
November 5th

Richard Scott Forrest
November 8th

Stephanie Bulger
November 17th

Andy Vobora
November 18th

Years of Service

Otto J Glausi
12-14-1971
53 Years

Darryl Lynn Larson
12-16-1986
38 Years

Ronald Terry Gietter
12-16-1986
38 Years

David A. Frosaker
12-22-1992
32 Years

Stephen P. Savelich
12-15-1998
26 Years

Ward Beck Jr.
12-14-2010
14 Years

Kerrie L. Johnson
01-11-2011
14 Years

Solomon Harris
01-08-2013
12 Years

Elections. The new voter registration is passed. The deadline to register to vote was Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Happy Birthday Earth! According to Ireland's Archbishop of Armagh James Ussher's calculations using genealogies appearing in the bible, Earth was created on the evening of October 22nd 4004 BC at nightfall (published in 1654).

Look! Up in the sky! The brightest comet in 27 years is presently gracing our western sky about an hour after sunset. Weather and light conditions willing, this comet is visible with the naked eye or with the help of binoculars. Comet C/2023 A3 (Tsuchinshan-ATLAS) orbits the sun about once every 80,000 years, making the last time this comet appeared around the same period when humans were expanding to North Africa and Asia. It would be another 40,000 years after this comet last appeared that neanderthals went extinct. It will not be visible much longer without a telescope and will soon be gone entirely for another 80,000 years so take a look if you can!

Rotary Club of Eugene



Rotary is an organization of 1.4 million business and professional leaders united worldwide in 30,000 Clubs to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

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



Meeting will be on Zoom
Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGl2dz09>

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01-09-2018

7 Years

John Barnum

01-10-2022

3 Years