

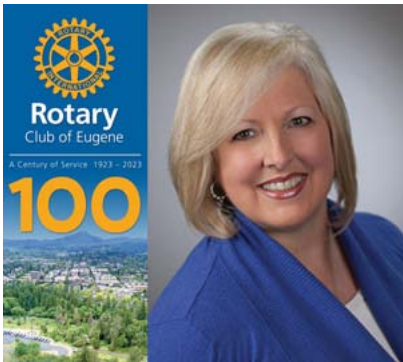
Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message

By Elizabeth A. Ness



Back to the Butte!

The improvement and maintenance of Skinner Butte has been our signature project the last few decades, and is a great source of pride for us. Generations of Rotarians have worked on this park which is the center piece of our community and the location of a plaque honoring that work.

Today Jerry Harris, Susan Heisey, and I met with the volunteer coordinator from the City of Eugene to discuss this year's Skinner Butte

cleanup. This will be the first time in three years we've been able to get up there and do everything needed due to Covid. A lot of painting is needed, and there are flower beds to clean up and replant, bark to spread, and general maintenance to do. We're hoping to get a good turnout of volunteers to bring this park up to standards.

We're talking with the City about adding a plaque to commemorate our 100 year anniversary so we all have an interest in preparing the park for the installation ceremony. Even if you are only available for an hour, please join us at the top of Skinner Butte between 8 am and noon on Saturday April 29th. We'll have tools and resources available so bring a pair of gloves and your friends and family, and let's work together to make this great park everything it can be.

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

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



April 18 Meeting - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

With Stephen Koller, Chair, Program Committee, OLLI-ES.

Stephen Koller is a retired business executive who currently serves as Chair of the Program Committee for OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, at the University of Oregon. Stephen has also served as President of OLLI's Governing Council. Before moving to Eugene, Koller held senior positions with GlaxoSmithKline and Sterling Drug in the United States and internationally. His work included assignments in Pakistan, Mexico, Singapore, Philippines, and the UK. After relocating to Eugene, Stephen developed an interest in OLLI at the university.

OLLI is a non-credit program of Continuing and Professional Education. It is a unique learning organization whose programming, member activities and internal leadership are provided by



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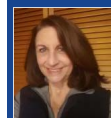
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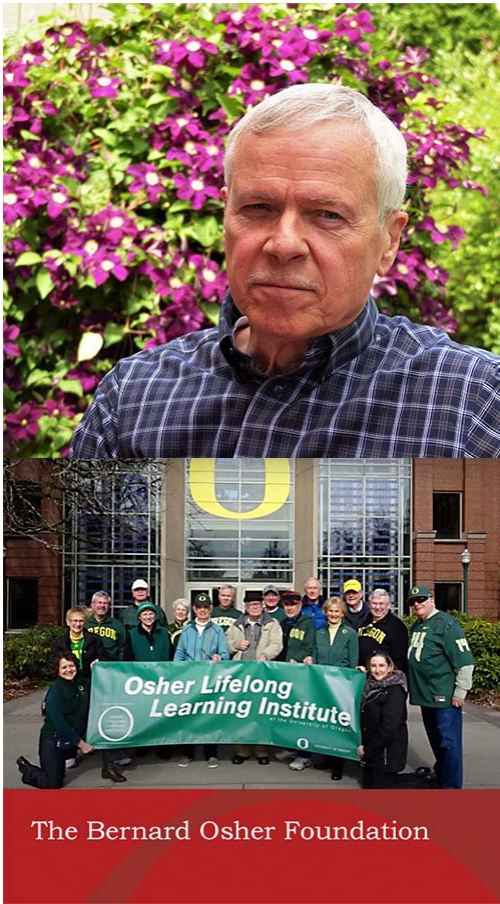


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member-led committees. The member-driven Curriculum spans art, history, science, literature, languages, politics, natural history, writing, music and philosophy.

OLLI provides intellectual and social engagement for adult learners age 50 and older. OLLI courses are led by some of the brightest minds and thought leaders, including emeritus and current faculty from UO and other universities as well as professionals from the community. OLLI welcomes learners from all backgrounds and levels of education. It is an excellent place for meeting people from the community while continuing to find programs and classes of interest. Previous affiliation with the University of Oregon is not required for membership.

A Rotary Evening of Fun!! April 28th

Not only do we have the fun social planned but that same night Rotaract will host their one fundraiser; **Trivia Night**. Considering The Gordon's rule of limitations on attendance some may be able to do both. So if you and your significant other are available Friday April 28th please plan a Rotary evening and sign up for one or both.

Speak Easy Social Hours at the Gordon

April 28 starting at 4:30 for 2 hours. Like the Speak Easy of the 30's, we will get a password on the day of entry. There will be no bathtub gin, just fine spirits. Whoever thought of that, when the bathtub should only be for baths...crazy! So, everyone buys drinks and food. Socializing is free!

