



Springfield Rotary Club Meeting

Springfield Rotary
Meets at Springfield Elks
1701 Centennial Blvd.
Springfield, OR 97477
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM
We are a SINGING club

Club Leaders



Merlyn L.
Hough
President



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Chair



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Chair



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Club Admin
Chair



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Chair



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Rae Anne
LaMarche
iPast President

Speakers

April 30, 2025
Springfield Rotary 5th
Wednesday Club Service
Project Gift of Literacy

President's Message

By Merlyn L. Hough

One of my **favorite memories** in my early years with the Springfield Rotary Club was the weekly singing (after all, we are a "Singing Club!") at Elmer's Restaurant with **Tom Draggoo as song leader** and **Steve Singleton on the keyboard**. Both were Past-Presidents of our Club, Steve in 1991-1992 and Tom in 1996-1997. I remember we had blue Rotary Songbooks that were placed on each table before the meetings. Tom and Steve would energize us with uplifting music to begin each meeting, usually with familiar songs, some with Rotary words combined with well-known tunes.

Tom has since retired from banking and moved with his wife Teri Sue to Mesa, Arizona, to be closer to children and grandchildren. Steve continues as beloved pastor of Restoration Fellowship with his wife Mary Lou in Springfield, but increasing health challenges in recent years, because of chemical exposures long ago in Viet Nam, have kept him from regular participation in Rotary. Both Steve and Tom maintain **friendships and regular contact** with Springfield Rotarians.

I'll let others tell you more stories about Tom Draggoo, and I'll continue with more episodes in the life of Steve Singleton. John Halgren recently reminded me of a few of **Steve's great loves: his wife Mary Lou, his church, and the McKenzie River**. Steve enjoyed taking friends down the McKenzie River in his Willie-Built drift boat. He was a regular donor of drift boat trips for the annual dinner-auction fundraiser of Springfield Rotary. Martha and I enjoyed having Steve and Mary Lou as our table guests for the Springfield Rotary **Gatsby Garden Party on March 2, 2024**, and had hoped they could join us again for the Western Jamboree sequel on March 8, 2025, but Steve concluded his health limitations would not allow him to join us for the Saturday night dinner-auction and still fulfill his Sunday morning responsibilities. We missed them both!

Steve was in **one of his happiest places when guiding his drift boat down the river**. This photo was taken on October 8, 2016, when Steve invited me and my son Connor to join him on a trip from just above Blue River to Finn Rock to Nimrod to Vida on the McKenzie River. It was a glorious day on the river! I know it was a physical stretch for Steve to do this trip, and it may have been his last day on the drift-boat oars, so I am especially grateful for this time with him in his happy place. He is a great example of **Service Above Self**.



If you know Steve, please reach out to him and wish him and Mary Lou well. And keep him in your prayers for

[Book Bags](#)
May 07, 2025
[Michael \(Mike\) Booth DVM](#)
"A Brief Introduction to Food Safety"
May 28, 2025
[Dr. William Foster and Sarah Koski](#)
Bringing Project Sanitation Justice to Life in Lane County

Events
No Events found

continued perseverance and physical endurance. He and Mary Lou are very special people!

I have been blessed to know many special people through the Rotary Club of Springfield. I am grateful for each of you! These words from my reading this week keep reminding me of you:

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another." [Hebrews 10:24-25]

For our 5th Wednesday, April 30th Activity

By Jeff Lovell

Springfield Rotary Club 5th Wednesday Club Service Project Gift of Literacy Book Bags- prepare bags with books.

Carrying on the tradition started by Past President Rae LaMarche, every 5th Wednesday we do a Community Service Project instead of having a Speaker come in.

Weekly Program ZOOM 2023-2024

President Merlyn Hough is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting if you are unable to attend in person.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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We Are A SINGING CLUB

By Dan Hurley

Both Sides Now

- Joni Mitchell

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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 - Wear the greeter badge (which is in the badge box) in addition to your own name badge. Place the “door stop” under the door to keep it ajar. In nice weather stand outside. In inclement weather stand just inside the door where it is warm. Greet everyone with a “Welcome to Springfield Rotary” smile. Note the names of guests and visiting Rotarians on the clipboard as they come in. Ask each guest for his or her business card and place it on the clipboard (for possible future members). Please have guests write their names on and wear a Rotary guest name tag. After the inspiration, the president will ask you to introduce each visiting Rotarian. Rotarians who brought guests may want to introduce their own guests.

Attendance:

Check off each member as they arrive at the meeting and pick up their name badges. Leave the attendance sheet and pen on the table when you leave to get your lunch.

