



### 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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### President's Message Aug 23

By Rae Anne LaMarche

#### STORIES: THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING OTHERS

Tony and I drove to Seattle this weekend for a birthday party.

We sat and shared stories with other guests over dinner. Vien escaped Vietnam as the Communists moved south. The first try landed him in jail. The second landed him in jail. It was the third try that was successful, in a boat with 11 family members. The boat lost its motor at sea and they were picked up by a British ship. He remembered his mother telling him that she would rather he die at sea than remain in a communist country. He arrived in the US with no money and no English. Vien had tears in his eyes as he told his story.

Miriam left Cuba at the age of 14. And although she and her mother left legally on a US transport out of Cuba, they were required to leave her 16-year-old brother behind. It broke her mother's heart, but again, she spoke of strength when there is no alternative. Miriam's husband, Vincent, was from South Africa. He spoke about being a soldier on the border where he was to protect against terrorists. Miriam's cousin was a trainer of those same terrorists. He is also now an American citizen.

It's the personal stories that allow us to better understand our world, and our history. It is the stories that bring us together in understanding our fellow man. It is the stories that give us compassion and link us one to another. Don't forget to share your stories.

*Rae*

### Weekly Program - August 23, 2023

by Jeff Lovell

Robyn Wallace-Blanchard PhD and Helen Gernon PhD, CPA

Community Veterinary Center a Full Service Non-Profit Veterinary Clinic for Low Income Pet Owners

Robyn Wallace-Blanchard is a retired Educational Psychologist and consultant. She worked for over 32 years for Lane Education Service District, based primarily in Florence. There she conducted educational neuro-psychological evaluations and supervised the district threat assessment and tragedy response teams. While working for the Siuslaw School District, she was accompanied by two certified Therapy Dogs. It was the recent loss of one of her dogs that led her to the Community Veterinary Center, where she was so impressed by the staff and facility that she is now serving on the board.

Helen Gernon is a University of Oregon Professor Emerita of Accounting in the Lundquist College of Business. Over her four decades with the University, Professor Gernon raised millions of dollars for accounting education. Now, Helen raises money for the Eugene Community Veterinary Center. Helen is an avid runner (completed three marathons), hiker, and bicyclist. In 2005, she summited Mt Kilimanjaro- hardest thing I have ever done. I live with Foxy the cat. She makes me smile!

### Weekly Program ZOOM 2022-2023

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

### Join Zoom Meeting

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## Speakers

August 23, 2023

[Robyn Wallace-](#)

[Blanchard PhD and](#)

[Helen Geron PhD,CPA](#)

Community Veterinary

Center a Full Service

Non-Profit Veterinary

Clinic for Low Income

Pet Owners

August 30, 2023

[Sean VanGordon,](#)

[Andrew Buck, and Karla](#)

[Harris](#)

Mayor's Revue

September 06, 2023

[Bruce Webber and Jim](#)

[Eckman](#)

Springfield Rotary

Budget Review

September 13, 2023

[Jayme Barnes](#)

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## Events

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### We Are A SINGING CLUB

By Dan Hurley

This week's song will be Hound Dog, by Elvis Presley.

### Springfield Rotary Scholarship Infomation

By Robert C. Scherer

#### SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship committee of the Springfield Rotary Charitable Foundation concluded work on scholarships this year and provided the following students with scholarship awards in the amount of \$5,000 each:

Brian Davis Thurston H.S. LCC/Oregon State University

Maddox Molony Thurston H.S. University of Oregon

Logan Bradley Springfield H.S. University of Oregon

Abel Carlos-Galindo Springfield H.S. University of Oregon

Tamerra Cervantes Carlos Springfield H.S. Western Oregon University

The committee solicits applications from High School Seniors attending Springfield High School, Thurston High School, Gateways High School, The 3A High School as well as students from Pleasant Hill, Mohawk, Lowell and McKenzie High Schools. The applications are reviewed by the committee and interviews are conducted with prospective recipients. The scholarship committee works diligently to consider academic achievement in high school, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and volunteerism, financial need, and potential for success at the college level. The awards are available to students regardless of where they are attending college (community college, colleges and universities) from Oregon and any other state.

It has been our experience that the students who have applied are bright, energetic and motivated individuals and the selected students and their families should feel proud of their selection.

In addition, The Scherer Family selected Lian Hagel from Thurston High School and Desmond Scott from Springfield High School as recipients of the Clarence and Dorothy Scherer Scholarship. This is a four year, \$4,000, renewable award, making it worth \$16,000 for each student.

The Scherer Scholarship is in memory of Clarence Scherer, Springfield Club President in 1957.

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### Signature Project: Arc Park

By Jo Ann Henderson

The Arc Park at The Arc Lane County has been chosen as the Signature Project for our club this year. The park is designed to eliminate barriers that keep children with disabilities from playing alongside their typically developing peers.

The one-acre park has three sections; the event lawn and amphitheater, Community Village with its covered picnic pavilion and Hobbit Hill, and the adventure playground complete with a zipline. Universal Design concepts have been used in every aspect of the park, making it accessible and fun for everyone.

Our club is focusing on the *HealthBeat* exercise section of the park. There are a total of nine pieces of outdoor exercise equipment in this section and our club is sponsoring four of those. These are designed for the weather and will be great for those 13 years and up to have a workout in the park. We expect teens, parents, and grandparents to take advantage of this opportunity while the Littles play.

If you have any questions about the park or would like to come and see its progress, please reach out to Jo Ann anytime.

## Welcome Assignments

By Sue Fisher

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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*

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Duty/Date	08/23/2023	08/30/2023	08/30/2023
Inspiration	Randy Lodge	Andrew Buck	TBD
Greeter	Tammy Fitch	Liz Cawood	TBD
Raffle/Attendance	Bruce Mackey	Tammy Fitch	TBD
Money Collector	Beth DeGeorge	Jay Zink	TBD

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## Urgent Message from Rotary Honolulu

By Jane Ann Falls



Aloha,

The fires across the island have changed lives forever. Truly devastating. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted.

As people of action, we can take immediate action. As we come together to recover and rebuild, we need to support each other. We need to Create Hope for Maui.

Through our Rotary District 5000 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.

Please consider donating to this special fund. Hyperlink and QR code are included with this note.



[Maui Fires Relief Fund](#)

Please also widely share this opportunity to help. Contact me anytime for additional information.

Stay safe, take care and mahalo as we Create Hope for Maui. Mark

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## SPRINGFIELD ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – SUMMER/FALL 2023

By Steven Wheeler

### SPRINGFIELD ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – SUMMER/FALL 2023

1. Please contribute to the food donation box at **THIS WEDNESDAY'S MEETING**, August 23. 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 Laurel Grove Cemetery Cleanup is looking for volunteers. It's on Saturday August 26, 9:00 am-12:00 pm at 116 Judkins Rd. in Springfield. Bring gloves and dress for the weather!
4. 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.
5. The annual Bill Dellinger Cross Country Invite meet is on Friday September 22. It's at the Pine Ridge Golf Club just northwest of Springfield. The men's 8K race is at 11:00 am, the women's 6K is at 11:45. Volunteers will need to arrive between 9:00 and 9:30 am.
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/Eugène 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.

## Keep up with District 5110

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

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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

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