

Rotary



Club of Eugene

March 25th Meeting - Ethnomusicology with our own Dr. Julius Kyakuwa

Harmonizing Lives Through Service: My Journey in Music Education



This week we are honored to have member and UO Professor Dr. Julius Kyakuwa share how his work as a music educator, researcher, and Rotarian reflects Rotary International's commitment to Service Above Self. From supporting HIV/AIDS orphans through music in Uganda to creating career pathways for unemployed youth through traditional music and dance, to leading arts-based education initiatives globally, he has used music to uplift individuals and strengthen communities.

Julius will highlight how his work aligns with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, particularly in education, peacebuilding, economic development, and health initiatives. He will explore how music serves as a powerful tool for connection, empowerment, and positive change, fostering understanding across cultures. His presentation shares how music education can bridge cultures, transform lives, and create lasting impacts in communities worldwide.

About Julius:

Julius Kyakuwa is a music educator and scholar with extensive experience in Uganda, South Africa and the United States. He earned his doctorate from Louisiana State University and holds a Bachelor of Music (Honors) and Master of Music, cum laude, in Music Education from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. His work focuses on expanding culturally inclusive teaching practices and creating meaningful musical experiences for diverse learners. He has led global workshops on arts integration, multicultural music education, and culturally responsive teaching and has taught at universities across the U.S., Africa, and Brazil. At The University of Kansas (KU), he introduced a graduate course on intercultural awareness education and received a faculty award for his innovative approach to teaching and mentorship.

Dr. Kyakuwa's research focuses on arts integration, music teacher preparation, and broadening access to quality music education. He has presented at major conferences, including the International Society for Music Education (ISME), the Pan African Society of Musical Arts Education, and the American Education Research Association (AERA), and has published in respected academic journals. A Rotarian, he embodies the motto "Service Above Self", using music as a bridge to connect communities, empower individuals, and inspire positive change worldwide.

March 25th - At The Graduate!

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

Common Man for Ukraine and Rotary Club of Eugene - a Connection that Works

As a follow-up to the great presentation by Common Man for Ukraine (CMU) co-founder Susan Mathison, Club member Jay Silverman was moved to act in support of CMU's efforts on behalf of the displaced children of Ukraine. Jay wanted to make a meaningful contribution to CMU so he chose to put up \$1,000 in matching dollars to fund CMU's work. Within a half-day, three additional Club members also put up \$1,000 in matching funds. By the time Jay announced his idea last week, he had already received two \$1,000 pledges (including one pledge from outside the Club) to match \$2,000 of the matching funds. As of this writing, we think we are close to, or have exceeded, the available \$4,000 in matching funds. Very soon our Club will be sending \$8,000 to Common Man for Ukraine! As Jay says, "If this project doesn't meet the very definition and objectives of a Rotary project, I don't know what does." But...it's not too late to contribute! If you'd like to pitch in, contact Jay at silverman.jay@gmail.com.

This is the power of Rotary



Rotary Club of Eugene

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 25th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Julius Kyakuwa
Subject: Ethnomusicology

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

April 1st
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Stephanie Bulger
Subject: LCC's New Health and Wellness Facility and LCC Tour

April 2nd
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Program Committee Meeting](#)

April 3rd
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Environmental Committee Meeting](#)

April 8th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Eric Anderson
Subject: Lane Education Service District

April 15th
[International Service Committee Meeting \(via Zoom\)](#)

April 15th
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: President Nathan Phillips
Subject: State of the Club meeting

April 15th
[Rotary Club of Eugene Board Meeting](#)

April 16th
[Food for Lane County Monthly Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Club Leaders

Nathan Phillips
President



Project Wrap - HIV Alliance Wound Care Kits

Monday, March 17, 2025

by ChatGPT

HIV Alliance Community Service Project & Donation

Earlier this month, nine dedicated volunteers from the **Rotary Club of Eugene** came together for a meaningful **Community Service Project** at **HIV Alliance**. Joined by **District Governor Nelson Maler**, our team worked to assemble **wound care kits**, providing essential medical supplies to support HIV Alliance's mission of **public health and community care**.

