

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
May 26, 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

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

It was a week of satisfying accomplishments for Springfield Rotary and District 5110. Late Thursday afternoon, the Springfield Rotary Dog Park dedication brought to closure Past-President Bruce Smolnisky's 2009 Signature Project. Thanks for everyone who worked on this. It'll be a lasting achievement for our Club and the community. It was very nice to see the park named in the memory of John Woodrow. He invested his time, resources and energy to the benefit of Springfield ... in so many ways. The Dog Park is a fitting tribute to Rotary in Springfield, and to John. He loved dogs and was known and respected for this.

And then there was the District Conference. More than THIRTY of us participated ... which might be a record for Springfield Rotary! These annual conferences are truly a wonderful time to make new friendships, renew old ones, fellowship with others dedicated to our mission and learn more about some of the fabulous work our District clubs are doing. For example, District **Rotarian of the Year** honor was awarded to Lynda Kristofferson, Rotary Club of Bay Area Sunrise, for her leadership in establishing a new Interact District ... and now D.5110 has TWO district governors.

Interact, you know, is an organization for young people between ages 12 and 18. The future of Rotary is really in THEIR hands, isn't it? I felt the void of Springfield Rotary going through this year, and now next, without a Rotary Youth Exchange student sponsored by our Club. No pressure here, Sara Marvin, but we're hoping you can help bring this important program back to Springfield Rotary. Your experience with District RYE activities is something we need to tap.

By the way, next year's conference is at The Mill Casino in Coos Bay-North Bend. Mark those calendars now: April 29th to May 1st. How about some Springfield Rotary *home hospitality* at the Grile house in Coos Bay that Thursday evening? Any takers? I hope you'll all enjoy today's program. Let's have some Rotary Fun with it!

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	05/26/10	06/02/10	06/09/10
Invocation	Ron Sauer	TBD	TBD
Greeter	Ed McMahon	Jane Morris	Kip Much
Door Prize	Liz Dahlager	Ed McMahon	Jane Morris
Attendance	Peter Raven	Liz Dahlager	Ed McMahon

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: 05/26/10
“So you want to be a Paul Harris Fellow”
 Bill Grile
 Next Week: 06/02/10
St. Vincent DePaul ~ Vet Lift Program
 Cindy Leming
 Following Week: 06/09/10
Vocational Minute 2
 Ronda Schleicher

Calendar:

****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:

June 20-23: RI Convention ~ Montreal, Canada

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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Update on Haiti

Rotarians in Haiti are laying the groundwork for the next phase of the recovery process: sustainable restoration projects that will enable long-term rehabilitation to begin. The [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation, has raised US\$1.3 million to help rebuild the country's infrastructure, which was shattered by the 12 January earthquake that killed up to 300,000 people and left 1.2 million more homeless. "We are now at the crossroads as we move from immediate relief mode to sustainable development," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, an account holder for the fund. "What is important is that we work with the needs defined by Haiti and always keep in mind that our help should strengthen their economy and not detract from it." District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown more than 100 planes filled with medical equipment, food, water, clothes, toys, and tents into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix. The district's own account for recovery efforts has reached \$400,000, which will be used for sustainable restoration projects. While the Haiti Task Force overseeing recovery efforts is still formulating long-term plans, committee members have identified three areas of major need: rebuilding schools, providing prosthetic limbs to amputees, and equipping thousands with adequate shelter before the rainy season arrives. The 17 Rotary clubs in Haiti are developing a plan to restore at least one school back to operating capacity with desks, books, supplies, and other necessities. Schools are a priority because in addition to educating children, they provide at least one meal a day and help keep the students occupied and out of tent cities. The need for prosthetics is also great. An estimated 4,000 people have undergone amputations from earthquake-related injuries and require prosthetic limbs. District 7020 appointed a committee to coordinate with organizations interested in helping to provide prosthetics. The district is looking to set up three clinics at an estimated \$50,000 each. With the hurricane season approaching, district leaders have also appointed a committee to investigate appropriate ways to provide shelter than can withstand storms and earthquakes. The district has considered creating villages that would have all the necessary infrastructure, including water, sanitation facilities, and a clinic, school, and community center. District leaders say they will provide more information to clubs and districts about how they can work with the donor advised fund as soon as specific details of the recovery plan are approved by the Haiti Task Force and cleared with the Haitian government. Those interested in applying for a grant from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund should complete a grant application form, which will be available on the [District 7020 website](#).

CLUB FUNDRAISER EVENTS: Clubs are reminded to publicize their events on the District website: <http://district5110.org/ClubEvents/ClubEvents>
Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club is having a Wine and Salmon Festival on June 12th, 6-10pm. Call Kathi Hoffer, 541.521.4149 to purchase tickets or with questions.
Florence Rotary Club will be hosting the 2010 "Cool at he Coast" Summer Golf Spectacular on Saturday, July 31 at Oregon Dunes Golf Links in Florence. Contact Ocean Dunes at 541.997.3232.

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

Recent Make-ups:
1 each: Mikayle Anderson, Beth DeGeorge, Michele Erickson, Rod Lathrop, Randy Lodge, Ronda Schleicher, Vicki Schoenleber, Bruce Smolnisky, Bruce Webber
2 each: Tom Draggoo, Mike Fischenaller, John Thomas
3 each: Bill Grile, Mark Johnson, Doris Towery, Jeff Towery
4 each: Michael Screen

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

In a world when you can be anything you want.....Be yourself.....

Author Unknown

Update continued

ShelterBox in Haiti

After 10 years of bringing aid to thousands of disaster victims, Shelter-Box faced its most daunting challenge yet after a powerful earthquake rocked Haiti on 12 January, plunging the struggling nation into one of the worst humanitarian crises on record. The quake, the nation's strongest in more than 200 years, killed at least 200,000 people and left more than one million homeless and in desperate need of food and shelter. The ground support that Shelter-Box deployed days after the quake struck was unmatched by anything the organization had done before.

"This is the largest, quickest, and most complex deployment in our history. We organized across four countries to get ShelterBoxes to the people of Haiti quickly," says John Leach, head of operations.

With most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, flattened, hospitals were in dire need of shelter for victims. Hundreds of tents were used as emergency shelter for postoperative patients.

Founded by Tom Henderson, of the Rotary Club of Cober Valley Helston, England, in 1999, ShelterBox is a Rotarian- and Rotary club supported non profit that brings shelter, water, and comfort to victims of disaster and conflict. Each 49-gallon box is packed with necessities such as tents big enough for 10 people, blankets, water purification tablets, cooking supplies, and tools.

At press time, more than 10,000 containers had been distributed in Haiti. In the last decade, ShelterBox has responded to more than 100 crises in over 60 countries, with support from Rotary clubs around the world.

— Ryan Hyland and M. Kathleen Pratt