

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
June 9, 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 (dark June 17)

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’s a beautifully hot day in Scottsdale as I write this before heading out for another day in the Valley of the Sun. The heat’s never bothered me that much. It always congers up memories of my graduate student days at Arizona State. That was nearly three decades ago! When you’re a Rotarian, thoughts of Rotary are never far away when you travel. Like Past-President Dan Egan often says, “When you’ve been to one Rotary Club, you’ve been to ONE Rotary Club.” They’re all different. Each club is unique. This morning I found myself looking at the web site for Arizona’s District 5510. Something there caught my eye and speaks directly to something I’ve always believed about one of the benefits of Rotary membership that is typically spoken only discretely. “What’s this?” you ask. It’s **business development**.

I’ve often counseled prospective members that one should never join Rotary just in order to grow their business or to mine for business contacts. This is true. Very true! But there’s nothing wrong with recognizing the worthy businesses of fellow Rotarians, and supporting them when given the need to purchase goods and services. In fact, District 5510 takes this a step further and has established a “**Rotary Business Directory**.” See: <http://www.rotary5510.org/rotary-business-directory>. The web site provides a searchable directory of the places where Rotarians in District 5510 work. After all, given the choice, why not conduct business with one known to support the same values you share as a Rotarian? This makes perfect sense to me and, candidly, it’s something I do. If you Google the words *Rotary Business Directory* you’ll see there are several Rotary districts and cities that utilize the approach to support Rotarians and their worthy vocational enterprises. Then, just when I thought I was on to something, I came upon a similar approach here at District 5110. Check out: <http://district5110.org/Classifieds/Classifieds>. It’s fee-based, but does allow an opportunity to advertize your business online. Personally, I’m attracted to the notion of a free, District 5110 Rotary Business Directory? What are your thoughts about this?

President Bill Grile
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Back Table Schedule:

<i>DUTY ROSTER</i>	<i>06/09/10</i>	<i>06/16/10</i>	<i>06/23/10</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	Joe Grigsby	Tom Cochran	Steve Singleton
<i>Greeter</i>	Rob Smith	Kip Much	Kiffanie Phillups
<i>Door Prize</i>	Jane Morris	Rob Smith	Kip Much
<i>Attendance</i>	Ed McMahon	Jane Morris	Rob Smith

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: 6/09/10
Rhonda Schleicher~ Vocational Minutes 2

Next Week: 06/16/10
City Staff~ How our tax dollars are spent (tentative)

Following Week: 06/23/10
John Thomas~ Virtual Fireside (tentative)

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:

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.
 Email Vicki Schoenleber: vsco@citizensEbank.com
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News about our Club and Beyond

In February, I attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of St. Paul, Minn., USA. After dinner that evening, a young lady came up to me and asked, "Of everything you have seen this year in Rotary, what has touched your heart the most?" For such a simple question, it was nearly impossible to answer – only because I have seen so much that has touched my heart so deeply and made me so proud to be a Rotarian. These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address. It is one thing to see photographs of the devastation in Haiti caused by January's earthquake. It was another thing entirely for me to walk among the rubble, to see the collapsed buildings, to understand that the true scope of the tragedy will never be known.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, where Rotary has done so much to rebuild the city shattered by the 2004 tsunami, I thought I understood the scale of the disaster before my visit. But I was not prepared for the sight of a large freighter in a field 2 miles inland, swept there by the tsunami. In China, at a Rotary-supported orphanage, I held a two-month-old girl who had been abandoned on a train. With that baby in my arms, I realized that what Rotary provided to the orphanage – food, warm clothing, a clean and safe home – was only one part of what was needed. What that child wanted most of all, in that moment, was simply to be held and to feel loved, and that touched me very much. There is so much we can do as Rotarians that will mean so much to others. And as important as it is to give material assistance – to help in the areas of water, health and hunger, and literacy – it is equally vital that we give that help freely, with true caring for others. Because often, simply caring is what helps others most of all.

As this Rotary year and my term as RI president draw to a close, I thank you all for your service to Rotary and your support. I have been honored to serve as your president, and remind you that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International

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

June 12, 2010 Eugene Southtowne Rotary Club is having a Wine and Salmon Festival on June 12th, 6-10 pm, at the Vets Club on Willamette, with a wine raffle (win 10-20 bottles of expensive wine) and an auction of packages celebrating the wines and salmon of our region. Dinner tickets are \$25, or \$250 for a table of 8 (with 2 bottles of wine for the table), and raffle tickets are \$10.each. (Call Kathi Hoffer, 541-521-4149 to purchase or with questions).

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

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Recent Make-ups: Bob Linahan

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

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.
~Winston Churchill

About Rotary

Rotary Global History Fellowship **RGHF: Why I am a Rotarian?**

I am a Rotarian because Rotary and The Rotary Foundation make my favorite poem a reality every minute of every day of every week of every year:

**God has given me a place
on earth to be here for a
while**

**I hope that as I'm passing
through I will make
somebody smile**

**I want to make life easier
for all those that I meet
I ask God for His blessings
to the strangers on the
street**

**I hope I'll never fail a child
if I can help somehow**

**I want to be as generous as
my resources will allow
And when my life on earth
is done, it will be my final
plea**

**Let someone somewhere
think or say
"You made a difference to
me."**

...author unknown