In addition to our hands-on service, the Rotary Club of Eugene is proud to contribute a **\$500 donation** to HIV Alliance, furthering our commitment to supporting vital healthcare initiatives in our community.

A huge **thank you** to our volunteers DG Maler, Josh Dickenson, Kristina Gribskov, Bart Poston, Liz Ness, Rick Barnhart, Justin Sandoval, Bob Nickel, Pete Gribskov and Jerry Whitman Harris. Thanks are also in order to the Community Service Committee members for approving and supporting the project with funding and Jesse Quinn for being our liaison with HIV Alliance to make it happen. Your time, energy, and generosity continue to make a real difference in the health and quality of life of many in our community.

HIV ALLIANCE WOUND CARE KIT PACKAGING



BIG DOG CAMEO!

DG Nelson Maler (far right) joined the crew

L to R: Past President Bart Poston, 3rd generation member Kristina Gribskov, new(ish) member Josh Dickenson



PACKING IT IN...

Officer Alert!

Current Club Director Dick Barnhart (left) and Past President Liz Ness



JUSTIN CASE....

..you are wondering..

Past President, Executive Secretary and walking Club encyclopedia Pete Gribskov (L) and International Service cochair Bob Nickel were scrambling to keep up with prospective member **Justin Sandoval**.



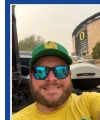
THE GANG'S ALL HERE

..because this is where we are needed..

Counter-clockwise from back right: DG Maler, Kristina Gribskov, Josh Dickenson, PP Bart Poston, PP Liz Ness, Director Dick Barnhart, Justin Sandoval, Bob Nickel, PP Pete Gribskov.



Philip Holt Barnhart
President - Elect



Ronald Terry Gietter
Secretary



Erik Peter Gribskov
Club Admin Chair
Club Executive Secretary



Todd Anderson
Treasurer



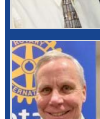
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Club Director
Membership Chair



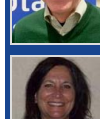
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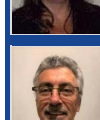
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Rotary Foundation Chair



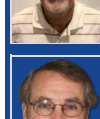
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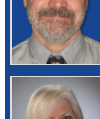
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International Service Co-Chair



Robert F. Nickel
International Service Co-Chair



Elizabeth A. Ness
Past President
Eugene Rotary Scholarship Foundation Chair



Gregory L. Stewart
Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Chair



Karen Gaffney
Community Service Co-Chair



Jesse Quinn
Club Director
Community Service Co-Chair



Bonnie J. Bailey
Club Director
Youth Services

Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund Grant Cycle Deadline Approaching

Eugene Rotary Charitable Fund (ERCF) is accepting proposals until April 30th 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. Proposal review will take place the week of May 4th. Questions? Contact a Fund board member (Greg Stewart, Monica Wilton, Pete Gribskov, Dennis Biggerstaff, Jennifer Geller or Dave Frosaker).



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Youth Exchange



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Rotaract Rotary
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Birthdays

- 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

TRF Minute - Water Hygiene and Sanitation (WASH) in Zimbabwe



March is here, and for Rotary, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month. This month we celebrate the transformative work of Rotary members and their partners to provide for the 2.2 billion people living around the world without access to safe drinking water.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) invests in WASH Global Grants which, thanks to the time and contributions of generous members such as yourself, have carried out more than 2,667 Global Grant projects using over \$190 million in Foundation funding since 2014. This funding helps Rotary members create projects, but also provides others a direct way to engage in water and sanitation activities through their thoughtful contributions and commitments to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Eugene has consistently been the leader in our District 5110 in member contributions to TRF. For the past five years those contributions have averaged \$31,670 per annum totaling \$158,360.

To learn more about Rotary WASH programs and projects, follow this link: [Rotary WASH](#)

link: [The Value of a Well](#)

As just one example of the work your dollars have funded in Zimbabwe, follow this

Most of all, THANK YOU! for enabling Rotary to create hope in the world. Please continue to give what you can.

