

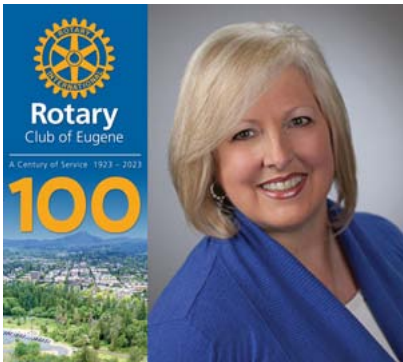
Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message

By Elizabeth A. Ness



Please read at the bottom for a surprise!

This week, I want to emphasize the vital significance of bringing in new members to our club. By welcoming fresh perspectives and talents, we expand our capacity to serve and create positive change. New members bring diverse experiences, innovative ideas, and a renewed energy that revitalizes our club.

Inviting potential members provides them with opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships. By

extending these opportunities, we inspire others to join our noble mission and make a lasting impact in our community.

Let us showcase the success of our projects to attract new members and demonstrate the tangible outcomes we have achieved. Sharing stories of lives touched and positive change made will resonate with those seeking to make a difference.

Maintaining a warm and inclusive environment is crucial for our new members. We should embrace them wholeheartedly, mentor and guide them as they navigate the Rotary experience.

By prioritizing membership growth, while nurturing our current members, we secure a bright future for our club. Together, let us welcome new faces, inspire hearts, and change lives.

Yours in service,

Liz Ness
President, Rotary Club of Eugene

This was written by Chatgpt! We've all heard about it and I thought it would be interesting to try. I asked for a 200 word message about membership because we have our important event at Rexius tomorrow (please bring potential members!). What a fascinating modern world we live in! But the message is good, and I hope you'll all take it to heart.

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

Club Leaders



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[Gerald William Whitman Harris](#)
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[Ronald Terry Gietter](#)
Secretary



[Erik Peter Gribskov](#)
Club Admin Co-Chair
Club Executive Secretary
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Club Director



[Andy Vobora](#)
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Community Service

May 23rd Meeting: Willamette Riverkeepers with Michelle

Emmons



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This is YOUR Willamette River!

Join Michelle Emmons, Upper Watershed Advocacy & Program Manager at Willamette Riverkeeper to better understand why #OurWillamette is so important to Oregon, and our quality of life. Learn about the Willamette Water Trail, current efforts underway to help restore fish and wildlife habitats and some of the most critical watershed health challenges our community is facing today.

Michelle Emmons is a community engagement and advocacy expert in the field of outdoor recreation and environmental integrity. Over the last decade, Michelle has worked with Willamette Riverkeeper managing programs throughout the south and central mainstem watershed. Michelle believes everyone should have access to clean air and clean water. Michelle is also a professional instructor and guide for many outdoor activities, and volunteers her time in rural economic development as the President for Oakridge Westfir Chamber of Commerce, as well as planning and maintaining recreational trails in the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest.



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Craig A. Smith
Club Director
Vocational Service
Chair



Philip Holt Barnhart
Club Director



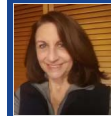
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Communications Officer



Monica Wilton
Club Director



Raquel E. Hecht
iPast President



Gregory L. Stewart
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Charitable Fund



Jennifer Geller
Assistant Governor

Birthdays

Victoria Whitman Harris
May 25th

Tiffany Marie Palaniuk
May 28th

Lauren Regnani
May 28th

Gregg A. Fuller
May 31st

Richard Shugar
June 2nd

Jacob Hamalian
June 2nd

Susan Sygall
June 4th

Monica Wilton
June 5th

Gerald S. Moshofsky
June 6th

Todd Anderson
June 7th

Jeff Parker
June 8th

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.

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!

