

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
May 12, 2010

Nearby clubs to make up your attendance:

Monday

Eugene Emerald Club: Valley River Inn – Noon
Greater Albany: Spring Hill Country Club – Noon

Tuesday

Fern Ridge Rotary Club: Veneta, Our Daily Bread – 7 am
Eugene Downtown Club: Eugene Hilton – Noon
North Roseburg: Kowloons – 6:30 pm
Albany Club: Novak's Hungarian Restaurant – Noon
Eugene Metro: Davis Restaurant (beginning 4-06) – 6 pm

Wednesday

Eugene Mid-Valley: Oregon Electric Station – Noon
Eugene City Metro Rotaract Club: Davis' Restaurant, 94 W.
Broadway, Eugene. 6:30 p.m. on *2nd & 4th Wed. of each month.*

Thursday

Eugene Southtowne Club: Vet's Club – Noon
Cottage Grove Club: Stacy's Covered Bridge Rest. – 12:10 pm
Roseburg Downtown Club: Kowloons – 12:10 pm
Corvallis Club: Corvallis Country Club – Noon
Eugene Airport Club: Eugene Airport – 7:30 am

Friday

Springfield Twin Rivers Club: Royal Caribbean – 6:45 am
Eugene Delta Club: River Ranch Restaurant – Noon
Greater Corvallis Club: Corvallis Country Club - Noon

President's Message

That was one heckofa great program last week about Eugene Ballet. I've heard from several of you and it's a unanimous opinion ... let's get these folks back for an *encore* next year! But as we often note, Rotary is more than lunch and even great programs on Wednesday. It was my pleasure to participate in two special Rotary events last week after the bell rang on Wednesday. Thursday night I attended a meeting of the D.5110 Conference Committee. DG John has given several club presidents special assignments at the conference. I have mine and thought I'd better attend one of the conference planning meetings to make sure I know what's expected of me so I don't goof it up. Attending this reinforced something I'd already concluded. Our volunteer District leadership has worked really hard to make sure that this year's conference delivers a Rotary punch with fun and style. The conference is now only a week away. **We're "dark" next Wednesday (5/19) so let's keep our attendance up and at the very least, plan on making the Conference program lunch on Friday next week (5/21) at The Hilton.** The other event was last Friday morning when a couple dozen showed up to affix labels to several hundred books and assemble the individualized bags for this year's *Gift of Literacy*. Among the Springfield Rotarians pitching in were Rod Lathrop, Sam Weber, Sara Marvin, Vicki Schoenleber, Tom Draggoo, Bruce Smolnisky, Debbie Davis and probably three or four others I missed because I had my nose to the grindstone with Stephanie Kerns as she and I teamed up to complete three or four boxes full of books for the kids. And by the way, PDG Mike Fischnaller was at both events I attended last week. Mike seems to be everywhere when it comes to Rotary activities - which proves that Past District Governors don't just fade away! ***Gift of Literacy 2010 will happen on June 3rd at Lane Community College.*** This is a personally rewarding experience that brings joy and awareness about the importance of reading to hundreds of young school kids. Our Club always has a good turnout for this so I don't expect this year will be any different. A heads up because a sign-up sheet will be circulated soon. **On Friday (5/14) at 10:30AM, the City and Rotary will be dedicating this year's signature project, our new *Welcome to Springfield* sign. Join us in the little parkway across from the White Horse near the Chamber Depot.** I've asked Nancy Bigley to represent the Club front and center for this as she deserves special recognition for her hard work organizing the project for us. I hope to see you there and remember, this was about Rotary in Springfield so Twin Rivers R.C. will be joining the celebration Friday. **Finally, please don't forget to attend next week's dedication of the Springfield Rotary Dog Park near Willamalane's Lively Swim Center: Thurs. (5/20) at 5:30PM.** This was Past-President Bruce's signature project last year. The dedication will include honoring the late John Woodrow, our former Springfield Rotarian, City Councilor and community activist. With only a month and a half left in this Rotary Year, I'm reflecting more and more on all we've accomplished yet still mindful that there's still work to be done. After all, we're never over the hump at Springfield Rotary ... are we?

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	05/12/10	05/19/10	05/26/10
Invocation	Tom Cochran	Dark	Ron Sauer
Greeter	Liz Dahlager	Dark	Ed McMahon
Door Prize	Trevor Harwood	Dark	Liz Dahlager
Attendance	Bob Linahan	Dark	Peter Raven

Please contact Michele Erickson, ericksonm@lanecc.edu or phone 726-4840 or Sue Fisher, opca@opca.org or phone 844-9990 if you have a question about your assignment.

