

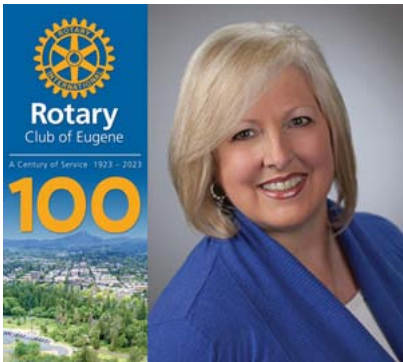
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Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message

By Elizabeth A. Ness



I'M SO EXCITED!!! Ok, maybe I'm getting carried away. Let me explain: Since May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month I thought it would be interesting to learn about Asian culture and have a little fun. I've been looking forward to this meeting all year! Nope, I really am SO EXCITED!!!

The Hawaiian culture is one of love which is one of the definitions of Aloha. The Aloha spirit is similar to our 4 Way Test with focus on family, community, and peace. It's the merging of body and heart in unity to bring goodness to

our lives. This coming Tuesday we'll be honored to hear from a professor of Hawaiian studies who will speak about her culture and some of the roadblocks AAPI people currently experience. For instance, my children are 1/4 Japanese and have talked with me about issues they've faced as members of a minority, especially lately with the aggression towards Asian people in the US. Learning about other cultures helps reduce stigma and can effectively deal with prejudice and racism.

As a child growing up in Hawaii leis played a huge part in our lives. There were certain times we wore and gave away leis such as any celebration like a birthday or wedding, as a welcome or goodbye at the airport, but especially May 1st. In Hawaii May 1st is known as Lei Day. The day before I would pick plumeria in our yard with my mom and make leis. Then on Lei Day I would go with my Kumu Emma Sharpe and hula with my class at the community celebration in Lahaina. Hula was always fun for me because it isn't just a combination of lovely movements but rather tells a story. This is how history has been passed down through generations, and every wave of your hand or sway of your hips is part of that legacy. After we moved to the mainland I would still take lessons from Auntie Emma every time we visited. My childhood memories are filled with Hawaiian music and stories, and the scent of tropical flowers.

So with some help from Jane Scheidecker here's my gift to you: On Tuesday the first 50 people through the door will receive a fresh lei. Please wear your mumus and Hawaiian shirts and come to Rotary with Aloha in your heart. Mahalo nui, my Rotary ohana. I'll see you soon!

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

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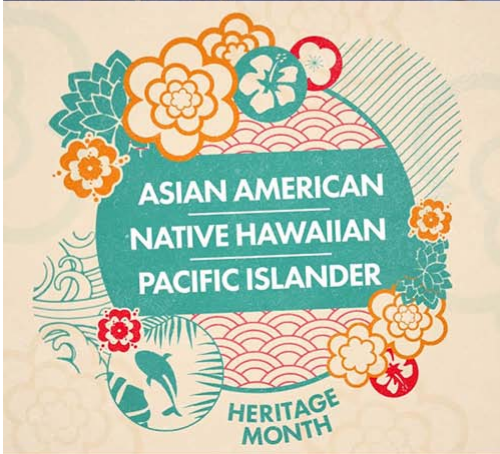


May 2nd Meeting Program. Asian American. Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Month



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with Kris Galago, AAPI Community Leader and professor of Hawaiian Pacific Studies.

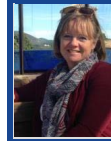
A Native Hawaiian, Kris Galago is a community leader and advocate for Pacific Islanders and other marginalized community members in Eugene, Oregon. She holds a bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies and a master's degree in Educational Leadership, both from the University of Oregon. She currently works part-time at the UO Services for Student Athletes supporting daily operations with administrative duties as well as supervising student workers. She also holds an adjunct professorship in Pacific Islander Studies at SOU in Ashland.



