

Rotary



Club of Eugene

July 30th Meeting: Oregon Festival of American Music!

This Tuesday's program will be our annual opportunity to welcome August with a sneak preview of what The John G. Shedd Institute and the Oregon Festival of American Music (OFAM) have in store for us.



The program will be introduced by the The Shedd's Jim Ralph. Jim will give us the lowdown on OFAM 2024 (OFAM's 33rd year!). Jim is a co-founder of The John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts along with Ginevra Ralph. Jim has served as The Shedd's Executive Director from 1995 to the present. He also serves as the company's chief program director and its marketing director.

Jim holds a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology and an M. A. in Medieval Church History and History of the United States, both from the University of Oregon. An educator by training (he taught high school history and economics for a number of years), Ralph has played a central role in shaping The Shedd Institute's unique, multi-layered, and markedly educational approach to performing arts programming. He is the editor of the program books associated with The Shedd's various performance series (including Oregon Festival of American Music, The Jazz Kings, and Shedd Theatricals) and its quarterly magazine,



Jim will then turn the program over to Chuck Redd. Chuck is a world-renowned performer on drums and vibes. He was the featured vibraphonist with the Mel Torme All-Star Jazz Quintet from 1991 until 1996 and served as Artist-In-Residence at The Smithsonian Jazz Café in Washington, DC from 2004-2008. Chuck and guest directors Siri Vik, Lynnea Bary and Vicki Brabham lead OFAM 2024's 10-day exploration of the work of a choice selection of the top lyricists of the Classic Songbook. The OFAM theme this year is "Words & Music By the Poets of Tin Pan Alley", which is a celebration of the great lyricists. With this theme, OFAM will have A LOT of historic popular songs this year. The lyricists we're focusing on for OFAM include: E. Y. Yip Harburg, Andy Razaf & Dorothy Fields, Frank Loesser & Sammy Cahn,

Lorenz Hart, Johnny Mercer, Buddy DeSylva & Arthur Freed and all the lyricists of the Fred Astaire & Ginger Rogers RKO musicals. **Chuck, his guest directors and several featured vocalists will treat us to an assortment of songs - you don't want to miss this program!**

It will be cool, man!

July 30 - We are at the Graduate!

For the July 30th meeting we are at the Graduate. Please come a bit early if you can. We are planning on starting Club Business by 12:10 so we can give the OFAM program and performers as much time as possible.

As a reminder for the planners among us, we are scheduled to be at the Graduate for the rest of this calendar year EXCEPT for the following dates: October 1, October 15 and November 19. We will be dark on December 24th and December 31.

Club Meeting

Eugene
Meets at Graduate Eugene (541) 342-2000
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM

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Starting a New Year of Rotary Service



The Community Service Committee is busy this summer planning the calendar of Club service options for the next program year. Weâ€™d love to hear from you as part of that process. We know how much our club values giving back to the community, and we work to provide a variety of ways to help: indoor and outdoor: weekdays: weekends: physical and cerebral; all while ensuring that the activities are focused on our Club's goals and priorities.

Last year our work included support for Building a Better Future (helping both education and homelessness priorities), Buford Park, Boys and Girls Club, Bags of Love, Skinner Butte Park, Food for Lane County and others.



Our service work helps define who we are as Rotarians and as a Club. If there are some organizations or activities youâ€™d like to suggest for our service work this year, or if youâ€™d like to join our committee, please let us know by reaching out to committee co-chairs Karen Gaffney or Jesse Quinn.



Ed. Note: The next Community Service Committee meeting will convene at The Bierstein! 4:00 pm Wednesday August 28th. Join us. We welcome your input.

Karen Gaffney

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It's your Club: Newsletter



Do you wish the Club's newsletter had more stories? Have you ever thought it would be fun to write a story and get it published? Does it bother you to find typographical errors? Are you a secret member of the Grammar Gestapo? Is that what's bothering you bunky?

We welcome all the above! If you participated in a Club volunteer project and want to write about the experience, go for it! If you have a Rotary story to relate (anyone recall Rotary Connections stories from last year?...anyone?...Bueller?). If you have a good story to tell, do it! If you just want to correct an error in the newsletter, report it!

If you want to polish your blogging skills, volunteer to do a weekly or monthly column for the newsletter! If you'd like to help get the newsletter out, volunteer to be an editor.

If you want to ANY of the above or have a different idea to contribute to improving the Club newsletter, contact Jerry at [I want to do it!](#). You will get one-on-one training on Dacdb tools we use to write stories for publication and newsletter creation/editing. The tools are called EZ Stories and EZ Bulletins for a reason! If you need Dacdb training, you will get that too. If you'd like to find out more before diving in, give Jerry a call (541 521-3966) or pull him aside at any meeting. Thank you!

Upcoming Meeting Programs

The Eugene Rotary Club is known locally for our outstanding speakers and programs. Hereâ€™s what members can look forward to during the next month:

July 30 - Oregon Festival of American Music (OFAM) - Jim Ralph/Chuck Redd, Introduction - Nathan Phillips

August 6 - 4J School District Superintendent Colt Gill with 4J Board President Jenny Jonak, Introduction - Jennifer Geller

August 13 - Lane County Waste Management - Angie Marzano, Introduction - Nathan Phillips

August 20 - Pacific Source - Ken Provencher, Introduction - Noreen Dunnells

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Weds. Aug. 28 at 4:00 pm at The Bierstein (4th Wednesdays).

Environmental Committee: Thurs. Aug. 1 at Noon, via ZOOM (1st Thursdays). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, August 7th at 8am, at Brail's on Willamette (1st Wednesdays).

International Service Committee: Tuesday, August 20th at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesdays) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Doug James
July 30th

Harry B. Storr
August 1st

Maxine Proskurowski
August 2nd

Ward Beck Jr.
August 5th

Erik Peter Gribskov
August 8th

Nissa Newton
August 14th

Phil Barnhart
August 18th

Jane Eyre McDonald
August 20th

Gerald Whitman Harris
August 20th

James W. Savage
August 22nd

Ronald Terry Gietter
August 22nd

Years of Service

Gregg A. Fuller
07-29-1997
27 Years

Gerald Whitman Harris
08-15-2006
18 Years

Victoria Whitman Harris
08-10-2007
17 Years

Tom Gilmour
08-28-2012
12 Years

Brent Allyn Johnson
08-06-2013
11 Years

Karen Gaffney
08-25-2020
4 Years

Stacey Ray
08-25-2020
4 Years

Kristina Gribskov
08-15-2023
1 Year

Sonya Carlson
08-15-2023
1 Year

George Rogers
08-16-2023
1 Year

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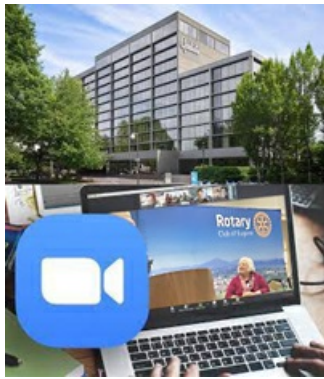


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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

Join us to make an impact in our community and around the world! To find out more about membership and fill out an application please visit:
[Rotary Club of Eugene Membership](#)

Regular in-person meeting at The Graduate this week or on Zoom - link below



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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGQTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>

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