Community Service Committee - Skinner Butte Work Party Call for Volunteers



SAVE THE DATE!

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



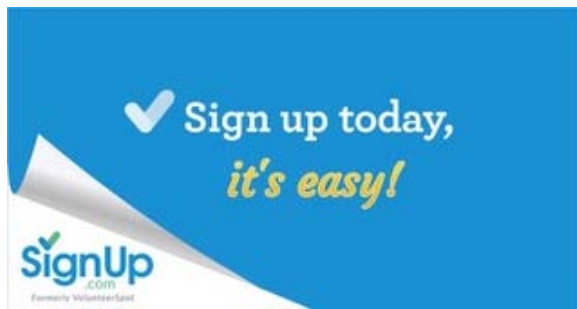
Dress appropriately for working in the weather forecasted.

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](http://AnnualSkinnerButteClean-up.signup.com)

Food for Lane County Call for Volunteers

Another volunteer night at Food for Lane County is in the books. We had a small but mighty crew of Rotarians (thank you Andy Vobora, Sonya Carlson, Sonya's son Gage, Scott Impehoven, Victoria Whitman Harris and Jerry Whitman Harris - see photo below), With nine additional volunteers from other organizations we whipped through all the available work in just one hour - which is...bad - because the need in Lane County is greater than ever and programs to fight food insecurity are shrinking. If you can, please help FFCL fill the gap by contributing food you have purchased or grown or by donating money, which is the most effective way to help because FFCL can leverage your dollars to purchase twice as much food as we can.



If you missed out this time and now have developed a case of FOMO (fear of missing out), our FFCL 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, April 16th, 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 if you would like to participate so we can let FFCL 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

Special Note - April 1st Meeting at Lane Community College

The April 1st Club meeting will be held at Lane Community College (LCC) in their new Health and Wellness Building. Directions for parking and locating the building are shown in the map below. Lunch is being catered by Mucho Gusto at a cost of \$15.00. Please bring cash or a check.

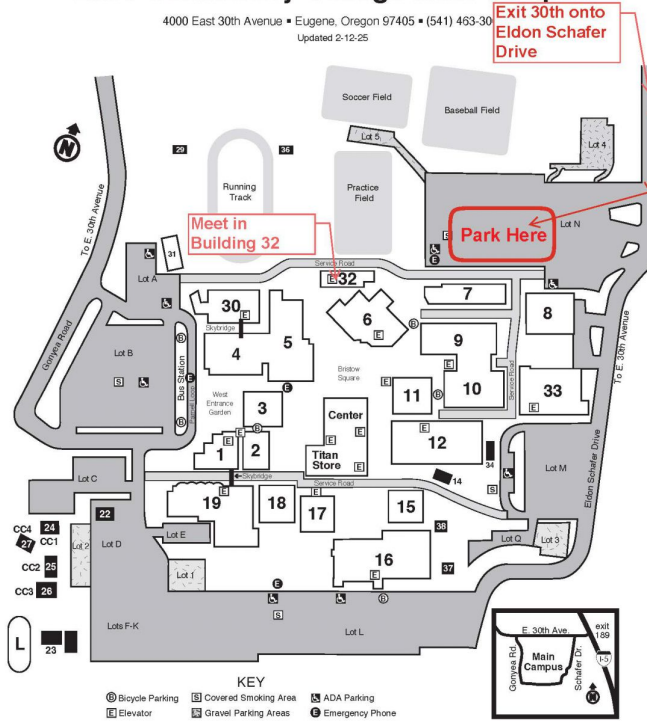
April 4th
John Barnum
April 10th
Julius Kyakuwa
April 14th
Emily Lafon
April 18th
Ken Brown
April 18th
Karen Gaffney
April 20th

