

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
June 16, 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

Last July seems like longer ago than a lifetime, yet I still remember one of the concerns I shared with you when I stood before the Club and outlined my hopes and plans for the Rotary year ahead. The concern was that June 30th would arrive all too quickly and that I'd find myself confronting *past-president's remorse*. This is a condition that often afflicts outgoing Rotary presidents when they look back on "their" year and are overcome with regrets about all the things they wanted to accomplish ... but didn't. Presidents, you see, take their leadership responsibilities seriously and always want to help their clubs reach goals and achieve success.

I know first-hand about *past-president's remorse*. I'd been warned about it in 2000 when I began a year as President of the Rotary Club of Coos Bay – North Bend. Twelve months later, sure enough, *past-president's remorse!* And even though it was a pretty good Rotary year, I still found myself full of regrets about what could have been, but wasn't. I felt the Club could have accomplished more ... that I could have provided better motivation and leadership.

Fast forward a decade and now June 30th will soon be upon us. I'll leave others to evaluate and judge whether I've met your expectations for motivation and leadership. But what I can honestly share with all of you today – and more will follow with my closing comments in two weeks – is that I'll depart the podium on June 30th with a ton of pride in all we've achieved together, and with practically no regrets. This very special Club ... all of you ... have helped make these past twelve months one of the most satisfying years of my life in many respects, and I'm grateful to you for this! Next week, John Thomas will be leading us with another *Virtual Fireside*. It will take us back through the years and recount Springfield Rotary's involvement and accomplishments in this community ... and points beyond. The following week, on June 30th, I'm looking forward to sharing with you my thoughts and reflections about the year soon behind us. And I'm looking forward to passing the gavel to President-Elect Mark. He's up for the challenge and has a great team ready to hit the ground running. After all, we're never over the hump at Springfield Rotary!

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	06/16/10	06/23/10	06/30/10
Invocation	Tom Cochran	Steve Singleton	Jeff Towery
Greeter	Kip Much	Kiffanie Phillips	TBD
Door Prize	Rod Smith	Kip Much	Kiffanie Philips
Attendance	Jane Morris	Rod Smith	Kip Much

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: 6/16/10
City Staff~ How our tax dollars are spent (tentative)

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

Following Week: 06/30/10
Bill's last day as our leader! Passing of the gavel/microphone

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: Leslie Benz
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Newsletter Articles:

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News about our Club and Beyond

Mr. John Cox, District Governor
Rotary International District 5110
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Dear District Governor John:

Imagine a seven year old child's thrill as she opens a small backpack to pull out her very own hard-cover story book. She smiles, her eyes light up and she clutches it to her with her eyes now squeezed shut and her face radiating joy. Now, imagine she is surrounded by nearly three hundred boys and girls doing the same thing in the same moment. Squeals, laughter and organized chaos fill the large assembly hall. Then it happens again with another same sized group. And then another. Now almost 900 first-grade children are experiencing the elation that comes from owning a book with their name printed on a Rotary bookplate inside the front cover. They move to small groups where their books are read to them by a trained reader who keeps them involved and enraptured.

This scene doesn't have to be imagined. This and more happened on June 3rd for all Springfield first-graders and each June before that for the past four years. It is the **Gift of Literacy** program sponsored by the two Springfield Rotary Clubs and in partnership with the Springfield School District. This year marks the **Gift of Literacy's** fifth anniversary. Along the way, the program has earned accolades including the National School Board Association's 2009 Magna Grand Prize. Over the past five years, this program has given out over 6000 books to students, schools and community libraries. More than half of Springfield's children live below the established poverty level. For many, this is the first book they have ever owned. Part of the state of Indiana's calculation of prison capacity forecasted in 20 years is based on the reading skills of their current third-graders. Encouraging reading by all children - especially at risk children - can return benefits far beyond the cost of the book. The enclosed Magna Award article and the website www.giftofliteracy.org highlight a few.

In the past, the **Gift of Literacy** has been well supported by the corporate community. However, this year several sponsors have reduced or eliminated their charitable giving. The **Gift of Literacy** has to replace these funds. Any assistance from the District Literacy Committee will be very welcome as we move forward with this successful and sustainable literacy program. Thank for your consideration.

Yours in Rotary,
Dick Kimbell, President Bill Grile, President
Springfield Twin Rivers Rotary Springfield Rotary

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

Please join fellow Rotarians and other volunteers to celebrate the new playground at Willamalane Park located at 1276 G Street next to the Willamalane Pool. The BBQ and celebration is in your honor for your volunteer efforts that helped made this project possible. Wednesday, June 16 at 5:30pm

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

neercs@comcast.net

Recent Make-ups: None reported

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

Count your blessings. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, the smiles will return, the sun will break out, the music will play, and you will finally be able to move forward the life that God intended for you with grace, strength, courage, and confidence.
Og Mandino

About Rotary

Mystery shrouds one of the most dreaded diseases of our time. While cases of polio predate recorded history, the disease itself wasn't clinically described until the 1700s. In 1908, scientists discovered that polio is caused by a virus, but its means of transmission remained unknown.

As the now-infamous polio epidemics began to strike the United States in the early 1900s, the uncertainty surrounding the disease created another kind of epidemic: fear. Parents watched in horror as children who had only days before been playing tag or swimming at the beach suddenly became crippled. Polio afflicted entire families, often paralyzing or killing multiple siblings within days of each other. In many cases, not even immediate medical care and constant surveillance could save them. Bulbar polio, which affects cranial nerves that control breathing, swallowing, and speech, was especially feared because it was often fatal.

Desperate parents wrote letters to Albert Sabin and other researchers suggesting everything from horse manure to moldy cake as sources of the disease. In 1945, when the War Production Board released DDT for public use, scientists fogged the polio-ridden city of Rockford, Ill., with the insecticide in an attempt to see whether killing all the flies would prevent the disease's spread, according to a *Time* magazine article from that period.

During the summer months, parents kept children away from swimming pools, public fountains, movie theaters, churches, and libraries – anywhere they would be exposed to large groups of people. In the summer epidemic of 1949, the City Council of San Angelo, Texas, voted to close all indoor meeting places for a week. Even the city's churches canceled their Sunday services.

We now know that poliovirus is an intestinal virus that enters the environment through feces and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially where hygiene is poor. It is one of many enteroviruses, which spread during the summer and fall in temperate climates.