

Rotary



Club of Eugene

Presidents' Message



Snippets from a Soiree

I always look forward to Rotary meetings and get-togethers. The social at our home last Friday was no exception. I always come away from these events learning some new and interesting things about the amazing people who make up this Club: Like the member whose grandfather was on the slopes of Mt. Lassen when it erupted in 1915: He had to bury himself in snow and make air pockets to breathe, using the overlying snow as an air filter, all the while hoping he didn't get hit by the big volcanic bombs that were landing all around him. Or, learning the origin story of the Great Rotary Duck Race's

Momma Duck! There were interesting, fun facts about Past Presidents (the group I'll be joining shortly!) and insights into Track and Field officiating. We met a promising candidate to care for and walk our dogs, if we needed to leave them (no small thing if you've met our dogs [pun intended]). I had an insightful conversation about the recent tragedy in Lahaina and the sometimes conflicting technical, social, political and cultural ramifications of the recovery efforts that are being worked through. I especially enjoy the interactions I have with the spouses and partners of our members. No surprise but it is always rewarding to hear about their interesting and varied lives too - so many of them have causes and beliefs that parallel our own in Rotary. Thankfully, I get to keep on attending meetings, socials and group volunteer projects when my time as President is up.

To you all: Thank you. It has been quite the ride. I've navigated through it only because of the tremendous help, generosity, spirit and actions of the many members who have stepped in to "course correct the ship" if I was steering toward rocky shoals. If I did anything good this past year it is because of your assistance, particularly when I stumbled. If I've done anything bad, including offending any of you, that is on me - I did those things on my own and I apologize for any slights.

See you Tuesday - it should be a great meeting. Please remember we will be on campus at the Frohnmayr Music Building.

June 25th Oregon School of Music!

The June 25th meeting is at the Oregon School of Music and Dance in the Frohnmayr Music Building Room 190. This link will show you the location: <https://map.uoregon.edu/c91e08f76>. There is pay parking in Lot 17 and possibly Lot 18 accessible from Alder at 17th. Street parking is also possible on 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Avenues. If you ordered a lunch in advance through Pete the cost will be \$20.00. Please make your check payable to the Eugene Rotary Club. There are some extra roast beef sandwich and tempeh avocado sandwich lunches available at the door. They will be available on a first come first serve basis.

See you there!

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541)
342-2000
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

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June 25th Meeting: Oregon Bach Festival, James Boyd



Dr. James Boyd serves as the Oregon Bach Festival's Director of Programming and Administration "working alongside OBF staff to advise, plan, and execute artistic programming, while also spearheading some of the Festival's administrative activities. A native Oregonian and UO School of Music and Dance alumnus (BA '98), Dr. Boyd has enjoyed a varied career as an administrator, performer, and educator. He comes to the OBF from the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, where he initially served as Director of Artistic Planning and Production, became the Interim Managing Director, and eventually spent six years as the Chief Executive Officer.

Dr. Boyd is a graduate of the League of American Orchestras' Management Fellowship Program and holds a DMA and MM in Performance (clarinet) from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music.



A native Oregonian and University of Oregon graduate, Dr. Boyd returned to the University of Oregon campus during the most difficult period the world of live performance has ever witnessed: the pandemic. His task was a monumental one; he was to produce [Oregon Bach Festival's](#) (OBF) first festival back since COVID-19.

"Trying to relaunch a festival after a two-year hiatus was a real challenge," Boyd said. "The majority of our staff at the time had not produced a festival. They were talented, but that brain trust was not present, and there was a fear we would miss something somewhere. Somehow that did not happen, and we were fine in the end!"

While OBF has a storied 53-year history to be honored and respected, Dr. Boyd saw the pandemic as an opportunity for a reset. It allowed him, along with staff, to program differently and to think about the role of music in the community in a new way. That shift was first reflected in the 2023 season, as Dr. Boyd expanded beyond the traditional OBF offerings. Today, the core focus of the festival is to present choral-orchestral repertoire inspired by Johann Sebastian Bach.

"Oregon Bach Festival is Bach at its core, and I do not see that ever changing," he noted. "What has changed is the way we articulate that. If we say that we are focused on the choral-orchestral repertoire, that invites us to do a lot more programming with a lot more freedom. It is subtle, but as a programmer, it makes a huge difference."

Dr. Boyd will provide an update on everything OBF. If we are lucky, we may get to hear some music too!



