

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message



This week we'll recognize World Polio Day, created to bring awareness to the importance of vaccinating against a hideous disease that has impacted countless. At its peak in the 1940s and 50s polio would cripple or kill approximately half a million people annually. Up to 10% of those who contract this disease will not survive due to the paralytic effect on their respiratory system.

Since 1979 Rotary has worked to eradicate polio. Our members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to

protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

We wish we could say our job is done and polio is gone. Unfortunately that's not the case, and if all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year. We must remain vigilant and continue to support efforts to vaccinate as many people, especially children, as possible to work towards our goal of a polio free world.

We will continue to donate vaccinations in honor of our speakers, and I encourage each of you to support the Polio Plus campaign through Rotary International. One vaccination costs only \$3 so your contribution of \$100 will vaccinate 33 children in desperate need.

There is no Rotary without you

Liz

## Meeting at the Grad October 25th



## October 25th Meeting: Rotary International with Dave

## 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

## Club Leaders



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President



[Gerald Whitman Harris](#)  
President-Elect



[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)  
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Membership Chair



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[Karen Gaffney](#)  
Community Service

## Frosaker, Jay Silverman and Chair Mike Richey



### Rotary International

Hear the latest and greatest about Rotary International. Who and what is new. And what RI is involved with in a more complicated world. And what Rotary is doing and planning to do. Learn how to support that effort internationally and locally.

## November 2nd, 9AM to 2PM. Habitat Service Project



Eugene Rotary for the Habitat For Humanity build on November 2 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We need a full team of 8 people for this project —please sign up to be part of the team if you can! You can sign up at the link at the bottom of this note, or by emailing me directly and I will add you to the team.

For this project we will work on-site assisting Habitat for Humanity in their creation of Fisher Village in Springfield. This is aligned with our Rotary priority around economic and community development, and is in direct response to our club's strategic interest in being part of addressing the housing and homelessness crisis. And, it will be lots of fun. We have a hands-on opportunity to help with the build of what will be 6 tandem homes (that will house 12 families). We have been assured that there will be tasks that are appropriate for each of us regardless of experience—if you have concerns or questions please let me know. We heard from many of you that post-COVID you'd like opportunities to be together and build community—this is a chance to do that literally and figuratively, so please join us!

**To sign up for November 2 Rotary & Habitat for Humanity, here is the link:**  
<https://signup.com/go/RgetXOs>

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Community Service Chair  
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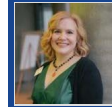
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Craig A. Smith  
Club Director  
Vocational Service  
Chair



Phillip Holt Barnhart  
Club Director



Dana B. Fleming  
Club Director



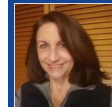
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Club Director  
Community Service



Richard K. Olson  
CCO-Club  
Communications Officer



Monica Wilton  
Club Director



Raquel E. Hecht  
iPast President



Gregory L. Stewart  
Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Trust



Jennifer Geller  
Assistant Governor

### Birthdays

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  
November 8th  
Marshall L Wilde

## Community Service Report

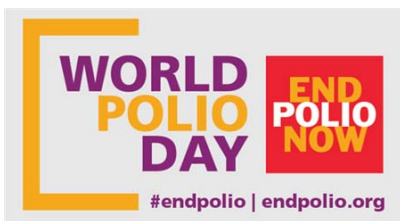
The Rotary Community Service Committee is working hard to provide a variety of regular opportunities for Rotarians (and our family members) to live our value of *Service Over Self*. Previously Victoria sent an update and an announcement about our October community service in support of Eugene Education Fund (still have spaces open for 10/23) and we also wanted to share the November opportunity (coming up soon on November 2) to serve in support of our local Habitat for Humanity. Links for signing up are included near the end of this message.

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[Read More](#)

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## World Polio Day!



Rotary celebrated World Polio Day last week -- a day to honor Rotary's effort to eradicate polio. Polio is just starting to make a comeback again. But Rotary will remain vigilant until this is finally gone.

## Wednesday November 16th - Food for Lane County



Food for Lane County service **Wednesday November 16th** 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](mailto:jennifergeller65@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

This is such good service. Photo here shows club members and UO Rotaract members working together on this important service.

**Click read more for a larger version of photo.**

[Read More](#)

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## November Meetings

November 1st Meeting: Women's Basketball with Coach Kelly Graves  
November 8th Meeting: TBA  
November 15th Meeting: LC Stabilization and Navigation Center with David Montes & Maria Cortez  
November 22nd Meeting: Emergence Rehab with Chris Wig  
November 29th Meeting: Year Round Sports Facility with Kari Westlund

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## Committee Meetings

Community Service Meeting at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd, October 26th at

November 16th

Andy Vobora

November 18th

## 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

Geoffrey B. Koerner

11-18-2008

14 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

Marshall L Wilde

11-21-2017

5 Years

Jim Howard

11-21-2017

5 Years

Maxine Proskurowski

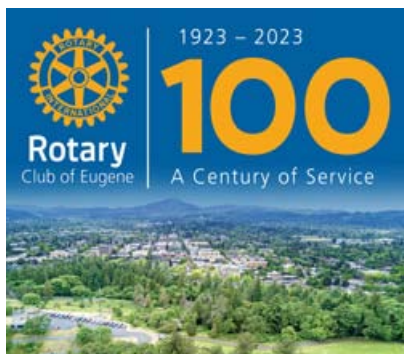
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3 Years

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 Brailles, Willamette at 17th.  
Community Service Meeting at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd, November 23rd at 4pm

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## 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

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## Rotary Club of Eugene



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

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

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## Zoom -Full Link

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWG12dz09>

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