



Springfield Rotary Club Meeting

Springfield Rotary Club Meets at Springfield Elks 1701 Centennial Blvd Springfield, OR
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM
We are a SINGING Club

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Speakers

President's Message Aug 16

By Rae Anne LaMarche

I have never been to Lahaina. Or Maui. But my reaction to the devastating fires is visceral. I can feel the pain as I felt the same pain after the Holiday Farm fire. Lives lost, homes destroyed, families uprooted, livelihoods impacted and not just for today and tomorrow, but for a lifetime. I remember my deliveries of food to hotels on behalf of the Red Cross. I remember the tools we Rotarians bought with special grant funds so that dignity and hope could be restored. I remember the Christmas dinner we supplied at McKenzie High School in Blue River and the delivery of winter coats to those in hotels here in town.

Through the Rotary District 5000 (Hawaii) Foundation, a relief fund has been established. Foundation President Dave Hamil and Treasurer Sharon Amano will handle all donations. The Rotary District 5000 Foundation is a 501c3 organization and all donations are considered charitable.

A committee will be organized shortly to find the greatest needs for distribution of monies. Monies will be used to make the largest impact based on needs and will be sustainable. A single fund will be the most helpful over time to provide the greatest significant benefits.

You may already have friends or contacts in Maui that you are helping. If not, please consider donating to this special, Rotary sponsored, fund. I just did.

[Maui Fires Relief Fund](#)



Weekly Program - Aug 16

Friends of the Children: Meeting the Needs of Springfield's Most Vulnerable Children.

Matt Springer joined Friends of the Children in 2020 as Executive Director of the Lane County, Oregon location where his career in social services began 22 years ago. After stints working for various local nonprofit agencies, including Looking Glass and Northwest Youth Corps, Matt gained a Master's in Public Policy and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Oregon. Fueled by a strong commitment to social justice and systems reform, Matt championed sweeping changes in the higher education system in Montana prior to returning to Lane County in 2017. Recently, Matt served as the Programs Director for Northwest Youth Corps, serving close to a thousand youth each year through immersive workforce programs across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Matt's wife, twin children and their dog, Hank Stamper, live in Eugene, where an affinity for Sweet Life's cinnamon rolls presents a persistent distraction.

What makes Matt smile: excellent apple fritters!

Born and raised in Eugene, Kelly is no stranger to community engagement. Her nonprofit work began in 2005 at Northwest Youth Corps (which was also where she first met Matt Springer). After a few years there, Kelly dove deep into civic engagement activities as the Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator for The Eugene Celebration, a community event that occurs annually. From 2008 – 2011, Kelly worked in event production, supporting the Eugene Celebration, the Cuthbert Amphitheater, and the historic McDonald Theatre.

Kelly studied abroad for one year in Salvador, Brazil as a Rotary exchange student (from Eugene Rotary Club); briefly held her college's school record for the Women's Steeplechase and served as the team captain for two years on the soccer team. She had a short but enjoyable stint as a professional baker and is an avid knitter, quilter, and fiber crafter. She loves dark chocolate, has never been a coffee consumer, and is on the life-long search for the perfect cookie recipe. She and her husband have two boys who keep them quite busy. Together, the family enjoys adventures on the coast, camping, and spending time working in their yard.

August 16, 2023
Matt Springer or Kelly Southworth
Meeting the needs of Springfield's most vulnerable children

August 23, 2023
Robyn Wallace-Blanchard PhD and Helen Gernon PhD, CPA
Community Veterinary Center a Full Service Non-Profit Veterinary Clinic for Low Income Pet Owners

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We Are A SINGING CLUB

By Dan Hurley

"O-o-o Child" - by The Five Stairsteps

-Dan

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Service Committee Notes

By Steven Wheeler **SPRINGFIELD ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – SUMMER/FALL 2023**

