



Club Meeting

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

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Speakers

September 27, 2023

President's Message

"A Leader is a Dealer in Hope"
--Napolean Bonaparte

Rotary is not only a Service Organization, but also a Leadership Organization. From Interact to RYLA, we offer students opportunities to develop leadership skills. You, as members of Rotary, also have leadership development opportunities. Each project you work on provides an opportunity for you to participate and to assume a leadership role (and you thought you were just a worker bee.) Our Rotary Leadership Institute, Club Training Assembly in March, our District Conference in May, and our International Convention in June offer sessions to enhance your innate ability to lead. Rotary.org has an entire Learning Center available to all Rotarians right from the comfort of home.

Not every leadership role requires you to stand up and speak in front of a large group. Committee chairs guide their committee, a group of about 10 friendly faces. Where else can we develop our meeting skills and share ideas, if not with the friendliest group we know. In our club, every member has your back. You are guaranteed not to fail.

I invite each of you to consider your place on the Rotary Board of Directors. Our Board is a group of 19, including all committee chairs and chairs-elect; a secretary, treasurer and presidents (past, present, and future). Putting your name on the slate today for a position means 18 months of learning before taking on the chairperson's role. This year we are looking for a secretary in addition to President elect and committee positions.

It is the job of the nominating committee to develop the slate of officers to be presented to the club in November for a December vote. BUT, it is YOU who must step forward and say, "I want to serve."



Weekly Program Sept 27 2023

By Jeff Lovell

This week's program will be a field trip to Habitat for Humanity.

We will be hosted by Annie Leadingham, Habitat for Humanity Development and Marketing Manager. She and her team will show us around and share with us why they are so excited about this special build!



A Few Reminders for our Wednesday Field Trip

1. **NO ZOOM OPTION** for this meeting.
1. We will be meeting at the Elks at Centennial and will carpool from there, so please arrive at the Elks by 11:25 so we can get this organized in plenty of time to arrive at Habitat and begin our meeting noon.

Annie Leadingham,
Habitat for Humanity
Development and
Marketing Manager
On site tour of the new
Springfield Habitat for
Humanity Build.

October 04, 2023

[Bruce Mackey](#)

Peru Grant

October 11, 2023

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Rotary Works to End

Polio Worldwide

October 18, 2023

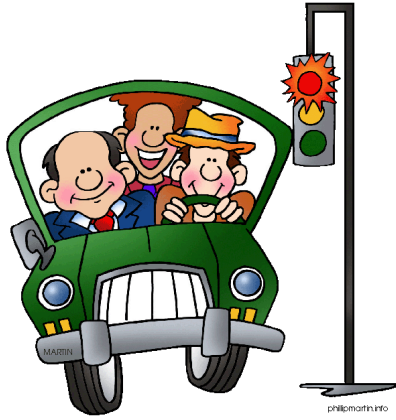
[Bruce Mackey](#)

Charitable Foundation

Presentation and vote on

Officers

1. The weather looks dry but cloudy. It would be a good idea to bring an umbrella and dress for the chilly weather. If everyone brings an umbrella, it will not rain.



Events

No Events found

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – SUMMER/FALL 2023

By Steven Wheeler

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – FALL 2023

1. The deadline to apply for a service committee grant closes this **Friday, September 29**. If you know of a person or organization contemplating applying, please remind them to send in their application electronically to Steve Wheeler and Jessica Redman as soon as possible.
2. Sincere thanks to Jim Eckman and the other dozen Springfield Rotarians who helped the University of Oregon put on the annual Bill Dellinger Invitational cross country meet on Friday September 23. Fourteen colleges competed in both the men's and women's events. The Oregon Cross-Country program would be hard pressed to put on this event without the assistance of Springfield Rotarians!
3. Looking ahead to some service committee projects:
 - We're working with the American Red Cross on a neighborhood smoke alarm project, either this Fall or next Spring (thanks Randy Lodge!);
 - We're hoping to schedule a Habitat for Humanity work party on a forthcoming October weekday, likely on a Tuesday or Thursday;
 - The eight-foot tall Rotary Peace Pole is on order and scheduled to arrive between September 30 and October 14. We're making good progress with the Willamalane Park and Recreation District on finding an outdoor site for the installation (thanks Eric Adams!);
 - The second food box drive will take place at a Rotary lunch meeting in November, perhaps Wednesday the 15th? (thanks Tammy Inglis-Drew!);
 - It's not too early to start thinking about a Springfield Rotary float for the Springfield Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2.

