

# “REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY”

Springfield Rotary  
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at  
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield  
*September 28, 2011*

Nearby clubs to make up your attendance:

## **Monday**

Eugene Emerald Club: Valley River Inn – Noon  
Greater Albany: Spring Hill Country Club – Noon  
McKenzie After Five: Mookies NW Grill – 5:30pm

## **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 – 6 pm

## **Wednesday**

SouthValley Rotary Club: Cottage Grove- Village Green, 7am  
Eugene Mid-Valley: Valley River Inn – 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: Boulevard Grill – Noon  
Greater Corvallis Club: Corvallis Country Club – Noon

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**Rotary Membership**

by Melinda Handy

I recently had the opportunity to attend an on-line webinar called "Closing the Back Door: Member Retention" presented by two of our Zone Coordinators, PDG Judi Beard-Strubing (District 5110) and PDG Dean Rohrs (District 5040). As most of you know, we've been extremely lucky to add many new members to our club in the past few years. My focus this Rotary year as membership co-chair is to be sure we keep those new members engaged in our club. One piece of advice I received from the member retention seminar was that members leave a club for four different reasons: Death, Destruction or Disaster, Distance, and Dissatisfaction. The only one of those reasons we have control over as a club is dissatisfaction. While that may sound simplified, it was helpful to me to realize that we have that one issue on which we should focus our attentions.

What leads to dissatisfaction? Generally, it is lack of connection within the club. It is not only the goal of the membership committee but should be a focus for each one of us to be sure we're connecting with our fellow Rotarians. Are you keeping your attendance up and making it to our meetings each week? Are you finding ways to be active in club activities outside of our weekly meetings so that you are able to get to know your fellow Rotarians and make a difference in our local community? Are you wishing for other opportunities to connect with your fellow Rotarians? I'd love to hear your ideas if you're not feeling like the opportunities that currently exist are a good fit for you. What would be better for you? How can we keep you active and engaged? I know that most of us, except perhaps a few lucky retired Rotarians who know how to do it right, have busy lives and full schedules. Sometimes it can be difficult to find the time in our days to take part in service and social activities. I know that has definitely been a struggle for me most especially the past few months. I think this is a great time, as we enter the fall season, to remind ourselves why we decided to pledge our time and talents to our Rotary club and recommit to finding those times when we can participate in club activities outside of our regular club meetings. I'll see you there!

- President.....Corkey Gourley
- President Elect.....Nancy Bigley
- Immediate Past President.....Mark Johnson
- Secretary.....Micheal Screen
- Treasurer.....Bruce Webber
- Editor.....Vicki Schoenleber

**Board of Directors:**

- Randy Lodge & Pat Riggs-Henson, Club Service Projects
- Melinda Handy & Stephanie Kerns, Membership
- Sue Fisher & Michael Kitt, Club Administration
- Leslie Benz, Club Administration -Programs
- Vicki Schoenleber, Public Relations
- Rae LaMarche, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
- Sarah Crumley, New Generations

**Executive Assistant Governor:** Tom Draggoo

**Assistant Governor:** John Alden

**District Governor:** Chuck Root

**R.I. President:** Kalyan Banerjee

**Welcome Table Schedule:**

DUTY ROSTER	09/28/11	10/05/11	10/12/11
<i>Invocation</i>	Stephanie Kerns	Sheri Moore	Liz Dahlager
<i>Greeter</i>	Shawn Eichner	Louis Liberante	Whitney Shepard
<i>Door Prize</i>	Robin Obermire	Shawn Eichner	Louis Liberante
<i>Attendance</i>	Shon O'Donnell	Robin Obermire	Shawn Eichner

Please contact Sue Fisher, [opca@opca.org](mailto:opca@opca.org) or phone 541-844-9990 if you have a question about your assignment.

**PROGRAMS**

*Today: 09/28/11*  
**New Member Bios**

*Next Week: 10/05/11*  
**Rick Dancer**

*Following Week: 10/12/11*  
**District Governor - Chuck Root**

**Calendar**

**Sept 28: Rotary Meeting in Amici**

**\*\*BOARD MEETINGS\*\***  
 Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. 7:30AM  
 "The Washburne Café"  
 326 Main St. Springfield  
**Laurel Grove Cemetery ongoing Club Service Project:** 3rd Saturday each month 8:30AM, see signup sheet for tool list. Counts as a makeup and builds Rotary friendships. Please sign up.

**VIRTUAL FIRESIDE:**  
 Fifth Wednesday of the month, at our regular meeting.

**PROGRAM Ideas:**  
 Contact Leslie Benz: [leslielbenz@gmail.com](mailto:leslielbenz@gmail.com)

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**  
*Due Monday 9:00 AM*  
 Email Vicki Schoenleber: [vsco@citizensEbank.com](mailto:vsco@citizensEbank.com)

**E-MAIL TO MEMBERS**  
 Email to Micheal Screen: [neerccs@comcast.net](mailto:neerccs@comcast.net)

**Visit us online** <http://www.springfieldrotary5110.org>  
**Webmaster:** Rod Lathrop [rlathrop@ci.springfield.or.us](mailto:rlathrop@ci.springfield.or.us)

Thinking about sponsoring a new Rotarian? Visit this new website for potential Rotarians:  
<http://isrotary4me.org>

News and Upcoming Meetings

**October 1, 2011** The Rotary Club of Lebanon is sponsoring the 1st Annual Race for Literacy Run/Walk on Saturday, October 1, at the new Lebanon High School Track and Field. The cost is \$25.00 for kids, and \$35.00 for adults. All proceeds go to the Lebanon Community School District Gift for Literacy Program. For more information, contact [Gus Arzner](#).

**October 1st, 2011 (Saturday)** at the Springfield Country Club, the University of Oregon will be hosting the Bill Dellinger Cross Country Invitational. Our club has helped provide "customer service" for the last several years at this meet. We drive golf carts for those unable to get to the course without great effort, greet the hundreds of people getting off the shuttles that bring them to the meet from the Mohawk School and help in other ways as well. The meet is one of the Premier Cross Country events in the U.S., featuring many teams from around the country. And honors Springfield's legendary Olympian and Oregon coach Bill Dellinger. Your time commitment would be from 8:00am-12 noon. Please sign up today and thank you. Any questions, please see Jim Eckman or Liz Degner.

**October 15, 2011** - The Community Service Project deadline. If you have a project that would be a good fit for the club please let the committee members know. Randy Lodge, chair: 541 501-5191

**Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:**  
[neercs@comcast.net](mailto:neercs@comcast.net)

**Recent Make-ups:** Randy Lodge, Vicki Schoenleber, Beth DeGeorge, Al King, Debbie Knechtel, Stephanie Kerns, Denise Bean, Cris Pettit

Fellow Rotarians, News Flash!! Our attendance has improved to 75%. Thanks to all of you for doing and reporting your make-ups. Remember - 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after- report to Michael at the above email or call him. For ways to make-up please look at the last page of the bulletin. We need to improve our attendance record. If you are unable to show up...please make-up. Here are opportunities to make-up online:  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/> or [www.highdesertrotary.org](http://www.highdesertrotary.org) or <http://www.seattlerotary.org> or <http://www.rotary.org.training/elearning/index.html>

(View one of their programs, or complete a training module and email our secretary)

*Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.*

*Contributed by Sue Fisher*

Progress for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio eradication

As of 30 June, Rotarians have [raised about \\$185.1 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions 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.

“As an international community, we have few opportunities to do something that is unquestionably good for every country and every child, in perpetuity. Polio eradication is one of these opportunities.”

- Dr. Margaret Chan, World Health Organization director-general

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