

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## October 29th Meeting: Oregon Community Foundation with Lisa Mensah



Lisa Mensah, President and CEO of the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF), joins us this Tuesday. She will speak about her journey from banker to grant maker. At OCF, Lisa leads a foundation with \$3.6 billion under management and a statewide mission to improve the lives of all Oregonians through the power of philanthropy by embracing: **COLLABORATIVE ACTION** - OCF believes in collaborative action based on learning, innovation, integrity and respect; **WISE STEWARDSHIP** - OCF believes in wise stewardship of OCF assets, faithful adherence to our donors' intentions, and effective investment in our communities; **EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION** - OCF believes in advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in our work to fulfill our mission and achieve our vision; and, **SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY** - OCF believes in a culture of service and leadership promoting individual potential, a spirit of community and a better future for all Oregonians. Since its inception in 1973, OCF has employed these values to use funds from over 10,000 donors to provide grants totaling over \$2.2 billion dollars.

### About Lisa:

Born and raised in Oregon, Lisa Mensah joined Oregon Community Foundation in 2022 after a career working on rural poverty with the Ford Foundation and later serving as Under Secretary for Rural Development in the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After that, she led the national Opportunity Finance Network. Lisa serves on the Boards of Ecotrust, Feeding America and Fidelity Bank of Ghana. She's also a member of the Advisory Committee for Goldman Sachs' One Million Black Women. She holds an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. from Harvard University.

## October 29th - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday October 29th meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E. 6th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401.**

## Rotary Million Dollar Gala - November 2nd at the DAC!

The Rotary District 5110 Million Dollar Gala, also known as "Denim to Diamonds", is a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation and a great way to kick off November as "The Rotary Foundation month". The Gala will take place on November 2nd in Eugene and IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

- **When:** November 2, 2024, with a 5 PM reception and 6 PM dinner
- **Where:** Downtown Athletic Club in Eugene, Oregon
- **What:** An international dinner prepared by Chef Boersi, with a guest speaker, Rotary International Trustee Greg Podd
- **Goal:** Raise \$1 million for the Rotary Endowment Fund – SHARE
- **Recognition:** Major gifts, bequests, and new Triple Crown Members will be recognized

To register, log into DacDB, go to the District page, click on the Calendar icon, scroll down the calendar page to November 2 and click on the Denim to Diamonds link. If you don't know your DacDb password, click on this link: [Register](#) and register as a Guest!.

The concept of a "Million Dollar Dinner" as a fundraiser for The Rotary Foundation originated in Rotary District 5110 around 2004. The idea has since spread to other districts, zones, and countries. Rotary District 5110 is an organization that supports clubs and members of Rotary International. It includes 61 clubs, four Rotaract clubs, and 20 Interact clubs, and has nearly 3,000 members. The district covers the southern two-thirds of Oregon and extends into Northern California.

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

November 5th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 6th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Program Committee Meeting](#)

November 7th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee Meeting](#)

November 12th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 19th  
[International Service Committee Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)

November 19th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

November 19th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)

November 20th  
[Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity](#)

## Club Leaders



[Nathan Philips](#)  
President



[Philip Holt Barnhart](#)  
President-Elect



[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)  
Secretary



[Erik Peter Gribskov](#)  
Club Admin Chair  
Club Executive Secretary

## Community Service Committee News

The Community Service Committee is combining its November and December meetings accommodate the holidays. Instead of our regular times we will meet Wednesday, December 4 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene. Please join us!

On Sunday 10/20, eleven of our members and friends had great fun at our monthly Settlers of Catan game night. We had three game boards going, along with great food and beverages to share. Please come and join us next time on Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 pm.! Our November gathering will be at Karen Gaffney's house, 967 Be Ell Place, Eugene. Mark your calendar!



*L - Bob Hart, Linda Hart and Lynne Grilley C - Jesse Quinn, Nissa Newton, Todd Anderson R - Liz Ness, Cybele, Jeff Stimler and Noreen Dunnells*

## Food for Lane County Fall Food Drive! - November 2nd

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!



We know that Club members have always been generous in their donations during FFLC food drives so please read on: This fall's FFLC Food Drive is going to look a little different. Eugene post office workers will not be participating in the traditional Letter Carriers' Drive this year. **Don't leave food at your mailbox!** Instead, please bring your food donations to FFLC employees and volunteers on Saturday, November 2 from 10 am to 4 pm at the FFLC facility at 770 Bailey Hill Road, the Market of Choice at 29th & Willamette or the Delta Oaks Market of Choice (Green Acres Rd) locations to drop off **canned and non-perishable food** donations. Also, if you can't make a donation on

November 2, you'll also find **FFLC food barrels at all four Market of Choice locations from Nov. 2 through Nov. 24th** —look for them near the checkouts!