STRIVE

Would you like to mentor a high school student? Our Rotary Youth Committee has a program at Springfield High called STRIVE, which stands for Students Taking Renewed Interest in Education. Mentors work with students who could benefit from extra support and encouragement for them to stay in school and graduate. STRIVE meetings at Springfield High will start up again on October 12th during the students' lunch time and will continue every other week until school ends in June. Last year there were 5 mentors and we would like to get 2 or 3 more soon, so a 1:1 mentor/student match could be in place by Oct. If you are interested in this service opportunity or would like more information, please contact Mary Jo Sanders 541-206-2641 or maryjo.sanders@comcast.net

It's the GREAT Pumpkin Charlie Brown

By Rae LaMarche

Our club will hold its 2nd annual visit to the Pumpkin Patch on Sunday October 22 at Northern Lights Christmas Tree Farm (aka the Pumpkin Patch). Rotary will provide a coupon for a hot beverage, hay rides will be available, and pumpkins can be picked directly from the ground for purchase. A covered area will be available to sit and schmooze and the Halloween market will be open. This family-friendly event will begin anytime after 1pm.

Thanks to **Lynn and Bob Schutte** for making this social event possible.



Who Am I? Is Back by Popular Demand

By Sue Fisher

Several years ago, we had a “fun” article in our weekly newsletter called “Who Am I? Members will be asked to type up a 300-500 word “composition” about themselves. It could be an autobiography, your Rotary Story or Moment you have experienced, anything to tell us a little more about yourself. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ANYWHERE IN THE ARTICLE**, so, as members read along, they can try to guess who that person is. That’s what makes this article the most fun. At the beginning of the raffle drawing each week, we will ask “Will this week’s Who Am I” please stand up.” This is NOT going to take the place of new member bios. That is still a blue badge requirement. This is to get to know one another better, especially the newer members to get to know more about the “veteran” members.

Once created, email to JoAnn Henderson by Sunday evening of that week. Send the email to joann.henderson@arclane.org.

Now, - who is ready to jump on the bandwagon and write a fun article to share? . This list of participants NOT be published in the newsletter with the greeter, etc, as it will ruin the element of surprise. With the number of members in the club, each one of you will have to write this only once every year and a half. Please contact Sue Fisher at sue@fisherpm.net or 541-285-8113 and help make this a fun addition to our already fun club!!!

Who Am I?

Who am I??

45 minutes earlier I could have had a birthday of 5-5-55, wanted to wait and share the day with the ‘say-hey’ kid. (Willie Mays) I have 4 younger siblings, 2 Bros and 2 Sis’s. We are very close in relationship and we are close in ages, we are all within’ 5 years of age with my brother and I 11.5 mos apart. We grew up with that powdered milk, – ughhhh ucky stuff - fruit cocktail jello, fish on Friday, Black Cherry Shasta pop on Saturday and a lot of burger, broccoli and bake potato in between.