PROGRAMS

Today: 5/12/10
Vocational Minute: Last names: A-E
Opportunity for members to highlight their vocation
 Next Week: 05/19/10
DARK
 Following Week: 05/26/10
"So you want to be a Paul Harris Fellow"
Bill Grile

Calendar:



District Conference: May 20, 21, 22: Eugene, Oregon

****Board Meetings:** Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting is at The Hole in the Wall, 1807 Olympic St. Springfield 7AM to 8:30AM

Dates to Remember:

July 15: Springfield Rotary Ems game at PK Park. More information to come.....

VIRTUAL FIRESIDE: 5th Wednesday of the month, at our regular meeting.

PROGRAM Ideas:

Contact Michele Erickson

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Newsletter Articles:

Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.
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News about our Club and Beyond

RI President John Kerry's May Message.....

Shortly after the earthquake hit Haiti in January, Rotarians began making phone calls and sending e-mails to discuss how they could help. When Rotary International posted its first story on Rotary's immediate relief efforts, Rotarians took this discussion online. The very first comment about the story expressed what so many Rotarians were thinking: "If they begin sending Rotarians over to help in any way, please let me know if I can help." This plea was multiplied over the following days on Rotary's website and our social media pages. Rotarians also reported what they were doing: collecting thousands of dollars to fund ShelterBoxes and Aquaboxes, contributing to Rotary's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, and organizing ways to transport food, supplies, and medical personnel to the devastated country. On the ground in and around Haiti, Rotarians were also busy. Local Rotarians helped distribute the ShelterBoxes to some of those left homeless. Rotarian Claude Surena, a physician, took 100 injured earthquake victims into his home, which he managed to turn into a makeshift hospital despite the damage it had sustained. District 7020 established a relief fund, flew in planes loaded with medical supplies, and strategized to provide assistance in the weeks following the disaster. And it is in those weeks – and months and even years – that Rotary can make its greatest contribution. Rotary is not a disaster relief agency, but we are very good at long-term recovery. After all the media attention dies down, Rotary will still be there on the ground – in Haiti's case, with 17 local clubs and thousands of willing partner clubs. If Rotary's recovery efforts in Bangladesh, Honduras, Indonesia, and countless other countries are any indication, Rotarians will be in Haiti long after public interest has faded and the media have moved on. In this month's Global Outlook, you can learn more about Rotary's success in helping communities and countries rebuild after a disaster – not only replacing what was lost but making it better as well. The Rotarian passion for helping those in need, combined with our perseverance and grassroots presence, will continue to bring hope to those whose lives have been torn apart by disaster. Our response to the tragedy in Haiti manifests Rotary's concern and desire to help those less fortunate and offers evidence of what Rotary does best: give service. Thank you all for what you are doing.

CLUB FUNDRAISER EVENTS: Clubs are reminded to publicize their events on the District website: <http://district5110.org/ClubEvents/ClubEvents>

May 7, 2010 The Albany Rotary Club is hosting a wine walk on 1st and 2nd Avenues in downtown Albany from 4pm – 8pm on Friday, May 7th, 2010. There will be a total of 29 wineries represented at 30 different locations, offering tastes of their best wines. Official Rotary wine glass, Age ID bracelet and scrip tickets required to taste, \$10 buys the glass and five tickets, giving five tastes of wine. Additional tickets can be purchased at any of the three ticket sales outlets, and bottles are available for purchase. Come and enjoy some of the best Oregon wines in Historic Downtown Albany, and support Rotary! See us on <http://facebook.com/albanywinewalk>.

May 15, 2010 The Philomath Rotary Club is sponsoring Salmon and Jazz Fest 2010. [Download the event flyer.](#) Club: [Philomath Rotary](#)

May 25, 2010 The Rotary Club of Portland. Dinner celebrating their centennial, for reservations <<http://www.rotarypdx.org>>

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups: neercs@comcast.net

Recent Make-ups:

1 each: Rod Lathrop, John Alden, Lane Branch, Mark Walker, Sara Marvin, Bill Grile, Larry Hirschman, Ronda Schleicher, Terry Beyer.

3: Michael Screen

Membership Minute: "Get to know your fellow members-Let them get to know you."
-Membership Committee

"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Howard Thurman

About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

After 20 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to root it out once and for all. It is a window of opportunity of historic proportions.

Your contribution will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high.