1. Please contribute to the food donation box at our Wednesday, October 23 lunch meeting. Please bring non-perishable food items. Donations will be delivered to King Silky's Blessing Boxes.
2. Human Trafficking Vigil III will be Friday, August 25, from 9:00 to 10:30 am. We'll gather on the west sidewalk of Gateway Street near Applebee's Restaurant. Can't spend 90 minutes? No problem, stop by for 30 or 45 minutes.
3. The Springfield Downtown Block Party is on the 300 block of downtown Main St. Friday, September 8 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. We'll have a Rotary booth and need volunteers to staff it. We also need separate volunteers to assist with the overall downtown setup to help defray the \$200 cost of our booth.
4. The Bill Dellinger Cross Country Invite meet. Help with this legacy service committee event on **September 22** (date has been updated) at the Pine Ridge Golf Club just northwest of Springfield.
5. Please consider attending the Lane County Senior Support Coalition annual garden party, "Taste of the Town." The LSSC was awarded a committee grant last year. The party is August 26, 5:00-7:00 pm at the Campbell Center in Eugene. Tickets are \$40. Contact Tammy Inglis-Drew for details.
6. We'll soon be sending out invitations to apply for our local grant awards. These annually fund \$20,000 or more to local community organizations that provide benefits in the Springfield/Eugene area. Do you know of a local business, non-profit or governmental organization that should receive an invitation? Please give contact information to Steve Wheeler or Jessica Redman.

Welcome Assignments

By Sue Fisher

Please arrive by 11:30 am. If you cannot do your assignment, please find another member to do so and let Sue Fisher know your replacement's name.

Greeter - wears the greeter badge and notes the names of guests on the clipboard as they come in, and also asks guests for their business card and places it on the clipboard (our President will follow up with each guest). Please have guests write their names on and wear a Rotary guest name tag. The president will have you introduce visiting Rotarians and Rotarians with guests, near the start of the program. Let the Rotarians introduce their guests.

Raffle-Door Prize/Attendance - Bring a gift of \$20-25 and sell tickets (seated next to attendance) If you miss your Raffle assignment, because of the pipeline for red badge assignments and other scheduling issues, you will not typically be rescheduled, and the club will bill you for \$25, and you are expected to provide a \$25 gift card in recognition payment for the bill. Please do not provide \$25 in cash. Have the speaker, or choose someone else to draw the winning ticket. Give the \$\$ to Liz and the microphone and gift to the award winner as they do Happy bucks. Mark down members that attend the meeting as they pick up their badges.

Bulletin Article – Currently on hold!

Sue Fisher

Duty/Date	08/16/2023	08/23/2023	08/30/2023
Inspiration	David Walsh	Randy Lodge	Andrew Buck
Greeter	Randy Lodge	Tammy Fitch	Liz Cawood
Raffle/Attendance	Tony Lamarche	Bruce Mackey	Tammy Fitch
Money Collector	Terry Beyer	Beth DeGeorge	Jay Zink

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Recurring Meeting Schedules

Committee	Meeting	Time	Location	Contact
Board Meeting	Third Tuesday	7:30 am	ZOOM	Liz Degner
Service Project	Second Tuesday	12:00 pm	Public House 418 A St, Springfield	John Davis
Club Administration and Programs	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON	Bruce Mackey
Membership/Social	Second Monday	9:00 am	ZOOM	Emily David
TRF	Second Wednesday	11:00 am	IN PERSON Before club	Bob Schutte
Youth Services	First Tuesday	5:30 pm	ZOOM	Evy Hernandez
Public Relations	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON After Club	JoAnn Henderson
Weekly Meeting	Every Wednesday	Noon	Elks Club=in person ZOOM	Co-Past Presidents

Rotary's Four-Way Test



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THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.



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WHAT'S NEW IN SPRINGFIELD? VISIT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



For information about activities and events in Springfield, check out the [Springfield Chamber of Commerce](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

Birthdays - Coming Up



[Cosette Rees](#)
August 15th