Born in Glendale, California, a little small at 3# 3 oz., by 5 years old family scooted up to Livermore, California. Played a lot of tennis, picked some grapes. Then moved to Santa Barbara in 1970. (my folks didn’t like the Haight- Ashbury culture of the Bay Area) I loved it there, played more tennis and lived on the beach. Graduated from Bishop Garcia Diego High School in 1973 moved in with my grandparents on Balboa Island, I really liked that area. Went to Orange Coast Community College and played on the beach. Then taking the advice from a

best friend in high school who was from Montana I moved up to the northwest, first lived in Kalispell and then in Missoula. No tennis, no beach, experienced snow of quantity for the first time, lived in my pickup truck first few months. Pretty tough, cold, times. Lots of hiking trails, fishing, new friends and adventure every day, however, in 1984 I decided to 'cuss the rain, rather than shovel the snow' and moved to Eugene. No tennis, no beach, but started family, career, new friends.

In Missoula I tried to attend the University of Montana, a Grizzly, went for almost a year but the party part was affecting everything. Damn those parties. Biggest contribution was developing the F.A.R.T club with my econ classmates. (Friday afternoon recreation time)

Left college when I discovered I wasn't going to be a real student, tough to work, go to school, eat and of course play all at the same time. Went to work for the Coca-Cola Company and Big Sky Bottling Company. First winter there during the lay-off season and being low man, I spent my time hitch hiking and explored the East Coast. First step was DC – always wanted to go there. I called up our Montana Senator, Senator Max Baucus, and got tickets to Ronald Reagan Inauguration swearing in ceremony, right up front, that was really, really cool, and passes to a bunch of activities going on in DC. Now that was a blast.

Hitched hiked up to the Catskills Mtn in New York to visit an old roommate. Got a ride from an 'Amway salesman' – these guys can talk, I told him I was familiar with Amway and that I was a 'Shaklee" representative. I got to walk a good distance to the bus depot. – he didn't think that was funny I guess. Stopped the car in middle of highway and said that the ride was over – oops. Catskills are beautiful, lots of ice fishing and everything that came with that activity.

Then up to the Adirondacks Mtn, Plattsburg, NY to visit another friend. I'd run out of money by then and landed a job as a cook at a Howard Johnson Restaurant. Met this beautiful blonde waitress, I swept her off her feet.

We kept in touch, I lured her to Montana with my charisma and charm. (??!!) We got married in September of '84. It was the same year we moved to Eugene. That was a busy year. My wife went back to school, got her Masters, started teaching, we had our first child, Justin, I started a new career, we became home owners, had a second boy, Michael, who disrupted a 'progressive dinner with Rotary, Aughhhh I don't know how we did it all back then. Met a whole lot of new friends including the Crombie's, Doug and Walt, who owned the Lucky Woodsmen Restaurant and they invited me to join Rotary. I am a Past President. Who am I?.....Jay Zink

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. Create Peace in the World (see Debbie Knechtel this week for your prize)

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

Duty/Date	09/27/2023	10/04/2023	10/11/2023
Inspiration	Off Site	TBD	TBD
Greeter	Off Site	TBD	TBD
Raffle/Attendance	Off Site	Steve Fisher	TBD
Money Collector	Beth DeGeorge	Aaron Chase	Aaron Chase

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.](#)

Recurring Meeting Schedules

Committee	Meeting	Time	Location	Contact
Board Meeting	Third Tuesday	7:30 am	ZOOM	Liz Degner
Service Project	Second Tuesday	12:00 pm	SPS District Office 640 A St, Springfield	Steve Wheeler
Club Administration and Programs	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON after club	Luke McCallister
Membership/Social	Second Monday	9:00 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	Christina San Filippo
Public Relations	Second Wednesday	1:00 pm	IN PERSON After Club	JoAnn Henderson
Weekly Meeting	Every Wednesday	Noon	Elks Club=in person ZOOM	President Rae LaMarche

Birthdays - Coming Up



[Gary Boedigheimer](#)
September 28th



[Ryan Young](#)
September 30th



[Ronnel Curry](#)
October 2nd



[Nancy E. Bigley](#)
October 6th



[Elizabeth B. Degner](#)
October 11th



[Rae Anne LaMarche](#)
October 16th



[John Davis](#)
October 25th



[Christina SanFilippo](#)
October 30th



[Gino Grimaldi](#)
October 31st