



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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Webber
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Membership
Chair



Mary Bridget
Smith
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Tammy Inglis-
Drew
Public
Image/Relations
Chair



June Fothergill
Youth Services
Chair



Sue Fisher
Club Admin
Chair



Jessica
Redman
Club Service
Chair



David M. Walsh
Webmaster



Rae Anne
LaMarche
iPast President

Speakers

May 07, 2025
Michael (Mike) Booth
DVM
"A Brief Introduction to

President's Message

Sometimes the small things matter most.

Last Wednesday evening, I arrived home and realized I didn't have keys to get into the house. Fortunately, Martha was home and opened the door in response to my knock. I searched my pockets, checked the car **but still no keys**. I realized I must have dropped them at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce open house while exchanging business cards.

So I called the after-hours number at the Chamber, asking if anyone had turned in lost keys, and leaving my name and number. Then I remembered that Rotarian **Tammy Inglis-Drew** had been serving at one of the open house information tables and I called her. She didn't know about the keys but said Rotarian **Mary Ann Reilly** (the Chamber's program & events manager) would know more and offered to call her and let me know. A few minutes later, I got a text from Tammy: "**Your keys are at the Chamber office.**" The next morning, I got a call from **Bre Boersma** at the Chamber office confirming that my keys were there ready for pickup.



Yes, missing keys are a small thing, but **they can be a cause of big uncertainty and anxiety** until their location is known. I felt thoroughly cared for and supported throughout this search process. I was grateful for the alertness of the person noticing the keys, the responsible care to keep them safe in the office, and the responsiveness of Tammy, Mary Ann, and Bre to put my mind at ease.

The alertness of the person noticing the lost keys reminded me of a project I started over 30 years ago to teach character qualities to our children. For example, **Alertness** (vs. Carelessness) is "**Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses.**" My goal was to work with our children on 49 character qualities over the years, starting with **Kindness, Obedience, and Respect**. The project was more challenging than I expected; it seemed like years later we were still working on **Kindness, Obedience, and Respect!**

I have also used the 49 qualities in my work life over the years. For example, I have asked staff to identify the top 10 they believe are important for the success of our operation, then we focused on the top priority as part of our monthly staff meeting. A few of my favorites among the top 10 were:

- **Decisiveness** (vs. Procrastination) – The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions.

Food Safety"

May 28, 2025

Dr. William Foster and Sarah Koski

Bringing Project Sanitation Justice to Life in Lane County

June 04, 2025

Ashley Espinoza and Henry Fields

Ashley Espinoza, Executive Director, Lane Workforce Partnership; Henry Fields, Workforce Analyst, Oregon Employment Department 2024 - 2026 State of the Workforce Report

Events

No Events found

- **Persuasiveness** (vs. Contentiousness) – Guiding vital truths around another’s mental roadblocks.
- **Truthfulness** (vs. Deception) – Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.
- **Initiative** (vs. Idleness) – Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

At that time, I was not familiar with the **Rotary 4-Way Test**. Now I marvel at the wisdom and usefulness of the 4-Way Test. If I had it to do again, I would include the **4-Way Test** as the heart of any character development project, both at home and at work.

Thank you to Tammy, Mary Ann, Bre, and all of you for how you have benefited my life, in both small ways and bigger ways. **Keep up the great work!**

Merlyn Hough, President 2024-2025, Rotary Club of Springfield

Weekly Program

By Jeff Lovell

Presenter and Presentation Title: Michael (Mike) Booth DVM; "A Brief Introduction to Food Safety"

Brief Description of Presentation:

The nation's food supply is only as safe as the hands that prepare it, from the field to the table. In the next few minutes I hope to draw open the curtain surrounding what happens to your food before you purchase it and how to protect yourself and your family from the harmful effects of poor processing, insanitary handling/shipping/storage, or improper preparation.

Bio of Presenter:

I consider myself a lifelong Oregonian, although I was born in San Diego. I attended Centennial High School near Gresham and entered the Air Force Academy in the summer of 1971. After figuring out I was not of the warrior ilk, I entered Oregon State University in the Fall of 1972, declaring microbiology as my major. I went on to Veterinary School at Colorado State University, graduating in 1980, the day after Mt. St. Helens erupted.

I practiced small animal medicine, with a special interest in veterinary dentistry, for 30 years. I ended my practice career after joining the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) in 2010. I retired from FSIS as a Front Line Supervisor here in Eugene in December 2023.

Things that make me smile:

My family, Babies, Dogs (in general), Rodney Dangerfield and Robin Williams (laugh out loud).

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

Meeting ID: 865 8699 6997

Passcode: 737231

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 931 3860 US

We Are A SINGING CLUB

By Dan Hurley

Cheeseburger in Paradise

- Jimmy Buffet

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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	5/07/2025	5/14/2025	5/21/2025	/
Inspiration	Dave Floyd	Christina	Mary Ann Reilly	
Greeter	Brian Richardson	Dave Floyd	Christina	
Attendance	Joe Cioffi	Brian Richardson	Dave Floyd	
Raffle	Cossette	Joe Cioffi	Brian Richardson	
Money Collector	Beth DeGeorge	Terry Beyer	Terry Beyer	

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.

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.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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



[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



[Lee Beyer](#)
June 4th