

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## February 25th - NAACP President Demond Hawkins



This week we are glad to host current Eugene-Springfield NAACP President Demond Hawkins. Demond is excited to join us and speak to our Club about all the exciting happenings going on locally and nationally at the NAACP. There will be time for Demond to answer questions so get ready!

### *About Demond:*

Demond is a seasoned leader in health equity and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and driven by a passion for social justice and community empowerment. Currently serving as a Senior Health Equity Specialist at Trillium Community Health Plan/Centene, Demond leads the development and implementation of comprehensive health equity strategies that align with national standards and address disparities within healthcare. His expertise in analyzing data to identify and reduce health inequities, coupled with his ability to engage diverse community stakeholders, underscores his

commitment to fostering inclusive healthcare initiatives.

Recognized as a fellow in the prestigious St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative, Demond has a proven history of cultivating leadership talent, achieving a remarkable promotion rate of over 50% for his direct reports. His role as co-chair of the Health Equity and DEI Committee, paired with his position as a former Eugene Human Rights Commissioner and current President of the Eugene-Springfield NAACP, reflects his dedication to advocating for equality and amplifying the voices of marginalized communities. Demond's career spans various leadership roles, where he has excelled in driving operational efficiencies and enhancing performance across healthcare settings. From managing pharmacy operations at Safeway Inc. to overseeing complex projects in the implementation of electronic health records at Mocodile Medical LLC, he has consistently prioritized team development and cross-functional collaboration to achieve sustainable outcomes. With a strong foundation in human services and a commitment to lifelong learning, Demond Hawkins is an influential voice in the healthcare sector, dedicated to advancing health equity and creating inclusive environments where all individuals can thrive.

## February 25th - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday February 25th meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E 6th Ave., Eugene, OR.**

## Community Service Committee - Refugee Resettlement Project Success

By Jennifer Geller

The Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County periodically welcomes new refugee families to our community. To help ease the transition to a totally new country when they have often left their country with little but the clothes on their backs, the Coalition provides families with kits that help them set up their new homes.

Our club is supporting the Coalition's latest refugees to get settled by providing items for bedroom and kitchen kits. The project was developed by member Jennifer Geller and made possible with a \$500 grant from your Club's Community Service Committee. This all occurred on February 22nd when Jennifer, Karen Gaffney and Victoria Whitman Harris went on a 'shopping spree for good'. The whites, kitchen tools and household goods were delivered to the Coalition afterwards and will be delivered soon.

This is another great example of your Rotary Club in action serving our community. This project was made possible by YOU, using Club funds that come from your Club dues and your contributions to the Club's fundraising efforts. The funds for this project were granted by the Community Service Committee on behalf of the Club.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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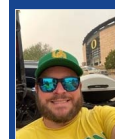
March 18th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)

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

## Club Leaders

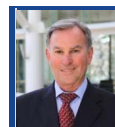


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Chair



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Youth Services  
Chair

## Food for Lane County Call for Volunteers



This past Wednesday at Food for Lane County was awesome! Not only did we have a great crew of Rotarians (thank you Jeffery Garman, Sonya Carlson, Sonya's son Gage (not pictured), Scott Impehoven, Victoria Whitman Harris and Jerry Whitman Harris - see photo above), we also had a whole crew of six from the Churchill Interact Club (also see photo above)! This meeting of Interact and Rotary was totally unplanned - ergo, a welcome surprise.

A good time was had by all! and we had a great time speaking with the Interactors and finding out what their Club is up to. Some of you may not be aware that our Club has sponsored the Churchill Interact Club for well over a decade. As were many things, the Churchill Interact Club was hunkered down during the worst of Covid and had several difficulties to overcome in getting the Club restarted. This school year is the first since the Covid shutdown to have the Interact Club active again.

