



Springfield Rotary Club Meeting

Springfield Rotary Meets at Springfield Elks 1701 Centennial Blvd Springfield, OR Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM We are a singing Club

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Speakers

May 15, 2024
Jose Garcia Exchange Student to Germany

President's Message

By Rae Anne LaMarche



END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On Saturday Springfield Rotarians shared the message to "End Human Trafficking" with approximately 9,000 vehicles as they held signs over the I5 freeway for 90 minutes. It was the waves and the honks that put a smile on our faces at this 4th Pop-Up vigil, organized by Steve Wheeler. Thanks to **Dave and Mary Jo Sanders, David Walsh, Vahana Horn, Karen Brist and Tony LaMarche** who joined Steve and me.

This is a message we can never say enough.

Springfield Rotary has a reputation in the district for being a Human Trafficking Awareness expert, of sorts. We have an opportunity to share our enthusiasm on Friday when Delta Rotary will host Naresh Kumar, a 41-year-old Rotarian from Guindy India, at their noon meeting at the Mission. Naresh will pick up his custom tandem bicycle from Co-Motion Bicycles Friday morning and will join Delta Rotary for lunch before spending the night with Delta Rotarians, Beth Sheehan and Chris Walton.

Naresh will just be in town for the one day before heading to Astoria where he will begin his cross-country journey with a dip of his back tire into the Pacific. He will ride across the country and end in Washington DC in an effort to raise funds for Human Trafficking Awareness through the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery. The back seat of his tandem is reserved for **YOU**, whether you just want a photo op, a ride around the block, or to spend some time on the road.

You are invited to attend Delta's meeting on Friday at the Mission. I hope you will do so. Take the time to learn about this young man's adventures. It isn't his first long distance ride, nor will it be his last. But, it is an important ride, of which you can be a part.

Rae

Weekly Program

By Jeff Lovell

This week's Program Presenter: Jose Garcia

Jose will speak about his experiences as an exchange student in Germany.

Jose is a student at Springfield High School and was our Springfield Rotary Club Outgoing Exchange Student to Germany last year.

Weekly Program ZOOM 2023-2024

President Rae LaMarche is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting if you are unable to attend in person.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Student to Germany
Jose talks about his
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Service Committee News May 15

By Steven Wheeler

Events

Menu: Tuna Melt

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* Human Trafficking Vigil IV, on Saturday May 11, was a success! Special thanks to President Rae LaMarche, Tony LaMarche, Dave and Mary Jo Sanders, David Walsh, Vahana Horn and Karen Brist for taking the time to stand on the pedestrian crossing at the Gateway area over Interstate 5. We connected with many of the cars and trucks traveling this main west coast trafficking corridor. Special thanks to President-elect Merlyn Hough for taking the time to stop by and help wrap things up.

* Saturday May18 is the Spring Cleanup at the Laurel Grove Cemetery. It will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Cemetery, 116 Judkins Rd. in Springfield. Cleaning supplies and snacks are included. Bring gloves and dress for the weather. 544 221-9477 for more information.

* On May 14 the Springfield Rotary Board of Directors will consider a letter agreement between Rotary and the Willamalane Park and Recreation District. The Agreement will memorialize the placement of a Peace Pole near the main entrance of the Bob Keefer Center. The Peace Pole is an eight-foot-tall four-sided pole with the inscription "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in eight languages.

Pedaling for Freedom

By Rae Anne LaMarche

SOLO TANDEM RIDE ACROSS AMERICA TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

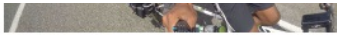
On May 19th, 41-year-old, Naresh Kumar, of Freedom Seat and the Rotary Club of Guindy India will symbolically dip the back wheel of his tandem bike into the Columbia River (which flows into the Pacific Ocean) at Astoria, OR as he begins at dawn to pedal across the United States via the TransAmerica Trail and ends in Washington, DC where he will dip his front tire into the Potomac River (which eventually flows into the Atlantic with a driving passion to shine a light on the realities and the scourge of Human Trafficking/Modern Day Slavery, the second most profitable illegal industry in the US and around the WORLD (UNICEF).

Freedom Seat will raise funds for worldwide COMMUNITY AWARENESS & PREVENTION EDUCATION* (CAPE grants by Rotary Action Group Against Slavery RAGAS) and AWARE and PROTECT CURRICULUMS by 3Strands Global Foundation in the prevention and protection from this heinous violation of our basic human rights.

Naresh is no stranger to the vulnerabilities of women and children in his country being sold in the market. Women and children were taken and sold as sex slaves; men and children were trapped in bonded labor with no way out. Naresh grew up just barely above poverty in Chennai, India. At an early age, Naresh began running and cycling to feel a sense of independence and freedom. "Freedom is the purest form of living," says Naresh.

Join hands (or pedal) and promote this event globally and locally with your media and community leaders such as police departments, high school & college campuses, and other civic organizations including Rotary. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing!" Says Naresh.





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 â€” Currently on hold!

Sue Fisher

| Duty/Date | 05/15/2024 | 05/22/2024 | 05/29/2024 |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Inspiration | Terry Beyer | Andrew Buck | Liz Cawood |
| Greeter | Andrew Buck | Terry Beyer | Karen Brist |
| Raffle/Attendance | David Hersch/ Aaron Chase | Andrew Buck/ David Hersch | Terry Beyer/ Andrew Buck |
| Money Collector | Beth DeGeorge | Beth DeGeorge | Terry Beyer |
| Entree | Tuna Melt | Hamburgers | Tri Tip |

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Hello - Goodbye Party

By John G. Halgren

Who: Springfield Rotary Members

What: Annual Hello/Merlyn, Goodbye/Rae Party at the Springfield Elks Lodge

Why: To celebrate the 2023-2024 Springfield Rotary Year for all of us and looking forward to next year

When: Sunday, June 9th, 4:00-6:00 pm, (short program at 5:00 pm)

Where: Springfield Elks Lodge

\$17.00 per person, payable at the regular club meetings via VISA or cash. The \$17.00 per person includes finger foods, sandwiches, meatballs, fruit, chips, cake and two tickets for beer or wine during the event.

Fellowship Fridays

By Rae Anne LaMarche

Are you ready for some friendly faces by the end of each week? Bring a friend/partner/spouse and join President Rae and other Rotarians for fellowship and good laughs on each of the following Fridays at 4:30pm until about 6pm. The selected venues have supported our club through donations and meeting sites. All offer beverages and food options for any taste. Time for us to give back.

June 21 at Centennial Steakhouse, 1300 Mohawk Blvd

Remember, no bells, no agenda, no flag salute, just fun.

Recurring Meeting Schedules

| Committee | Meeting | Time | Location | Contact |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Board Meeting | Third Tuesday | 7:30 am | Prime Time Sports Bar 1360 Mohawk Blvd | Liz Degner |
| Service Project | Second Tuesday | 12:30 pm Lunch 1:00 Meeting | Roaring Rapid Pizza 4006 Franklin Blvd. | Steve Wheeler |
| Club Administration and Programs | Second Wednesday | 1:00 pm | IN PERSON after club | Luke McCallister |
| 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 | 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 |



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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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