

Rotary



Club of Eugene

February 4th meeting - Rick Metzger, PAC/WEST Lobby Group



Rick will be speaking about Oregon Transportation issues. Rick cares about civic engagement and ensuring all voices are heard. He believes collaborative policy making is the only path to lasting success. Rick also believes in rural communities and the importance of sustaining them. He cares about kids having the real-world tools and resources they need to succeed when they graduate.

Joining the Pac/West Lobby Group team in 2021, Rick previously served as Chairman of the [National Credit Union Administration](#) in Washington, D.C., in both the Obama and Trump Administrations. Before his appointment by President Obama in 2013, Rick was an Oregon State Senator from 1999 to 2011, serving as the Senate Pro Tempore and chair of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee. He received several awards recognizing his leadership. Before joining the Senate, Rick built his career as a respected, award-winning print and broadcast journalist and founded his own public relations company. For those of you who are interested, you can find a listing of Pac/West Lobby Group's clients at [PW Clients](#)

February 4th - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday February 4th meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E 6th Ave., Eugene, OR.**

Save the Date!

**you are cordially invited
to attend a murder
mystery party...**



Hosted by the Rotary Club of Eugene
Thursday February 13th , doors open at 5:30
pm The Graduate Hotel and Conference
Center
\$100 per person, table reservations available
Dinner included, open bar
Use the QR code below to register
Contact Liz Ness with questions -
beans1259@aol.com

Club Meeting

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

Events

February 4th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 5th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Program Committee Meeting](#)

February 6th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Environmental Committee
Meeting](#)

February 11th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 13th
[Rotary Club of Eugene
Fundraiser!](#)

February 18th
[International Service
Committee Meeting \(via
Zoom\)](#)

February 18th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 18th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board
Meeting](#)

February 19th
[Food for Lane County
Monthly Volunteer
Opportunity](#)

February 25th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

February 26th
[Rotary Club of Eugene's
Community Service
Committee Meeting](#)

Club Leaders



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Secretary



Food for Lane County Call for Volunteers



We had another(!) great turnout at Food for Lane County on Jan 15. We were anchored once again by the Binstadt family: Thank you Chris and Carolina Binstadt, son Charlie, daughter Maria and their exchange student Lark! Thanks are also in order to members Andy Vobora, Jane and Scott Impehoven, Josh Dickenson (not pictured) and Jerry and Victoria Whitman Harris.

A great time was had by all! - so much so that after FLCC we had a mini-social at Forresters.

Don't miss out on the fun! Our FFLC volunteer night is **always** on the third Wednesday of the month - so put it on your calendar as a recurring event and make it part of your monthly routine! Let's do our part to

spread the bounty to our fellow citizens who don't have enough to eat at times. Help us by **joining in at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 at Food for Lane County**. Friends, family, children 10+years old and older (supervised by an adult), are all welcome!

Please contact **Victoria Whitman** at vwhitman@hearthstonere.com or 541-954-7171 or **Chris Binstadt** at 415-519-7036 or binstadt@gmail.com if you would like to participate, so we can let FFLC know how many volunteers they can count on. We have committed to at least six volunteers a month. The more people who come, the more fun it is!

Food for Lane County, 770 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR 97402
Wednesday, February 19th from 6-8:30 pm

Community Service Committee - Little Food Pantries Project Call for Volunteers

By Lynne Grilley



Burrito Brigade Little Food Pantries: Hi everyone! I'm writing about Burrito Brigade's Free Little Pantry project approved by our Community

Service Committee. We had a short in-meeting presentation about the project at our meeting on the 14th. I want to thank you in advance for your help in ensuring folks in our community have access to food and hygiene products through these next few weeks.

We need Rotarians who want to help distribute food to the Little Pantries! You can easily register to volunteer at SignUp (<https://signup.com/go/ymJbbpZ>). There are four dates in February (two on Wednesdays and two on Saturdays). We need 2-3 people for about one hour for each date. We'll meet at Burrito Brigade, pick up food and distribute it to the Free Little Pantries in our community. I hope you will join me!

If you can't volunteer your time, please consider donating food or other needed items like: Non-perishable, ready-to-eat or heat, unopened food are best (instant oatmeal, soups, granola bars and other items that need little or no cooking), but other unopened staples (sauces, pasta, peanut butter) are also OK. Unopened hygiene products like shampoo, toothbrushes and so forth are also



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appreciated.

The project will go through January and into the beginning of February. If you want to participate by donating food, etc.:

You can donate the items listed above in several ways:

- contact me (belynnner@gmail.com) or Burrito Brigade (info@burritobrigade.org) and we'll come pick up donations from your homes
- take contributions to Burrito Brigade directly (get directions from belynnner@gmail.com)

Thank you for your participation in our community service projects--it feels good to do good!

Karen & Jesse, Community Service Co-chairs

Environmental Committee - Call for Volunteers

The Rotary Club of Eugene Environmental Committee recently donated \$2,500 to BRING Recycling to support their ToolBox Tactics classes. These classes are offered monthly on topics such as Furniture Upcycling 101, Basics of Wiring, Basics of Tiling, and Build Your Own Toolbox. Classes are intended to encourage repairing and re-using materials in and around your home, thereby preventing items from being discarded and ending up in landfills. You can find more information at:

<https://bringrecycling.org/toolboxtactics>

As you all know, our Club strives to include a community service component in all our projects along with donating money to good causes. This project is no exception so we are asking our club members to help out with this upcoming ToolBox Tactics class:

February 8: Solar Animal Lights

The estimated time commitment is from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm on the day of the class. They need two or three volunteers to help set up the class (which begin at 11:00 am), assist during the class and help clean up after the class (class end at 2:00 pm). If you are excited about helping out, please contact the BRING Recycling volunteer coordinator, Debra West by phone (541-359-6803) or email: debw@bringrecycling.org. You can also sign up at <https://bringrecycling.org/volunteer/> (indicate Workshop Enthusiast).

