

Rotary



Club of Eugene

August 6th Meeting: Eugene 4J School District

The Rotary Club of Eugene's program for August 6th will feature School District 4J Interim Superintendent Colt Gill and 4J Board Chair Jenny Jonak. Superintendent Gill and Chairperson Jonak will tag team to provide updates on the; health of the district; the vision and goals of the Board; and upcoming challenges. Time will be reserved for questions from the audience.



Colt Gill was born and has lived in Lane County his entire life and has deep ties to our community. He has been an Oregon educator for over 34 years; serving as a teacher, principal, district technology director, curriculum & instruction director, assistant superintendent, and superintendent all in Lane County.

Colt joined the 4J School District as the Interim Superintendent in April 2024 and will continue to serve through this school year as the School Board completes a search for a permanent Superintendent. In 2016, Governor Brown appointed Colt to serve as Oregon's first Education Innovation Officer. In this position he focused on improving graduation outcomes by working with local communities, school districts, researchers, students, and other stakeholders to identify effective practices across the Preschool to higher education continuum and make recommendations to the Governor, state agencies, and the Legislature regarding policies, budget priorities and supports needed to increase the number of students who graduate prepared for their next steps in the work place or college. Colt then went on to serve as the Director

of the Oregon Department of Education and Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Governors Brown and Kotek.

Colt has served a number of statewide local efforts to improve education and health outcomes for children, including: The Quality Education Commission, the Oregon State Board of Education, the Board of the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators, the Government-to-Government Education Cluster, the United Way of Lane County, the Lane County Coordinated Care Organization; the Lane Coalition for Healthy Active Youth Board; and the Oregon Social Learning Center Board.



Jenny Jonak is an attorney who has practiced law for 27 years. She founded her own law firm, Jonak Law Group, P.C., that specializes in complex commercial litigation. Jenny also holds a real estate broker's license. Jenny has served in a number of community and non-profit positions, including Chair of the Eugene 4J School Board, Council of Korean Americans, Lane County Charter Review Committee, Chair of the Lane County Law Library Committee, Steering Committee for the Lane County Campaign for Equal Justice, Lane County Bar Association Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee, President of Round Table Club, President of Friends of Eugene Public Library, Board of Directors of Square One Villages, Board of Directors of Oregon Bach Festival, and others. Jenny is the proud parent of four children, three of whom are students in the Eugene 4J schools. In her spare time, she enjoys growing specialty cut flowers and heirloom vegetables, attending old-time fiddle jams, photographing nature, and reading medieval Icelandic sagas.

August 6th - We are at the Graduate!

For the August 6th meeting we are at The Graduate, 66 E. 6th Avenue.

Club Meeting

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

Events

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Ever get frustrated by a website that is clunky, out of date and just doesn't have the information you want easily available? Find your self ranting about the things that are wrong and say "anybody could do better than this?" Does your name just happen to be Anybody? Have we got a deal for you!

If you take a look at our website here: [Take a look!](#), you may notice that some changes are happening. Yes, they may be subtle; yes, it is a work in progress; but, it is happening! We are trying to get more information that is of use into the site and get rid of older, outdated info and stories.

If you want to contribute to the improvement of the Club's website, we welcome your efforts. If you want more up-to-date content, write some! If you have an idea for a new page, tell us, if you see an error, call us out on it. If you want to try your hand at website design, call us. If you want to try being the website editor or be a backup /part-time editor, give me a buzz.

Our website is created in Wordpress. If you want to learn how to use Wordpress, we can make that happen!

Make the leap and contact Jerry at [I want to do it!](#) . 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. Here's what members can look forward to during the next month:

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

August 27 - Lion and Owl Restaurant - Kirsten Hansen, Introduction - Chris Stephenson

Next Committee Meetings

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

Environmental Committee: Thurs. Sept. 5 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](#)



Tom Gilmour
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Birthdays

Ward Beck Jr.
August 5th
Erik Peter Gribskov
August 8th
Nissa Newton
August 14th
Phil Barnhart
August 18th
Gerald Whitman Harris
August 20th
Jane Eyre McDonald
August 20th
Ronald Terry Gietter
August 22nd
James W. Savage
August 22nd
Raquel E. Hecht
September 2nd

Years of Service

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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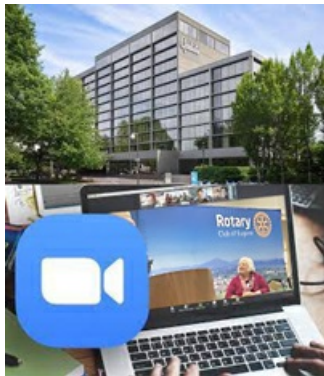


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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

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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