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District Governor



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Past President

Birthdays

James R. Hanks
June 26th
Albert Poston
June 26th
Brent D. Kehn
July 7th
Susan Soonkeum Cox
July 8th

Years of Service

Otto J Glausi
12-14-1971
53 Years
Darryl Lynn Larson
12-16-1986
38 Years
Ronald Terry Gietter
12-16-1986
38 Years
David A. Frosaker
12-22-1992
32 Years
Stephen P. Savelich
12-15-1998
26 Years
Ward Beck Jr.
12-14-2010
14 Years

Community Service: Everyone Village Donations



You have done an awesome job filling Jesse's wagon these past couple weeks. Thank you!

Now, we have one more opportunity to clear out some closet space while making a meaningful impact in our community. The Community Service Committee's household donation drive for the residents of Everyone Village will continue this coming Tuesday at the Frohnmayer Building.

We are seeking the following items, either new or gently used:

Fire Extinguishers (smaller size)

Twin bedding (sheets, pillowcases)

Pillows and blankets

Bath towels

Spring/Summer clothing (men's clothing is especially needed)

Laundry soap & fabric softener

Empty bottles and cans for return deposits

***Please note: Everyone Village currently has an abundance of socks, so no socks are needed at this time.

Your contributions help the residents of Everyone Village feel more comfortable and supported as they transition to more stable living situations. Together, we are making a difference and helping Everyone Village thrive!

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to service.

Jesse Quinn, Community Service Co-Chair



July 17th: Food for Lane County Service



Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402

Wednesday July 17th from 6-8:30 pm

Food for Lane County was canceled the past two months. June was because of the federal high holiday called Juneteenth and May was canceled because of a threat to the safety of the employees of FFLC. The next opportunity for us to volunteer at Food for Lane County is on July 17th. We would really like to make a strong showing on that date. Help us do that by **joining us at 6:00 PM on Wednesday July 17th, 2024 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+ years old and older (supervised by an adult), all welcome!!

We always have a lot of fun and time goes by quickly as we portion and sort food. Often we go out for snacks and libations afterward. It's a wonderful way to give back and appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to spend time together.

Contact **Victoria Whitman** at vwhitman@hearthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 or **Chris Binstadt** at 415-519-7036 or binstadt@gmail.com if you would like to participate, so we can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on. We have committed to at least 6 volunteers a month. The more people who come, the more fun we have!

Kerrie L. Johnson
01-11-2011
14 Years

Solomon Harris
01-08-2013
12 Years

Elizabeth A. Ness
01-09-2018
7 Years

John Barnum
01-10-2022
3 Years

Rotary Ems Baseball/BBQ/Fireworks/PK Park



Take me out to the ballgame on **July 4th**!

You've RSVP'd your tickets through Diana, now let's get ready to root root root for the Emeralds with your Rotary team. I learned that this club event has been going on annually for 22 years. Let's make the last couple of years before the Emeralds leave good ones! Diana will bring your tickets to this Tuesday's meeting. If you can't make the meeting, don't worry! - We will get your tickets to you before the event. Event details are below:

When: July 4th

Where: PK Park, 2800 MKL Blvd.

Gates Open: 5:35

Game Start 6:35pm

RSVPs ended on June 19th. Check with Diana to see if there are any additional tickets available if you didn't RSVP tickets but would still like to attend.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club is known locally as the Rotary Club with the best programs. Here's what members can look forward to during the next month:

June 25 - OR Bach Festival, James Boyd, Introduction - Dave Frosaker

July 2 - Changing of Guard/Corporatization of Medicine, Henry O'Keefe and Rep. Ben Bowman, Introduction - Nathan Philips

July 9 - Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Awards, Scott Palmer, Introduction - Nathan Philips

July 16 - Hosea Youth Services, Brad Bills, Introduction - Andy Vobora

Next Committee Meetings

Program Committee: Wednesday July 10th at 8am, via ZOOM (second Wednesday)

Community Service: Wednesday June 26th at 4pm, at Eugene Chamber of Commerce (4th Wednesday)

Environmental Committee: TBD due to July 4 holiday, via ZOOM (normally first Thursday)

International Service Committee: Tuesday, July 16th at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesdays)

Use this Zoom link for all Zoom committee meetings listed above:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89573176120?pwd=cRxd3RvNGhOM2UzUnlCUlZNbnUydz09>

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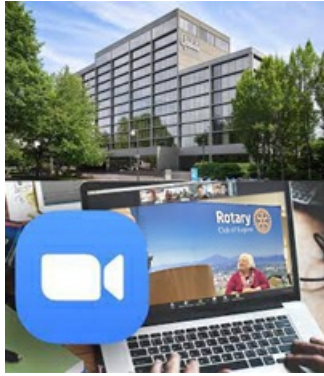
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Eugene Rotary Celebrating 100 Years: 1923-2023

Contact us at 541 654-0921 or on the web at:

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**Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate Hotel this week
or on Zoom - link below**



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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGl2dz09>

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