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:

February 4 - Oregon Transportation Issues - Rick Metzger. Introduction - Nathan Philips

February 11 - ODHS/Resource Family Retention - Brandyn Rice. Introduction - Pete Gribskov

February 18 - Looking Glass - Chad Westfall. Introduction - Craig Opperman

February 25 - NAACP - Demond Hawkins. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells

Next Committee Meetings

Community Service: Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (fourth Wednesday).

Environmental Committee: Thursday, Feb. 6 at Noon, via ZOOM (first Thursday). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

Program Committee: Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8am at 947 Oakway Road, Suite 280, Eugene. (first Wednesday).

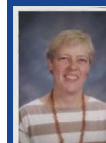
International Service Committee: Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 10:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4:00 pm (third Tuesday). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

Rotary Club of Eugene Mentorship Program



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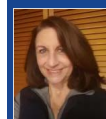
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Birthdays

Michael Grudzien
February 2nd

David A. Frosaker
February 7th

Mark Hewitt
February 7th

Noreen Dunnells



Many of you recall, and a goodly number of you participated in, our Club's UO Rotaract Mentorship Program prior to Covid. Due to the pandemic, the mentorship program was placed on extended hiatus. Now, at the request of the current cohort of Rotaract members at the UO (photo at left), we are bringing this great program back! We are looking to you to help restart the program by volunteering to be a one-on-one mentor to a Rotaractor currently attending the UO.

The basics of the program are simple: our Club recruits willing mentors from our members. We match up our available mentors with a student who has career aspirations within the scope of the mentor's expertise. We then ask mentor and mentee to schedule a meeting for introductions and a

chat about how the two of you want to interact. Most of our previous mentors ended up agreeing to meet for an hour or so at or near the U over coffee or lunch to just talk about how school and life is progressing, what difficulties the student may be working through, and/or whatever else comes to mind. The goal is to offer stability, advice when asked, act as a sounding board, and generally be there for the student if needed. Meetings generally happened once or twice a month but are totally up to you and your student.

If you are interested in supporting this program and through it some great young students, simply contact Tom at tgilmour@comcast.net to let him know you wish to be considered as a mentor. Tom also needs to know what profession(s) you have expertise in. You will not regret it!

News you can use (and other snippets of useless information)

February 1st is National Freedom Day. This day celebrates freedom from slavery. It also recognizes that America is a symbol of liberty. The day honors the signing by Abraham Lincoln of a joint House and Senate resolution that later became the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. President Lincoln signed the Amendment outlawing slavery on February 1, 1865. It was not ratified by the states, however, until later on December 18, 1865. Not coincidentally, February is Black History Month.

February 2nd is Groundhog Day. The special day when a cute little groundhog predicts the weather. Did you know that Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow 90% of the time? ..or was it "he sees Bill Murray 90% of the time"?

February 13th is Murder Mystery Day for the **Rotary Club of Eugene**. Join in the fun as you solve the mystery:

'Til Death Do We Part

February 13th is also Galentines Day. This is the day set aside for women to celebrate women.

February 14th is National Donor Day (also known as National Organ Donor Day). This day aims to increase awareness about organ donation and the lives it saves. In the United States, more than 120,000 people are waiting for a life-saving organ donation. The observance focuses on five different types of donations: Organs – Tissues – Marrow – Platelets – Blood. Many nonprofit health organizations sponsor blood and marrow drives and organ/tissue sign-ups across the nation. Approximately every two seconds, there is someone in the U.S. who needs blood, which translates to the need for over 41,000 daily donations. Are you an organ or blood donor! If not, please consider signing up to be an organ donor and/or volunteering to donate blood or platelets if your beliefs allow it. This day is also Valentine's Day - give the gift of life!

February 17th is Presidents Day. On the third Monday in February, the United States celebrates the federal holiday known as Presidents Day. The day takes place during the birth month of the country's two most prominent presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. While the day once only honored President George Washington on his birthday, February 22nd, the day now never lands on a single president's birthday. Across the country, most Americans know the day as Presidents Day. More and more of the population celebrates the day to honor all past United States Presidents who have served the country.

Do you know what is recommended you do **if you are alone and have a heart attack**? If not, read on....

[Read More](#)

February 14th

Dan Montgomery

February 17th

Kerrie L. Johnson

February 20th

Karen Elizabeth Scheeland

February 24th

Years of Service

R. Scott Palmer

02-01-1983

42 Years

Dan Montgomery

02-01-1983

42 Years

Phil Barnhart

02-22-1983

42 Years

Erik Peter Gribskov

02-21-1984

41 Years

Karen Elizabeth Scheeland

02-14-1989

36 Years

Gregory L. Stewart

02-27-1996

29 Years

Ravitej Singh Khalsa

02-26-2001

24 Years

Monica Wilton

02-25-2010

15 Years

Andy Vobora

02-19-2013

12 Years

Rotary Club of Eugene



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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](#)

Club meetings can be attended on Zoom - link below



Meetings will be on Zoom assuming internet availability
Automatic link: Click to link. If using the link, no password is required.

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pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09)

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