



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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President-Elect



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Webber
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Rotary
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Image/Relations
Chair



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Youth Services
Chair



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Club Admin
Chair



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Redman
Club Service
Chair



David M. Walsh
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Rae Anne
LaMarche
iPast President

Speakers

May 21, 2025

Bobbie Sanford
Quilts of Valor

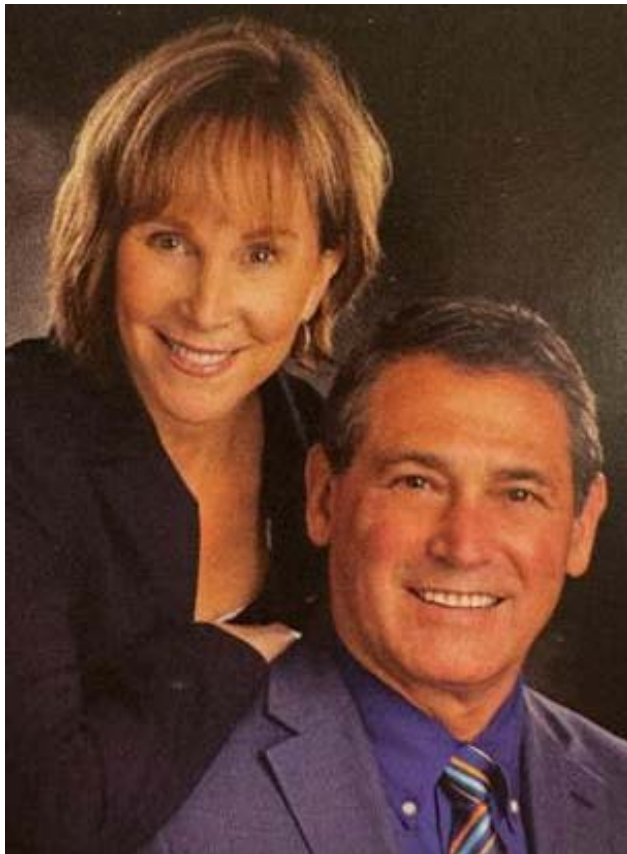
May 28, 2025

President's Message

By Merlyn L. Hough

What an **exciting and inspiring weekend at Rotary District 5110 Conference in Grants Pass!** The conference was hosted by our **District Governor Nelson Maler**, shown here with his wife Mona, and the area clubs:

- Rotary Club of Grants Pass
- Rotary Club of Greater Grants Pass
- Rotary Club of Rogue Gateway
- Rotary Club of Illinois Valley



This was the first District Conference to be held in Grants Pass in **40 years!** Since Grants Pass does not have a convention center, the conference planning committee coordinated the events with three Rotary partner facilities:

- Josephine County Fairgrounds
- Grants Pass High School Performing Arts Center
- Boys and Girls Club of the Rogue Valley

There are **too many weekend highlights** to share in a brief message, and you really have to experience the District Conference **in person to fully appreciate it.** I hope you can do so in the future! But Rotary Club of Springfield was well represented in Grants Pass by:

- Jane and Alan Falls
- Rae and Tony LaMarche
- David and Aimee Walsh
- Alexis Screen

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
June 18, 2025
Springfield Police Chief Jami Resch

Events

No Events found

- Merlyn and Martha Hough

(Technically, Aimee and Alexis are members of the Eugene Metro Rotary Club, but they both have strong Springfield Rotary ties so I claim them here as our representatives, too.) ??

Here are just a few examples of highlights for me. First, **Sean Sawyer**, from Morgantown, Virginia, as **emissary of Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick**, illustrated why Rotary has been so successful because of members like you. And why our work is even more important in these challenging times!



Sean Sawyer (an attorney and the PDG of District 7545 in 2020-2021) highlighted the Rotary Vision. I marvel at the vision summary (larger capital letters) within the overall Vision: **“TOGETHER PEOPLE CREATE CHANGE!”**



Rotarians are also **People of Action**. So here are the key elements of the **Rotary Action Plan**:



Another highlight for me was the detailed presentation by Dr. Corey Peak, the Senior Program Officer for Polio Modeling and Analytics at the Gates Foundation, on **“Polio Eradication – A Fight Worth Fighting For.”** Rotary now has five other partners: Gates Foundation, CDC, World Health Organization, Unicef, and Gavi. Together we have mobilized 20 million volunteers and invested \$17 billion to vaccinate 2.5 billion children in 200 countries and saved many millions of lives in the process! The global task is huge but the steps are straightforward:

1. **Find the Virus** (investigate every suspect paralyzed child, and take sewage samples in high-risk areas)

2. **Find the Children** (detailed planning and monitoring)
3. **Vaccinate Through Every Means We Can** (routine vaccination, vaccination campaigns, communication and community engagement for acceptance)

On a personal note, before and after the Rotary District Conference, Martha and I were able to connect with **two friends who had served in Bolivia for the last 45 years**. Although not Rotarians, this couple certainly exemplified the Rotary motto of “**Service Above Self**” as they invested their lives in literacy work, Bible translation, and leadership training with the Quechua people group. Grants Pass was their home before Bolivia and they were visiting family and friends for a few weeks, so we were able to reconnect over lunch at Taprock Northwest Grill overlooking the Rogue River on Friday before the conference. On our way home on Sunday, we were able to join them in Myrtle Creek where they gave a more detailed report to about 100 of their supporters and shared a brief inspiration from Mark 14:1-9. Two things they shared seemed especially **relevant to my Rotary mindset**:

- “A great translation is **faithful, clear and natural**.” I thought of the Rotary presentations, especially those highlighted here: They were faithful to the Rotary ideals, very clear and understandable, and very natural, being shared from life to life.
- Jesus commended the woman in Mark 14:6, “**She did what she could**.” Each of us feels inadequate in many ways, but each of us has something we can do. We need to do what we can. With polio eradication, we need to “vaccinate through every means we can.” And ultimately, we will be commended for the good work we do.

Yes, this was a great weekend. I encourage you all to attend next year’s District 5110 Conference at the **Valley River Inn**, right here in our backyard, when **Rotary Club of Springfield** and **District Governor-Elect Chris Waugh** host the event with the support of all of our local area Rotary Clubs!

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

This Week's Program

By Jeff Lovell

Our Presentation on May 21 will be by Bobbie Sanford of a group called Quilts Of Valor. I have attended their Award Ceremonies and it was a very touching event.

This week's program will talk about the Quilts of Valor Foundation, and how you as a Veteran touched by war, or someone you know who has been touched by war, can be awarded a Quilt of Valor.

Please feel free to bring friends and relatives to our meeting, or have them watch on Zoom- link below. No password required.

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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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	5/21/2025	5/28/2025	6/04/2025	/
Inspiration	Mary Ann Reilly	Matt Sorensen	Mary Jo Sanders	
Greeter	Christina	Mary Ann Reilly	Matt Sorensen	
Attendance	Dave Floyd	Christina	Mary Ann Reilly	
Raffle	Brian Richardson	Dave Floyd	Christina	
Money Collector	Terry Beyer	Liz Degner	Aaron Chase	

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THIS WEEK is the 50/50 Drawing

By Jay Zink

This Wednesday, May 21st, is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. That means it is the week for the 50/50

drawing. Again, this is still kind of new. A raffle ticket sells for \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. You can put it on your card or cash. There will be special raffle tickets for the drawing. This will be in lieu of the drawing. This month's 50/50 recipient is going to Ugnad Butoolo Maternity Clinic. Elizabeth Lewis, the Creswell High School junior who gave an impressive presentation a couple of weeks ago, will update the club on how the fundraising efforts are going. Remember the new twist to the 50/50 raffle. Write your name on the back of each ticket you purchase as the June 50/50 a mysterious weekend trip will be the 'Grand Prize'. There will be a drawing box by the club's badge box to drop off your raffle tickets.

Every month, the fundraising committee will determine an organization to receive contributions generated from the raffle. Any member with an idea for future organizations, please contact Sid Voorhees, Fundraising Director, or Jay Zink, committee member.

Hello-Goodbye Party

By Jay W. Zink

This is the **last day** to sign up for June **1st**, a Sunday, at the Elks club, the **Hello - GoodBye Party**. Hello Bob Shuttle, we welcome you as our next club's president, and thank you, Merlyn Hough for a job well done as this year's president. It'll start at 3:00pm. It's \$15.00 and which will include an alcoholic beverage (beer or wine) and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Please respond to the sign-up email, and you can pay when you arrive for the lunch meeting. We'll need to know a head count for the Elks to prepare by the 21st of May. Thank you.

Ems Game

By Jay W. Zink

August 6th, a Wednesday, the annual Springfield Rotary get together at the **Ems Ball game**. We'll be on the 3rd base side. Food and beverage, great seats, a great time! The cost is \$35/person, and kids under 12 years of age are free.

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

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.

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



[Mary Ann Reilly](#)
May 20th



[Steven Wheeler](#)
May 25th



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



[Lee Beyer](#)
June 4th