**This change applies to Eugene residents only! Springfield and other surrounding cities: Postal workers will still be picking up your food donations at your mailbox on November 2!**

## 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*



Todd Anderson  
Treasurer



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Club Director  
Membership Chair



Andy Vobora  
Membership Chair



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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Rotary Foundation  
Chair



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International Service  
Co-Chair



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International Service  
Co-Chair



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Past President  
Eugene Rotary  
Scholarship Foundation  
Chair



Gregory L. Stewart  
Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Fund Chair



Karen Gaffney  
Community Service Co-  
Chair



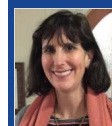
Jesse Quinn  
Club Director  
Community Service Co-  
Chair



Bonnie J. Bailey  
Club Director  
Youth Services Chair



Maxine Proskurowski  
Interact Rotary Adviser  
Youth Exchange



Raquel E. Hecht  
Youth Exchange

Tom Gilmour  
Rotaract Rotary Advisor



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?)



## Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund News - New Grants Cycle Call for Proposals

Your Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) board is pleased to announce the next ERCF funding cycle:

### 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. Grant amounts vary but typically fall between \$5,000 to \$20,000, with special consideration given to projects benefitting youth. In order to be eligible for ERCF grants and disbursements, projects must satisfy the following criteria: 1. Support the advancement of educational, charitable and scientific purposes that fill human needs; 2. Have clear goals, including plans for measuring outcomes and ensuring sustainability; 3. Align with one or more of Rotary International's focus areas; 4. Include the Rotary Club of Eugene in project recognition. Members intending to submit are encouraged to contact an ERCF board member for additional proposal guidelines and advice if you have questions. Proposals **must** be vetted and adopted by one of the Club's standing 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 Call for Volunteers



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!

It's easy, it's fun and it's a wonderful way to give back and appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to spend time together - especially with

Thanksgiving approaching fast!

Please contact **Victoria Whitman** at [vwhitman@hearthstonere.com](mailto:vwhitman@hearthstonere.com) or 541-954-7171 or **Chris Binstadt** at 415-519-7036 or [binstadt@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 - Ariel Lissman. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells



**Noreen Dunnells**  
Club Director  
Club Programs Co-Chair



**Chris Stephenson**  
Club Programs Co-Chair



**Robert Scott**  
**Impecoven**  
Vocational Lunch Group  
Service Chair



**Richard A Barnhart**  
Club Director



**Gregg A. Fuller**  
Social Events Chair



**Susan Heisey**  
Club Director



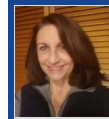
**Richard K Olson**  
CCO-Club  
Communications Offer



**Gerald Whitman Harris**  
Bulletin Editor  
Webmaster  
iPast President



**Monica Wilton**  
Emerging Rotarians  
Chair



## Birthdays

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

Richard Scott Forrest  
November 8th

Stephanie Bulger  
November 17th

Andy Vobora  
November 18th

Piotrek Buciariski

## Next Committee Meetings

**Community Service:** Weds. Dec. 4th at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (note special date: this will be a combined November and December meeting).

**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)

**November 3** at 2 A.M. is the **end of Daylight Saving Time**. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!

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

**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. Viewing is already dicey but with luck and some crystal clear evenings with no fog it may be visible without a telescope for a few more days.

and since no day is complete without a little science nerd-iness:

**Nov. 23** is Fibonacci Day.

One of the most important mathematicians of the Middle Ages, Leonardo Bonacci — later known as Fibonacci, "the son of" Bonacci — invented a sequence of numbers that shows up constantly in nature, physics, and design. Starting with 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21 the Fibonacci sequence is created by adding up the two previous numbers to get the next one.

The Golden Ratio, a proportion associated with the Fibonacci sequence and also frequently found in nature, is roughly 1 to 1.618033988749895: Just take any Fibonacci - lets say 13 from the above sequence - and divide it by the number just before it - 8. You get 1.625, which is very close to 1.6 to 1. Try it with the next set (21 and 13) and you get 1.615..... As you get further along the Fibonacci sequence - lets say 1597 and 2584, the division is much closer to 1.618033988749895 (1.618.....) This ratio shows up in the branching patterns of trees, the distribution of seeds in berries, the spiral arms of galaxies, and many more natural and human-engineered things.

Fibonacci Day celebrates this important mathematician and gives us an opportunity to marvel at the way math pervades everything around us. The Fibonacci sequence can be used to calculate the proportions of countless things on Earth and beyond, such as animals, plants, weather patterns, and even galaxies. Pause to observe your surroundings and you'll start to notice the familiar spiral all around you.



## Years of Service

Richard K Olson  
11-02-1986  
38 Years

Michael Grudzien  
10-31-1996  
28 Years

Raquel E. Hecht  
11-27-2000  
24 Years

Craig Opperman  
10-26-2004  
20 Years

Ginevra Ralph  
11-30-2004  
20 Years

Robert McOmie  
11-12-2007  
17 Years

Erik Jorgensen  
11-10-2009  
15 Years

Peter M Knight-Sheen  
11-01-2016  
8 Years

Maxine Proskurowski  
11-05-2019  
5 Years

Chris Stephenson  
12-01-2022  
2 Years

Mark Hewitt  
10-30-2023  
1 Year

Timothy P Marcotte  
10-30-2023  
1 Year

## 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](#)

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



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

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