Community Service: Constructing a Brighter Future

By Karen Gaffney

The Community Service Committee completed its review of 5 great proposals for our club's submission for District funding, and is pleased to announce we are recommending a project called Constructing a Brighter Future as our highest priority for funding. This is an exciting collaborative project coordinated by Lane ESD addressing homelessness by leveraging local high school Construction and Technology Education (CTE) classrooms to build transitional shelters while teaching students lifelong skills in the construction trade. Our funds will be matched by another grant to cover the total costs for construction of one shelter by a high school in District 4j. Rotarians will have many hands-on opportunities to help support this effort, aligning with our priorities around education and around community development and homelessness.

We are also submitting a second project, knowing that only a small number of clubs might get a second project funded. We are very excited about this project called Level Up the Games Room at Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley. The games room is the heart of the Boys & Girls Club, and kids deserve a vibrant and fun space to come together and practice teamwork, communication, and problem solving. Lots of opportunities for Rotarian engagement here as well.

We will give more information about our projects once we hear about funding decisions from the District. Thank you to everyone who helped generate great projects, and for those of you who will help these be successful next year!

Ted Mohler, a Great Rotarian has passed.

Ted Mohler, Past President of the Eugene Rotary Club passed away Tuesday, May 16th. Ted was always out there as a Rotarian working hard on projects like Spenser Butte, Art In The Vineyard, and the Boys and Girls Club. He was 90 plus, had outlived his beloved Bev, and ready to move on.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes

Richard A Barnhart
June 12th
Jean E. Schore
June 15th

Years of Service

Gerald S. Moshofsky
06-08-1965
58 Years

Candice Barr
06-07-1988
35 Years

Jay Silverman
06-07-2006
17 Years

James R. Hanks
06-09-2009
14 Years

Jennifer Geller
05-29-2012
11 Years

Jeff Parker
05-29-2012
11 Years

Piotrek Buciariski
06-09-2018
5 Years

Richard A Barnhart
06-09-2018
5 Years

Larry Banks
06-09-2018
5 Years

Jacob Hamalian
05-19-2022
1 Year



that we enjoyed together.
 Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.
 Let my name be ever the household word that
 it always was.
 Let it be spoken without an effort, without the

ghost of a shadow upon it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
 It is the same as it ever was.
 There is absolute and unbroken continuity.
 What is this death but a negligible accident?

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
 I am but waiting for you, for an interval,
 somewhere very near,
 just round the corner.

This is sent in remembrance of Ted
 from Sherman Smith

Thank You! from our Housing Team



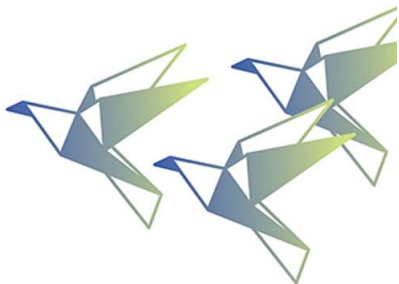
Please continue to keep in mind the potential need for temporary housing, as we don't always have much advance notice when people arrive. Owners of AirBnB's who may have a vacancy or people in private homes with spare rooms can contact us to join an "Urgency List." Ideas for other creative housing for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



Food for Lane County Service June 21st

By Jennifer Geller



Food for Lane County **Wednesday June 21st** 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 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.

Sustainability Bold Steps Award



Bold Steps Award to Rotary Club of Eugene Member, Mark Forrest, CEO of Forrest Paints.

Mark Forrest, CEO describes the pivotal role sustainability plays in our strategic business decisions in Open For Business, a digital publication of the [Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce](#). Thank you again to our hometown of the [City of Eugene](#) and Mayor [Lucy Vinis](#) for recognizing our efforts.

Read on for excerpts from Mark's interview:

[Read More](#)

HIV Alliance Receives Grant

Last Meeting the Local HIV Alliance was very



grateful to receive a grant from Rotary Club of Eugene Charitable Fund. [Read More](#)

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

Committee Meetings

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.
June 14th at 8am, the **Program Committee** at Brailes, Willamette at 17th

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

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