



Club Meeting

Springfield
Meets at Springfield Elks
1701 Centennial Blvd.
Springfield, OR 97477
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM

Club Leaders



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Speakers

May 28, 2025
Dr. William Foster and Sarah Koski
Bringing Project
Sanitation Justice to Life
in Lane County

President's Message

Wow! You have all been busy this year!

This past week I have been updating the reports on how the Rotary Club of Springfield is doing compared to our goals for this Rotary year. It is **amazing** how much excellent work has been completed by our Members, our Committees, and our Club!

First, the bottom line: **We have already completed 21 of the 22 goals** for 2024-2025, and we still have more than a month to go. We will have more details in the Committee presentations, being coordinated by Jeff Lovell, on June 25, 2025. But in the meantime, here are a few highlights to prepare the foundation.



We have **far exceeded the goal of six Service Projects** this year. These ten projects have been reported (and there are other projects still to be entered) in the Rotary database:

- Springfield Block Party (September 6, 2024)
- Heartfelt House Dinners for Guest Families (October 1, 2024)
- Bill Dellinger Invitational Cross Country Meet at Pine Ridge (October 11, 2024)
- Springfield Christmas Parade (December 7, 2024)
- Lane County Diaper Bank and Repackaging Project (January 30, 2025)
- Rotary Peace Pole at Willamalane Center (February 25, 2025)
- Harvey Lewellen Throws Invitational at Thurston High School (March 22, 2025)
- Willamalane Tiny Ducks Preschool Playground (April 30, 2025)
- Oregon State Hanmadang Regional Tournament at McArthur Court (May 3, 2025)
- Heartfelt House Dinners for Guest Families (May 22, 2025)

Most of our Springfield Rotarians were involved in one or more of the service projects, especially the 5th Wednesday projects at our weekly meetings, so we easily exceeded the goal of 50 participants.

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

[Jami Resch – Springfield Interim Chief of Police](#)

I will discuss what I see as SPD's strengths, how I plan to continue what Chief Shearer started and my philosophy towards policing.

June 25, 2025

[Springfield Rotary Club: four Committee Chairs](#)
What the committees did in 24-25, and goals for 25-26

Events

No Events found



Springfield Rotary has had a **very active Social Calendar**, far exceeding our goal of four social activities outside of regular meetings this year. This list is not complete, but it provides enough specifics to demonstrate that our goal was far exceeded:

- Hello Goodbye Party for incoming/outgoing Rotary Presidents
- Rotary Night at the Em's Baseball Game at PK Park
- Springfield Block Party
- Northern Lights Pumpkin Patch Party
- Springfield Mayor's Revue
- Holiday-Christmas Party at Emerald Art Center
- Fireside Meetings for Newer Rotarians (four in four different homes)
- Western Jamboree Dinner-Auction at the UO Ford Alumni Center

We also far exceeded our goal of two new member sponsorships by **welcoming nine new members** (so far) into our Springfield Rotary Club:

- John Qualman on September 1, 2024
- Jon Arnold on September 10, 2024
- Joe Cioffi on December 16, 2024
- Debi Bennett on January 10, 2025
- Jake Mylenek on January 22, 2025
- Mary Ann Reilly on January 24, 2025
- David Floyd on April 2, 2025
- Matt Sorensen on April 2, 2025
- Wendy Werner on May 7, 2025

So much more was accomplished this year with the completion of other goals! Our **Strategic Plan is current** based on the Visioning work done last year. Our Club **Bylaws were updated** late last year and then adopted this year. We have met or exceeded our goals for **Leadership Development**, District **Training**, and District **Conference participation**.

Our members continue to be **generous in giving** to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Our Annual Fund contributions of \$12,557 have already exceeded the \$10,000 goal, and we are closing in on our Polio Fund contribution goal of \$4,000 with \$3,426 thus far (the one goal of our 22 goals not yet achieved). We have two Benefactors and two Bequest Society members, which exceeds our goal of one each.

We are **exceeding our goals for Youth Services** as well. We have met or exceeded our goals for Interact Clubs, Inbound Youth Exchange Students, and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) participation. Our Interact Club is recognized as one of the most active and outstanding Clubs in Rotary District 5110, and once again we are sending six students to RYLA, exceeding our goal of four.

An especially bright spot for me is our Club's **excellent work on outreach and promotional materials**. We have met or exceeded our goals for online presence, social media postings, and media stories about Club projects, people and programs. We have had excellent newspaper, radio and television partnerships. And our newsletters and promotional materials are outstanding.

More details will be forthcoming as we approach the end of our Rotary year. But I wanted to provide a preview to let you know the **amazing work you are doing!** You have far exceeded my request to: **Go do important things!**

I am forever grateful to all of you, and for all you do.

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

Arch Klumph's Vision:

The Origins of The Rotary Foundation The Rotary Foundation, the central pillar

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'Weekly Program -- 5-28

[Dr. William Foster and Sarah Koski](#)

Bringing Project Sanitation Justice to Life in Lane County

Dr. Willy Foster earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and his medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Lincoln Medical Center in the South Bronx. He began his career working in several emergency departments in Northern California before relocating to Eugene, Oregon, where he has lived for the past 16 years and worked at Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence on the Oregon coast.

Dr. Foster has held multiple leadership roles at Peace Harbor, including Emergency Department Medical Director and Chief of Staff. He is committed to community service, and volunteers weekly at several free medical clinics in the Eugene area. Over the past 35 years, he has also led and participated in both long-term and short-term medical mission trips to multiple countries.

He is married to Jackie, a physical therapist, and together they have five children. His two daughters were adopted from China. In his free time he enjoys backpacking, bicycling, skiing, and writing about the challenges of being human in a complex world. There are many things that make him smile - but chief among them is mentoring pre med students at the free clinics and having them discover a very different side of medicine.

Sarah A. Koski is a homeless advocate and Community Resource Liaison for Lane Transit District, residing in Eugene, Oregon. In 2019, Sarah left her position as Executive Director of a regional non-profit to work in the trenches of homelessness as a case manager and crisis interventionist for one of Oregon's largest lowest barrier shelters. Now, Sarah is building new programs, resource guides, and inroads at Lane Transit District, navigating the intersection of transit, infrastructure, and the unhoused.

Sarah received her Bachelor's in political science from the Robert D. Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon and found her passion for humanitarian activism through her work in emerging technology and natural disasters. Sarah is currently a member of the Domestic Violence Prevention & Statewide Coordination Subcommittee and her work in the trenches of homelessness recently garnered her a Vital Voices & Estée Lauder Top 100 Global Women recognition and the 2024 Oregon Women's Commission Woman of the Year award.

What makes me smile is when grace shows up in gritty places — not in perfection, but in the messy, meaningful moments.

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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Rotary's Four-Way Test



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.



We Are A SINGING CLUB

By Dan Hurley

Song to be announced at meeting! :D

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.](#)

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

[Read More](#)

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
			IN PERSON	June

	Youth Services	First Wednesday	1:00pm	After club	Fothergill
	Public Relations	Third Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON After Club	Tammy Inglis- Drew
	Weekly Meeting	Every Wednesday	Noon	Elks Club=in person <u>ZOOM</u>	President Merlyn Hough

Birthdays - Coming Up



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



[Lee Beyer](#)
June 4th



[Melissa Watson](#)
June 19th