

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



A little over two and a half years ago our world shut down when a virus that would take the lives of millions quickly began to spread. Covid caused us to retreat into our homes and shelter in the hopes that we'd survive long enough for a treatment or vaccine. We wore masks, picked up our groceries in the parking lot, only saw our family outdoors without hugging, and stayed away from our friends and neighbors out of fear and caution.

It's been challenging to return to the lifestyle we had before. Some have achieved this goal easily, while others to this day struggle in their discomfort with the potential unseen danger. And for some the shutdown was a blessing that eliminated the need to dress up, shave or do their hair and makeup, go into their office, or socialize and they aren't eager to revert. Either way, our lives are changed.

While our world was shut down I missed Rotary. I know we saw each other on Zoom for club and committee meetings, but it wasn't the same. I missed greeting you at the meeting room door and shaking your hands, having lunch with you, getting to know you and hearing about your family, and sharing the accomplishments of our club.

Now we have effective vaccines and treatments, and we can be united again. I'm so grateful for those of you who've returned to our meetings. And to our members yet to attend a Tuesday lunch, we need you! Hopefully we'll see you again soon because our club is stronger and more vibrant when we're all together. Please join us on Tuesdays!

There is no Rotary without you

Liz

Meeting at the Grad October 18th



Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541)
342-2000
6th and Pearl 66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

Events

No Events found

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Community Service

October 18th Meeting: Infrastructure Bill with Greg Dotson



Infrastructure Bill with Greg Dotson.

Greg will present on the recent infrastructure bill, which make groundbreaking investments in our roads, waterways, broadband, and virtually every other form of infrastructure. As Chief Counsel, Greg played a critical role in developing the bill and will tell us what it includes and what concepts ended up in other bills.

Greg Dotson is a faculty member at University of Oregon's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center. He also served as Democratic Chief Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works during the negotiation of the recent federal infrastructure bill. He previously served almost 2 decades on Capitol Hill as a staffer to Rep. Henry Waxman. He has an undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oregon.



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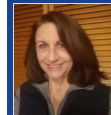
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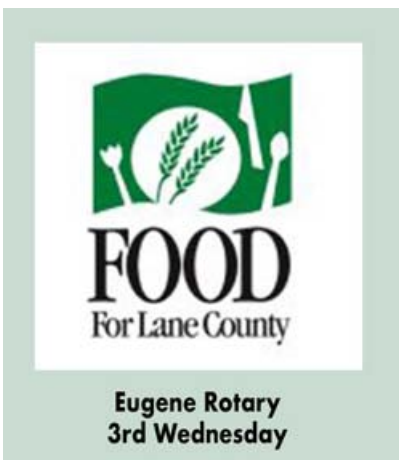


Gregory L. Stewart
Eugene Rotary
Charitable Trust



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor

Wednesday October 19th - Food for Lane County



Food for Lane County service **This Wednesday October 19th** from 6-8:30 pm at the 770 Bailey Hill Road site. Jennifer Geller is the contact person for this service event so please contact her at jennifergeller65@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

This is such good service. Eugene Rotary has been doing this for years. And is one of the supporters FFLC can depend on.

Birthdays

Jeffrey John Ogburn
October 19th

James E. Barta
October 24th

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

Richard Scott Forrest

October 14th Social Event at Very Little Theater

The Club Social Event October 14th at the Very



Little Theater playing Murder on the Orient Express was a big success. Huge gathering of Rotarians, family and friends enjoyed a great play and a great evening together.

Looking forward to the next club social gathering as the winter holiday season is upon us.

Greg

November 8th

Years of Service

Richard K Olson
11-10-1986
36 Years

Michael Grudzien
10-31-1996
26 Years

Michael Syman-Degler
10-24-1999
23 Years

Craig Opperman
10-26-2004
18 Years

Robert McOmie
11-12-2007
15 Years

Erik Jorgensen
11-10-2009
13 Years

Michelle Price
10-28-2014
8 Years

Ken Vendley
10-27-2015
7 Years

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

Maxine Proskurowski
11-05-2019
3 Years

Community Service Report

The Community Service Committee has committed to participating in a variety of projects over the next year covering a wide spectrum of interests that the club as a whole has stated they were interested in supporting. The broad topics are listed below:

- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economic & Community Development
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Water & Sanitation
- Maternal & Child Health
- Youth Services

We are continuing with all of our ongoing projects like Food for Lane County and Skinner Butte Cleanup but are hoping to initiate at least one project per month that fits one of these categories. Last month we participated in United Way's Day of Caring and helped in several ways, including cleaning up The Boys & Girls Club and putting together packets for KITS (Youth Services). This month we are planning to help with the Eugene Education Foundation's (EEF) Fun Run at Alton Baker Park (Basic Education & Literacy)

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RI President 2024-25 Selected

Stephanie A. Urchick President Elect of Rotary International 2024-25

Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position. She was declared the president-nominee on 15 September as no challenging candidates have been suggested.

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October Meetings

October 25th Meeting: Rotary International with Dave Frosaker

Committee Meetings

Community Service Meeting

at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd, October 26th at 4pm.

Environmental Committee Meeting,

Thursday Nov 3rd from 12:00 PM - 1:00pm via the Club Zoom.

Program Committee Meeting,

Wednesday, November 9th, 8am, at Brailes, Willamette at 17th.

Community Service Meeting

at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd, November 23rd at 4pm

100 Acts of Service



This past week we reached 100 Acts of Service on our poster, yay! I'm so grateful to everyone for achieving this goal so quickly! Bob Hart was our quarterly winner, Congratulations Bob on the \$200 Jerry's gift card! The new quarter starts now so keep up the great work!

Eugene Rotary 100 Year Celebration



Next fiscal year our Club will celebrate our 100th birthday with an assortment of activities and events including a big evening near the anniversary date of Wednesday March 15, 2023. All are welcome to participate in the planning of this event. If you're interested please contact co-chairs Rick Olson or Tom Gilmour

Rotary Club of Eugene



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**Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years
March 2023!**

Zoom -Full Link

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