If you missed out this time and now have developed a case of FOMO (fear of missing out), our FFLC volunteer night is **always** on the third Wednesday of the month - so put it on your calendar as a recurring event and let's see you join us next month! We will do our part to spread the bounty to our fellow citizens who don't have enough to eat and have a great experience too. Help us by **joining in at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 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](mailto:vwhitman@hearthstonere.com) or 541-954-7171 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, March 19th from 6-8:30 pm**

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

March 4 - Better Health! - Bob Pearson. Introduction - Andy Vobora

March 11 - Common Man for Ukraine - Susan Mathieson. Introduction - John Wolf

March 18 - Lookout Eugene - Ken Doctor. Introduction - Noreen Dunnells

## Next Committee Meetings

**Community Service:** Wednesday, March. 26 at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (fourth Wednesday). *Ed. Note: February Meeting canceled.*

**Environmental Committee:** Monday, March 3 at Noon, via ZOOM (first Monday). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

**Program Committee:** Wednesday, March 5 at 8:00 am at 497 Oakway Road, Suite 280, Eugene. (first Wednesday).

**International Service Committee:** Tuesday, March 18 at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)












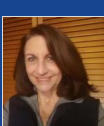
**Club Board Meeting:** Tuesday, March 18 at 4:00 pm (third Tuesday). If you wish to attend, contact President Nathan to reserve a seat.

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

**February 27th is Anosmia Awareness Day.** This day is intended to bring attention to a condition causing a loss of smell. Of all our senses, smell perhaps is taken for granted more than any other. There are many causes of short term Anosmia., for example; upper respiratory or sinus/nasal infections or diseases like colds, allergies or Covid. However, other conditions cause permanent or long-term loss of the sense of smell. When anosmia symptoms are prolonged or lifelong, many anosmics do not get to enjoy the flavor of foods, the scent of an infant or use their sense of smell as an early warning system for danger.

**February 28th is the first day of Ramadan in 2025.** Ramadan occurs on the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is during this month that Muslims believe the first verses of the Quran - Islam's holy book - were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. During Ramadan, Muslims are required to fast during each day. The daily fast is ended at sunset each night during Ramadan with a festive meal called an iftar. Muslims are also called to give to charity, to show kindness and patience, and to strengthen their relationship with God during Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr also known as, the 'festival of breaking the fast' is a joyous occasion that marks the end of Ramadan,

**March 2 is National Read Across America Day and the birthday of Dr. Seuss.** The annual event is part

	<a href="#">Maxine Proskurowski</a> Interact Rotary Adviser Youth Exchange
	<a href="#">Raquel E. Hecht</a> Youth Exchange
	<a href="#">Tom Gilmour</a> Rotaract Rotary Advisor
	<a href="#">Noreen Dunnells</a> Club Director Club Programs Co-Chair
	<a href="#">Chris Stephenson</a> Club Programs Co-Chair
	<a href="#">Robert Scott Impeccoven</a> Vocational Lunch Group Service Chair
	<a href="#">Richard A Barnhart</a> Club Director
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	<a href="#">Richard K Olson</a> CCO-Club Communications Offcr
	<a href="#">Gerald Whitman Harris</a> Bulletin Editor Webmaster iPast President
	<a href="#">Monica Wilton</a> Rotary Connect Chair

## Birthdays

Karen Elizabeth Scheeland  
February 24th

Nathan Philips  
March 6th

Craig A. Smith  
March 9th

John Sather  
March 15th

Heinz J. Selig  
March 23rd

of Read Across America, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association. Since the event is designed to encourage reading in children and is fostered through schools, when March 2nd lands on a weekend, the day is observed on the closest school day.

**March 4 is Fat Tuesday.** This is the last day of Carnival and the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the start of the Christian religious observation of Lent. Fat Tuesday is the intertwining of a period of festivals and feasts that lead to a time of fasting and reflection. Also known as Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras, this enduring celebration has many traditions and deep roots around the world.

Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) dates back to an ancient Roman festival honoring the deities *Lupercalia* and *Saturnalia* which took place in mid-February. When Christians arrived in Rome, they incorporated the festival into Lenten preparations.

Do you know what is recommended you do **if you are alone and have a heart attack**? If not, read on....  
[Read More](#)

## Rotary Club of Eugene



Rotary is an organization of 1.4 million business and professional leaders united worldwide in 30,000 Clubs to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

**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  
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## Years of Service

Phil Barnhart  
02-22-1983  
42 Years  
Gregory C. Richterich  
03-20-1990  
35 Years  
Gregory L. Stewart  
02-27-1996  
29 Years  
James W. Savage  
03-11-1997  
28 Years  
Ravitej Singh Khalsa  
02-26-2001  
24 Years  
Monica Wilton  
02-25-2010  
15 Years  
Nissa Newton  
03-15-2023  
2 Years