We have 15 spots reserved. Rotarians and Rotarians with significant others can attend. Since we are only allowed a small number, let



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor



Birthdays

Ken Brown
April 18th
Karen Gaffney
April 20th
Gregory L. Stewart
April 23rd
Brian Fox
April 25th
Robert Scott Impeccoven
May 5th
Diana Rae Bray
May 6th
Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

Years of Service

Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
28 Years
Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
28 Years
Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995
28 Years
Karianne Westlund
04-14-1998
25 Years
Susan Sygall
05-11-2000
23 Years
Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
12 Years
John Clifford Gregor



April 28th!



me know ASAP if you can attend. -Gregg
greggfuller@bhhsnwrep.com

After that, everyone can go to the UO Rotaract Trivia Night!

Rotaract Trivia Night will be **April 28th from 6-8pm** in the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge on the UO campus! We will be benefitting Free Iran PDX in support of women and children struggling for rights in Iran and would love to have you all there! We are asking for a \$15

suggested donation from community members and in the next couple weeks we will send out more information on how to donate directly to their cause!

Thank You! from our Housing Team

Please continue to keep in mind the potential need for temporary housing, as we don't always have much advance notice when people arrive. Owners of AirBnB's who may have a vacancy or people in private homes with spare rooms can contact us to join an "Urgency List." Ideas for other creative housing for short-term arrangements are welcome!

The Material Donations Team keeps a list of items needed by individuals and families we serve. If you can donate any of these items, please send an email to Jane Kitterman-Collins jkittermancollins72@gmail.com. Thank you!

Washer and dryer
Gently used pans and pots
Pressure cookers, preferably new
Vacuum
Cutting knives

And we're always interested to hear about **long-term rentals!** Contact Judy Volem at

05-13-2013
10 Years
Robert E Nickel
04-25-2017
6 Years
Dana B Fleming
04-16-2019
4 Years
Brian Fox
05-03-2021
2 Years



jtvolem@efn.org for more information and if you can help with housing.

Program Schedule for April 2023

Program Committee has put together the following meeting programs for April. For 100 years, the meeting programs of the club have been interesting, engaging and the best in town.

April 2023 Eugene Rotary Program Schedule

Apr 25- Emeralds Stadium Update, Alan Benavides, Emeralds general manager.
Intro- Gregg Fuller

Committee Meetings

April 26 at 4pm, the **Community Service** Meeting at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.
May 4th at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.
May 10th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailles, Willamette at 17th

Rotary Youth Exchange Crunch Time!!!!!! - April 15!

Host families for Rotary Youth Exchange Program - Crunch Time

We are coming to crunch time on making a decision on whether our club will sponsor an international youth student to attend high school for the academic year 2023-24. The last time this club sponsored a student was 6 years



ago—3 years of quiet thoughts without any action by our club, and then 3 years with the

pandemic. The program is once again in full gear and we have the opportunity to host a youth for the coming academic year. Several Rotarians speak highly of the students the club has sponsored in the past—let us see if we can, once again, become involved in hosting an international student. We think that everyone will enjoy meeting and getting to know a young exchange student.

We need 3 families to commit to hosting a student—a family for September-October, November, early December; a second family for middle December, January, February, March, a third family for April, May, June. We will also have volunteers who can help with hosting on special occasions. If you are interested, contact Maxine Proskurowski at 541-554-8090, email max.proskurowski@gmail.com, or Raquel Hecht at 541-953-0776, email raquel@immigrationoregon.com, to discuss possibilities and details,

We are on a quick deadline as the Eugene School District will open applications for placements at the high schools on April 1st, accept the applications on April 15 and then have dated time submissions. There are only a few spots open at each high school, so if we are going to sponsor a student we need to be immediately ready to submit applications to ensure a school placement.

Let's see if as a club we can sponsor a student!

2023-2024 District Grants Proposals Crunch Time!!!! April 15!!

Crunch Time! One Week left for submitting District Grant Applications for review by our Rotary Community Service Committee. This is our annual opportunity to apply for district funding for a local project that will be matched by funding from our local club--we want to bring some of our local money back to invest in our community.

The applications need to be emailed to me at karengaffney@comcast.net no later than April 15, 2023. The maximum amount of grant funding for the project is \$2,000 of District funding matched with an additional \$2,000 of local Rotary funds (there can also be additional leveraged dollars as part of the project). The proposals do not need to be long and complicated, they just need to address the following:

- Project Description (brief)
- Project Definition (greater detail)
- Rotarian Involvement (how members are involved)
- Budget (income and expenses);
- Contact person name, email, phone number

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Karen

If you plan to submit a proposal please let me know for planning purposes, or if you have questions, at karengaffney@comcast.net.

Karen Gaffney, Chair
Community Service Committee

Eugene Rotary 100 Year Gala Celebration



From the 100 Year Gala Celebration of the Rotary Club of Eugene.
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Rotary Club of Eugene



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

Regular in-person meeting at the Graduate Hotel or on Zoom - link below



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

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