Raffle-Door Prize - Bring a gift valued at \$20-25 and sell tickets as members and guests arrive. If you do not show up or get someone to fill in for you that day, you will be expected to bring a door prize or gift card for a future meeting or give the club \$20-\$25, and we will purchase one for you. After the program/m portion of the meeting, when the President calls for the door prize, ask the speaker, or someone else, to draw the winning ticket. Give the microphone and gift and “bucket” to the award winner and ask him/her to collect Happy Bucks. Give the bucket with the \$\$ to Michelle Webber.

Guidelines for Invocations and Inspiration at Rotary meetings:

These guidelines are intended to simplify and encourage everyone to feel comfortable participating in this portion of our weekly meetings. Rotary invocations or inspirations should be short and simple and acceptable to any religious denomination. Rotary is non-discriminatory, non-political, and is comprised of members from a wide range of religious faiths. Therefore, Rotary International recommends that meeting invocations or inspirations give no reference to a specific religion. Moments of inspiration are quotes, poems or short inspirational stories that have touched our lives or are appropriate to today’s speaker topic or what is happening in the world around us. How does Rotary inspire you? How do you think Rotary inspires other people? Feel free to share.

Bulletin Article – Currently on hold!

Sue Fisher

Duty/Date	4/30/2025	5/07/2025	5/14/2025	/
Inspiration	Brian Richardson	Dave Sanders	Mary Jo Sanders	
Greeter	Mary Ann Reilly	Brian Richardson	Dave Sanders	
Attendance	Cossette Rees	Mary Ann Reilly	Brian Richardson	
Raffle	Jessica Redman	Cossette Rees	Mary Ann Reilly	
Money Collector	Beth DeGeorge	Beth DeGeorge	Terry Beyer	

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2026 District Conference Committees

By Rae Anne LaMarche

Springfield Rotary is the host club for the 2026 District Conference during the District Governorship of Chris Waugh. Although still 13 months away (May 15-17, 2026), planning has begun. It will certainly take a village to pull off the best conference ever.

We will ask for the support of all clubs in our local area to chair various committees and teams. I will be presenting to area club presidents and PEs on April 26. BUT, as the host club we get first choice. We are looking for members to volunteer for the following, as chair or as a team member. Please let me know where you would like to help.

- **Sponsorships:**
- **Keynote Speakers:** Chris Waugh and Rae LaMarche are working on this. Two of three are secured.
- **PR:**
- **Fun Events:**
- **Hands-on Service Projects:** Springfield Rotary Service Committee. THANK YOU
- **Club Showcase** (each club to highlight an activity of their club, in a “House of Friendship” display.
- **Decorations:**

- **Major Donor Reception and Welcome Reception:**
- **Memorial Recognition activity:**
- **The Rotary Foundation** funding activity (in the past, silent auction baskets. Perhaps a door prize raffle this year):
- **Break Out Sessions:**
- **Sergeants at Arms** (Conference Tour Guides):

I am happy to answer any questions, elaborate on any of the committees, and I do welcome suggestions for possible candidates. This list may change with time. As Chris always says, "We haven't peaked yet."

Thank you.

Oregon State Hanmadang Volunteer Opportunity THIS WEEKEND

By Tammy Inglis-Drew



Looking for something exciting to do this weekend? One of our Service Grant recipients, the Oregon Hanmadang, is looking for volunteers for their annual conference on Saturday, May 3rd. Event will be held at Mac Court. Please reach out to Tammy Inglis-Drew if you are interested in volunteering.

ROTARY - DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Discover Grants Pass – Watch the Video & Register Today

By Nelson R. Maler

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Recurring Meeting Schedules

Committee	Meeting	Time	Location	Contact
Board Meeting	Third Tuesday	7:30 am	Prime Time Sports Bar 1360 Mohawk Blvd	Michelle Webbe
Service Project	Second Tuesday	12:30 pm Lunch 1:00 Meeting	Roaring Rapid Pizza 4006 Franklin Blvd.	Jessica Redmond
Club Administration and Programs	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON after club	Sue Fisher
Membership/Social	Second Monday	7:30 am	Centennial Steakhouse 1300 Mohawk Blvd	Jay Zink
TRF	Second Wednesday	11:00 am	IN PERSON Before club	Mary Bridget Smith
Youth Services	First Wednesday	1:00pm	IN PERSON After club	June Fothergill
Public Relations	Third Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON After Club	Tammy Inglis-Drew
Weekly Meeting	Every Wednesday	Noon	Elks Club=in person ZOOM	President Merlyn Hough



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.



Keep up with District 5110

What's going on in the rest of [Rotary District 5110](#)? Click [here](#) to find out.

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



[David W. Floyd](#)
April 29th



[Dan Hurley](#)
April 30th



[Jay W. Zink](#)
May 6th



[Tammy Inglis-Drew](#)
May 9th



[Linda Merritt](#)
May 9th



[Thomas L. McAllister](#)
May 17th



[Mary Ann Reilly](#)
May 20th



[Steven Wheeler](#)
May 25th



[David M. Walsh](#)
May 28th