

# Rotary



# Club of Eugene

## April 1st Meeting - Lane Community College Update



### This week Grant Matthews **will welcome us to the new Health Professions Building at Lane Community College!**

Grant is the Associate Vice President for Career Technical Education and Workforce Development at Lane Community College (LCC) in Eugene, Oregon. Grant will tell us about the new Health Professions Building that was completed for occupation May 2024. The Health Professions Building as built to house the following instructional programs and services: Medical Assistant Program; Emergency Medical Services Program; Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist Programs; General Student Support offices, including flexible classroom seating of over 100; Faculty Offices; and Administrative Support services. There will be a brief tour of the Health Professions building.

A tour of the new Industry and Trades Education Center (ITEC) building next door will also be offered to those interested, This brand-new facility focuses on workforce development and a long-term goal to bolster Oregon's economic growth. The ITEC is a 55,353-square-foot building with three floors of space for

instruction across industries such as manufacturing and construction technologies; unmanned aircraft systems; and select apprenticeship programs. The innovative mass timber and steel hybrid design will complement the programs offered, using exposed steel beams and Freres Engineered Wood's Mass Ply Panels (MPP) as its primary structural components. The ITEC building opened Thanksgiving of 2024 and will host its first classes in LCC's Winter 2025 term.

#### *About Grant:*

In his current role at LCC, Grant oversees the School of Professional Technical Careers which includes allied health education, business, technology, trades, the Lane Aviation Academy, high school connection initiatives, integrated education and training initiatives, small business development support, cooperative education and internships, and Carl D. Perkins funding. Grant has also held the position of Dean for Health Profession, Health, and Physical Education, Career Pathways, Adult Basic Education, and Academic Learning Skills at LCC. Prior to LCC, he served as an Assistant Dean at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, Illinois and a Director at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon. Grant is an experienced educator and education leader with a deep passion for students and the potential they bring for their own future. His passion for student success translates to dedication in his work and research. He holds an MPA in Higher Education Leadership from Portland State University and doctoral coursework in Community College Leadership at Oregon State University.

## April 1st - At Lane Community College! Building 32!

The Tuesday April 1st meeting will be at **Lane Community College, Building 32 - Health Professions Building**

*see map below for building location and parking*

## April 1st Parking and Meeting Location at Lane Community College

The April 1st Club meeting will be held at Lane Community College (LCC) in their new Health Professions 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.

## Club Meeting

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

## Events

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](#)

April 22nd  
[Eugene Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Ibrahim Hamide  
**Subject:** Cafe Soriah Business Success Story

April 23rd  
[Rotary Club of Eugene's Community Service Committee Meeting](#)

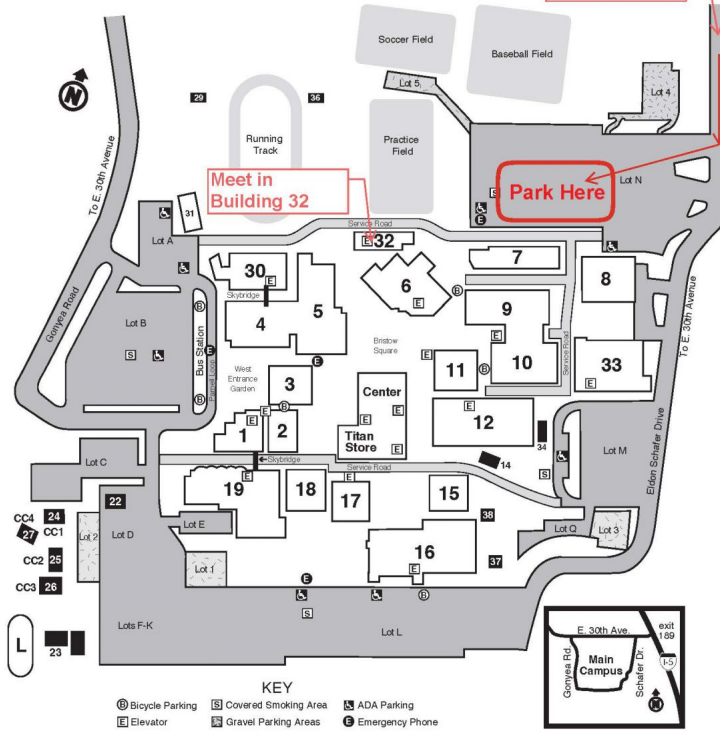
## Club Leaders

[Nathan Phillips](#)  
President

# Lane Community College Main Campus

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## Thank you Julius

The presentation by member Julius Kyakuwa last week was an inspiration and a true gift of music - all masterfully interwoven by Julius. Thank you so much for uplifting our spirits Julius!

### [Sing Along with Julius](#)





## 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).

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



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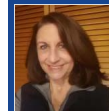
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**Birthdays**





**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

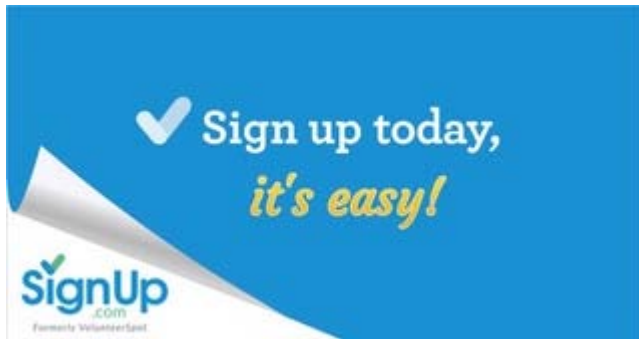


Dress appropriately for working in the weather forecasted.  
Bring your own water and gloves!

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)

- Candice Barr  
March 31st
- Tom Gilmour  
March 31st
- Jeff Robinson  
April 2nd
- Meagan M Thibodeaux  
April 2nd
- Bev Smith  
April 4th
- John Barnum  
April 10th
- Julius Kyakuwa  
April 14th
- Emily Lafon  
April 18th
- Ken Brown  
April 18th
- Karen Gaffney  
April 20th
- Gregory L. Stewart  
April 23rd
- Brian Fox  
April 25th

**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
- Robert E Nickel  
04-25-2017  
8 Years
- Meagan M Thibodeaux

**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 FFLC fill the gap by contributing food you have purchased or grown or by donating money, which is the most effective way to help because FFLC 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 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, 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](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, April 16th from 6-8:30 pm**

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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:

April 1 - Lane Community College! including a tour of their new Health Professions 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.

April 22 - Cafe Soriah - Local Success Story - Ibrahim Hamide. Introduction - Victoria Whitman Harris.

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## Next Committee Meetings

**Community Service:** Wednesday, April 23 at 4:00 pm at Susan Heisey's office, 747 E. 32nd Ave, Suite A1, Eugene (fourth Wednesday).

**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.

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

**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? Fokeddaboutit! 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 an 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."

**April 17th is National Haiku Poetry Day.** A poetry day. Seems weird at first but try it. You will be surprised.

**April 18th is National Poem in Your Pocket Day.** See April 17th.

**April 22nd is Earth Day.** Each year on April 22nd, Earth Day campaigns around the globe promote ways to keep the Earth healthy and our planet livable. Environment is one of Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus so every day is Earth Day for Rotarians. Consider joining your Club's Environment Committee and be part of the solution.

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

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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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## 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](#)

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## 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](#)