Years of Service

Jeffrey John Ogburn
04-02-1991
34 Years
Noreen Dunnells
04-18-1995
30 Years
Jeff Robinson
04-18-1995
30 Years
Ed H. Barclay
04-18-1995
30 Years
James Ralph
04-04-2000
25 Years
Robert L. Hart
04-13-2004
21 Years
Lynne Grilley
04-08-2014
11 Years
Doug James
04-11-2017
8 Years
Ken Brown
03-27-2018
7 Years

Lane Community College Main Campus

4000 East 30th Avenue • Eugene, Oregon 97405 • (541) 463-3000
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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 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'!**

April 8 - Lane Education Service District - Assistant Superintendent Eric Anderson. Introduction - Phil Barnhart the Younger

April 15 - State of the Club - President Nathan Philips, Ron Gietter, Pete Gribskov. Introduction - Nathan Philips.

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, April 7 at Noon, via ZOOM (first Monday). [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, April 15 at 8:30 am, via ZOOM (third Tuesday) [Click here for Zoom link to Int. Service Committee Meetings](#)

Club Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 15 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)

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. This day is also known locally as Victoria's Day.

April 5th is National Deep Dish Pizza Day. This day gives pizza lovers a day to celebrate one of America's favorite varieties of pizza and bow down to the home of deep dish pizza - Chicago! Detroit-style, New York-style? Fogedaboutit! All fugazis! Windy City deep dish will blow your socks off....and we don't put no stinkin' cheddar cheese on our pizza.

April 7th is National Beer Day. This day recognizes the world's most widely consumed alcoholic beverage. Following water and tea, it is the third most popular drink overall. Beer possibly dates back to 9500 BC when cereal was first farmed. It is also recorded in the written history of ancient Iraq and ancient Egypt. In case you are wondering, with 9.8 breweries per 100,000 adults over 21, Oregon is #7 on the list of states with the most craft breweries per capita. Portland Oregon is #2 on the list of US cities with the most breweries (82; Denver has 90 in the #1 spot).

...andof course...

April 15th is National Tax Day. A national income tax was first collected in the United States in 1862 to fund the Civil War. It was deemed unconstitutional due to not being apportioned with conformity across the states. Once again, the United States enacted income tax with the 16th Amendment in 1913. At that time, the filing deadline was March 1. In 1918 the deadline was changed to March 15, and then in 1955, for the most recent change, the filing deadline was moved to April 15th. The day has come to be known as Tax Day. Following the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter: "Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes."

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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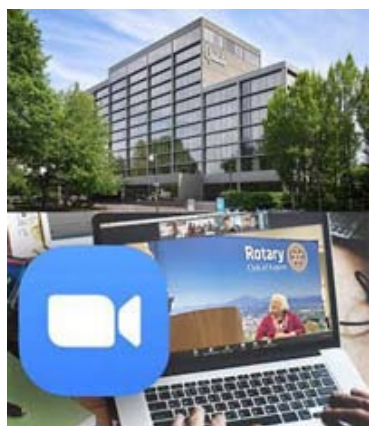


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The Rotary Club of Eugene has served the Eugene and Springfield Area for 100 years. We look forward to our second 100 years of Service.

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.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83908618864?pwd=Ly85Skc3NXhoVTZGOTZjeGpCWGI2dz09>
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Stay Connected with Rotary District 5110 on LinkedIn!

By Christine A. Waugh

Exciting news! Rotary District 5110 now has a **LinkedIn page**, and we invite you to follow us.

As a district dedicated to leadership and service, we want to connect with professionals who believe in **service above self**. Whether you're a current Rotarian, a potential member, or a professional seeking meaningful connections, this is where we grow together.

Follow us today and be part of the conversation!

[Read More](#)



Join Us for the Club & District Learning Assembly – A Day of Inspiration and Growth!

By Christine A. Waugh on Saturday, March 15, 2025



Are you ready to be inspired, energized, and equipped for the year ahead? We are excited to invite you to the annual Club and District Learning Assembly. This event is the perfect opportunity to invest in your personal growth and leadership, connect with fellow Rotarians, and gain the tools you need to help your club thrive in the coming year! [Read More](#)