

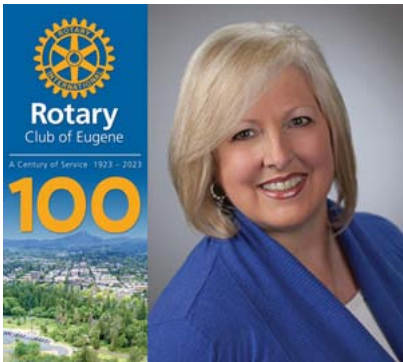
# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## Presidents' Message

By Elizabeth A. Ness



Membership in Rotary is a pleasure and an honor, but also brings with it obligations to serve our community, conduct our lives with integrity, and support our club. It is this last duty we fulfill by being a board member or committee chair, helping with the mechanisms needed to function such as setting up the meeting, and bringing in new members.

This month we'll have a unique opportunity to visit the business of one of our members as we work to strengthen our numbers. Monday May 22nd Ken Brown and Rexius will open their

doors for a Membership Committee event. We're asking each of you to bring a guest (or a few guests) who are interested in learning about Rotary. We'll have food and drinks, watch a video or two, and have a nice social in addition to welcoming new visitors. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend.

And while you're out and about I hope you'll drive up to the top of Skinner Butte to check out the great work done last weekend by our club. It looks amazing and I'm so grateful to everyone who worked hard to make this prominent park ready for summer visitors.

Liz

There is no Rotary without you

## May 9th Meeting - Umpqua and Columbia Bank Merger

**"Together for Better"**  
**Columbia and Umpqua's new merger slogan. Find out more at Tuesday's meeting at the Grad.**

Jeff Singer is a Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking Regional Manager for Umpqua Bank, collaborating with and leading Commercial Banking Teams in Eugene/Springfield, Salem, Central Oregon, Roseburg and Medford. Jeff has been in the banking industry for approximately 30 years, largely serving in Retail (Branch) and Commercial

## 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



[Elizabeth A. Ness](#)  
President



[Gerald William Whitman Harris](#)  
President - Elect



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Community Service



Banking in the Eugene/Springfield area for Umpqua Bank, Columbia Bank and First Interstate Bank. Jeff's local community involvement includes Treasurer of the Eugene Active 20-30 Club and Board Member and Treasurer of CASA of Lane County.

Jeff graduated from the University of Oregon with majors in Economics, Finance and Management, and subsequently graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School, a graduate-level program specific to banking which is hosted at the University of Washington campus.

Jeff has been married for over 25 years to his college sweetheart and they are the proud parents of two children, a daughter who just completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Utah and a son who is a Freshman at South Eugene High School. For fun Jeff enjoys spending time with family and

friends, attending University of Oregon sporting events, sorting (and giving away) sports cards and exploring an emerging appreciation for wine.

## 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 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.



Chair



Craig A. Smith  
Club Director  
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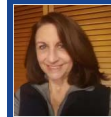
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iPast President



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Eugene Rotary  
Charitable Fund



Jennifer Geller  
Assistant Governor

## Birthdays

Diana Rae Bray  
May 6th

Brent Allyn Johnson  
May 8th

Jay Silverman  
May 18th

Victoria Whitman Harris  
May 25th

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](mailto: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 FFLC. 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.

Tiffany Marie Palaniuk  
May 28th  
Lauren Regnani  
May 28th  
Gregg A. Fuller  
May 31st  
Jacob Hamalian  
June 2nd  
Richard Shugar  
June 2nd  
Susan Sygall  
June 4th  
Monica Wilton  
June 5th

### Years of Service

Susan Sygall  
05-11-2000  
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  
Jacob Hamalian  
05-19-2022  
1 Year

## Community Service May 22nd and June 7th

By Karen Gaffney

**Rotarians! We are asking for your help with the final two community service activities of the program year:**

**BookFest** (sorting and preparing books at the warehouse) Monday, May 22 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

**North Eugene High School Day of Caring** (supporting high school students doing service projects at elementary schools) Wednesday, June 7 from 8:45 am to 1:00 pm

If you are able to help with one or both of these, please do! And, remember this service opportunity is for Rotary members, family, and friends! We're using SignUp to organize our community service activities, with positive feedback from earlier events.

For additional information and to sign up for this club service - click **Read More** below



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jtvolem@efn.org) for more information and if you can help with housing.

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## Skinner Butte Service Day More Photos



**More Photos of the club's signature long time project.**

Click read more for the photos.

[Read More](#)

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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>

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## 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 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

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## Committee Meetings

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

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

June 1st at Noon, the **Environmental Committee** is meeting via the club zoom account.

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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**

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



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