Membership Event May 22nd

By Andy Vobora

The club has added dynamic and fun new members over the past year and it's up to all of us to keep this momentum going. The membership committee is hosting our final recruiting event of the year and while "recruiting event" sounds a little boring, this



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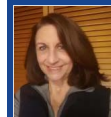
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Birthdays

Robert Scott Impehoven
May 5th

Diana Rae Bray
May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson
May 8th

Jay Silverman
May 18th

Victoria Whitman Harris
May 25th

Tiffany Marie Palaniuk
May 28th

Lauren Regnani
May 28th

Years of Service

Susan Sygall
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event will be anything but boring!

Hosted by membership committee co-chair Ken Brown at the Rexius office on Bailey Hill Road, the event will include food from Hole in the Wall BBQ, beer and wine, and a raffle to support our future membership activities. We'll hear updates on projects funded through recent charitable

fund grants and learn about fun ways to serve by viewing video reels of past projects.

Your role is to bring someone who wants to learn more about Rotary. We want to add 32 new members in coming year, which will bring us back to 150 members strong. It's possible if we all invite prospective members to lunch or to awesome club events like this one!

Food for Lane County Service May 17th

By Jennifer Geller



Food for Lane County **Wednesday May 17th** 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.

Food For Lane County is a very long time on-going service by Eugene Rotary. It's become such a tradition. Every member needs to spend just a little time to help those in need of simple food in our community. So many companies and individuals give food to FFCLC. The Rotary Club comes in for only two and a half hours per month to help sort, package and get food ready for distribution. Humbling work to realize how many people are in need of this food. And how nurturing to the soul this service is.

23 Years
Dennis J. Biggerstaff
05-10-2011
12 Years
Jennifer Geller
05-29-2012
11 Years
Jeff Parker
05-29-2012
11 Years
John Clifford Gregor
05-13-2013
10 Years
Philip Holt Barnhart
05-17-2016
7 Years
Brian Fox
05-03-2021
2 Years
Jacob Hamalian
05-19-2022
1 Year

Thank You! from our Housing Team

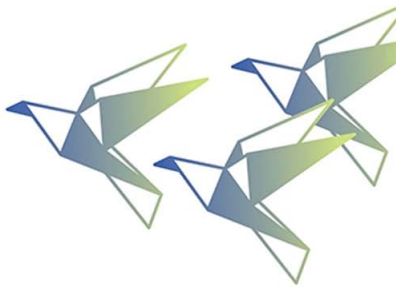


Please continue to keep in mind the potential need for temporary housing, as we don't always have much advance notice when people arrive. Owners of AirBnB's who may have a vacancy or people in private homes with spare rooms can contact us to join an "Urgency List." Ideas for other creative housing for 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 jtvolem@efn.org for more information and if you can help with housing.

Rotaract Trivia Night



Rotaract Trivia Night was a success!
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Speak Easy Social Event

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Skinner Butte Service Day



Skinner Butte Service was a success!
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Eugene Rotary 100 Year Service Video



First video showing the service over 100 years 1923-2023. Just the service for this video. The 100th Gala Celebration movie is in progress. Show this video to anyone wanting more information on the long history of service by the Rotary Club of Eugene. **Click link to view and share.**

<https://vimeo.com/819327243>

Program Schedule for May 2023

By Robert L. Hart

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

May 2-Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Day, Kris Galago, Oregon Services for Student Athletes. Intro-Liz Ness.

May 9-Umpqua and Columbia Bank Merger, Jeff Singer, Umpqua Bank. Intro-Noreen Dunnells

May 16-Eugene Ballet. Toni Pimble, Artistic Director. Intro- Michael Syman-Degler

May 23-Willamette Riverkeepers, Michelle Emmons- Upper Watershed Program Manager. Intro- Stacey Ray

May 30- LTD Plans, Jameson Auten, Executive Director, LTD. Intro- Noreen Dunnells

Committee Meetings

May 4th at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.

May 10th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailes, Willamette at 17th

May 24th at 4pm, the **Community Service** Meeting at Boy Scouts Center, MLK Blvd.

2023-2024 District Grants

By Karen Gaffney

Selections for the District Grant will be announced soon.

Karen Gaffney, Chair
Community Service Committee

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

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

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