

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## March 11 Meeting - Common Man for Ukraine: Now More Than Ever with Susan Mathison



For three years, American nonprofit Common Man for Ukraine, a project of the Plymouth (NH) Rotary Foundation, has partnered with Polish and Ukrainian Rotarians to supply humanitarian aid and trauma counseling programs to Ukrainian children of war – delivering more than 4 million pounds of food, sleeping bags, and generators directly into the hands of those who need help most. Inspired by Rotary's "Service above Self", the organization's co-founders have joined monthly relief convoys to Ukrainian villages throughout Ukraine and on the front lines 12 times and counting. Common Man for Ukraine turns its work into first hand witnesses of both the war's devastating impact and the power of Rotary and of every individual to make a difference to the children of war. The group plans to return to Ukraine for a 13th humanitarian trip in March.

### *About Susan:*

Susan Mathison is currently based in Plymouth, New Hampshire. She is one of four co-founders of the nonprofit Common Man

for Ukraine – a special initiative of the Plymouth Rotary Foundation. Formerly with the USDA Forest Service, Mathison, a mother herself, feels the call to serve and support traumatized Ukrainian children of war now more than ever. Susan lived 20 years on the southern Oregon coast and in 1988 was a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Nigeria. To learn more about Common Man for Ukraine and their mission:

Go to their website at <https://commonmanforukraine.org/>

To watch a short (one minute) video of their efforts in Ukraine go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYGzRGJtmY0>

## March 11th - At The Graduate!

The Tuesday March 11th meeting will be at **The Graduate - 66 E 6th Ave., Eugene, OR.**

## Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Grant Cycle Deadline Approaching

Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is still accepting proposals for the current funding cycle. As a reminder, if you wish to submit a grant proposal to the ERCF you must have it approved by the Club committee that most closely aligns with the goal of your proposal. Questions? Contact a Fund board member.

## Club Social - At The Hult: The Simon and Garfunkel Story

By Gregg Fuller

## Club Meeting

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

## Events

- March 11th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- March 18th  
[International Service Committee Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)
- March 18th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- March 18th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)
- March 19th  
[Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity](#)
- March 25th  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- March 26th  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting](#)
- April 1st  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)
- April 2nd  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Program Committee Meeting](#)
- April 3rd  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee Meeting](#)

## Club Leaders



[Nathan Philips](#)  
President

[Philip Holt Barnhart](#)  
President-Elect



We were small but mighty! There were two more in our party that arrived later. The fabulous Simon and Garfunkle story! This was so amazing at the Hult, many ovations, fabulous singing and story! I rated it 9 3/4 out of 10 (there has to be some itty bitty room for improvement, right?) A fun night by all!



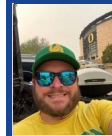
## Community Service Committee - Refugee Resettlement Project Success

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 \$1000 from your Club's Community Service Committee and Club volunteers. 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 afterward and will be delivered to newly arrived refugee families 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. This project was chosen for funding by the Community Service Committee on behalf of the Club.



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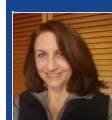
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## Community Service Committee - Skinner Butte Work Party First Call for Volunteers

By Lynne Grilley



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Eugene Rotary's Annual Skinner Butte Cleanup: April 19, 2025  
9am-noon, Rain or Shine!**



Dress appropriately for working in the weather forecasted.  
Bring your own water and gloves!

Pizza and drinks will be provided around noon.

This is one of our club's long-standing commitments and volunteer opportunities. There will be a job for everyone! Family and guests are welcome to join in.

Please commit to joining the effort on April 19th by signing up using the link below:



[Annual Skinner Butte Clean-up  
signup.com](https://www.signup.com)

## Birthdays

Craig A. Smith  
March 9th

John Sather  
March 15th

Heinz J. Selig  
March 23rd

John Wolf  
March 26th

Candice Barr  
March 31st

Tom Gilmour  
March 31st

Meagan M Thibodeaux  
April 2nd

Jeff Robinson  
April 2nd

Bev Smith  
April 4th

## Years of Service

Gregory C. Richterich  
03-20-1990  
35 Years

Jeffrey John Ogburn  
04-02-1991  
34 Years

James W. Savage  
03-11-1997  
28 Years

James Ralph  
04-04-2000  
25 Years

Ken Brown  
03-27-2018  
7 Years

Nissa Newton  
03-15-2023  
2 Years

## 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 Impeccoven, 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 great 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**

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## Mobility International Celebrates Women in Leadership and Disability

By Jesse Quinn



### **Mobility International USA (MIUSA) announces their Celebration & Fundraiser to Support the Women in Leadership and Disability (WILD) Conference!**

**MIUSA** is a Eugene-based, disability-led nonprofit advancing disability rights and leadership worldwide. MIUSA was founded in part by a grant from our Club over 30 years ago. MIUSA's Celebration features keynote speaker and **former Oregon Governor Kate Brown** speaking on *"Women Leading the Way"*.

- **When:** Thursday, March 20th
- **Where:** Eugene, Oregon

If you wish to learn more about the Celebration, MIUSA, or the WILD Conference, or wish to help, contact Suz Dunn at [sdunn@miusa.org](mailto:sdunn@miusa.org) or **541-870-9029**. If you want to attend, visit [MIUSA's event page](#).

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## 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:

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

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

March 25- Ethnomusicology - Club member Julius Kyakuwa. Introduction - Nathan Philips

April 1 - Lane Community College! including a tour of their new Health and Wellness Building! - LCC Associate Vice President Grant Matthews. Introduction - John Wolf...**NO FOOLIN'!**

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## Next Committee Meetings

*Ed. Note: The March Environmental Committee is rescheduled for March 10 at Noon on Zoom. See below for link to Zoom meeting.*

**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 10 at Noon, via ZOOM (second Monday for March only). [Click here for Zoom link to Env. Committee Meetings](#)

**Program Committee:** Wednesday, April 2 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.

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

**March 13/14 Total Lunar Eclipse.** Clear skies willing, a total lunar eclipse will be visible in Eugene (and the entire United States). The eclipse starts at 8:57 pm on Thursday March 13 when the moon is in the east-southeast sky at 20degrees above the horizon, reaches the full eclipse maximum at 11:58 pm in the south-southeast at 45 deg, and ends at 3:00 am in the south-southwest at 40 degrees above the horizon on March 14.

**March 20 is the Vernal Equinox.** The Vernal equinox is the first day of [spring](#) in the [Northern Hemisphere](#) and the start of [fall](#) in the [Southern Hemisphere](#), by [astronomical definitions](#). Also National Ravioli Day - a day near and dear to your humble editor's heart (and stomach).

and...especially for Victoria:

**March 23 is National Puppy Day.** Observed each year on March 23rd, National Puppy Day celebrates the unconditional love and affection puppies bring to our lives. The day also brings awareness to the need for care of and homes for orphaned pups as well as to educate people about the horrors of puppy mills across the country. Puppies are a big responsibility. Be sure to consider everything involved and adopt from a shelter.

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

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## 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](#)

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**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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