

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
January 20, 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: Downtown Athletic Club– 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

If asked to describe last weekend, I'd say it was two funerals and a Rotary meeting in Coos Bay. At least, that's what it felt like to me. One funeral was for the long-retired city manager who brought me to Oregon in 1977. The other was for a retired coastal dairy farmer, World War 2 combat veteran and local community leader. Both were Rotarians ... and so now you can guess where this is going. Just last week I wrote about how successful communities always have dedicated Rotarians engaged in improving the quality of life for those nearest them. Such was the case with the two departed friends the Coos Bay-North Bend community paid respects to last weekend. Several of us joked that the second service should be counted as a make-up. Rotarians had turned out to honor their own, departed but not forgotten for their legacies -- contributions to a grateful community. Last week I encouraged us to appreciate the work our local Chamber does for the community. With apologies for missing Friday night's annual Chamber awards banquet, I want to give hearty congratulations to Springfield 2009 First Citizen Nancy Bigley, for an award conveyed by 2008 First Citizen John Halgren. Two Rotarians: Nancy and John. Two Communities: Coos Bay and Springfield.

It's true. No matter where you go, when you find communities of any size you'll also find Rotarians who have selflessly made service goals their personal commitment. Sometimes Rotarians get singled out for special recognition and when that happens, it's really a testimony to all Rotarians everywhere. We belong to the world's premier service club, and through Rotary have an opportunity to place service above self. Let's persevere Springfield Rotary ... because we're never over the hump! Find a successful community, and you'll find one with Rotarians working to accomplish local goals along with the international ones we all share as Rotarians. You'll find Rotarians like us, never satisfied with what we've achieved and focused on accomplishing more. You'll find Rotarians who believe we're never over the hump!

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	1/20/10	1/27/10	2/03/10
Invocation	John Thomas	Tom Cochran	TBA
Greeter	Darrall Imhoff	Erik Jensen	TBA
Door Prize	Merlyn Hough	Darrall Imhoff	TBA
Attendance	Carol Houde	Merlyn Hough	TBA

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: 1-20
Membership Committee
Recognition of Perfect Attendance
 Next Week: 1-27
Mike Meyers, OR Dept of Unemployment
"It's Not All Doom and Gloom"
 Following Week:
New Member Autobiographies

Calendar:

Pre-Pets: February 6, 2010
Cottage Grove, there will also be a Train the Trainer workshop for all committee chairs and members. GSE, Membership and Foundation committee chairs please note this will be excellent training for your area representatives. Claire Little GE (2010-2011)

Rotary Auction: March 12
 It is time to think about who you will invite to this important fund raiser for the Springfield Club. What can you donate for the silent and/or live auction?

****Board Meetings:** Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting is at The Hole in the Wall 1807 Olympic St. Springfield 7:00AM to 8:30AM

Program Ideas:
 Contact Michele Erickson ericksonm@lanecc.edu

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

Dear Rotarians:

18 January 2010

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis. Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the [RI website](#). Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.

Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the [RI website](#). Please note that all contributions must be in U.S. dollars, and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted. We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the [RI website](#) with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help. Contact Governor Alberga directly at al.gram@cwjamaica.com or visit the [District 7020 website](#). As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as [UNICEF](#), the [International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies](#), [Doctors Without Borders](#), [ShelterBox](#), [Aquabox](#), and [World Water Works](#) to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster. It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely,

John Kenny, President Rotary International~ **Glenn E. Estess Sr.**, Trustee Chair The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International~ **Ed Futa**, General Secretary Rotary International

CLUB FUNDRAISER EVENTS

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

- **Port Orford Crab Fest**, Feb 20. Contact Rick Francona, rick@francona.net
- **Medford-Rogue Rotary Cruise**, Feb 27. Contact: Pam Garrison (pamgarrison@earthlink.net).
- **Ashland-Lithia Springs Crabfest**, Feb 27. Contact Ray Redpath, raybilent@sbcglobal.net; 541-482-7210 (h); 916-952-9940 (c)

Recent Make-ups:

Sara Marvin ~3, Mike Fischnaller, John Alden, Jeff Alden ~1 each.

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

neercs@comcast.net

If you can imagine it, you can achieve it;
if you can dream it, you can become it.

William Arthur Ward

The Miracle of Rotary

~Membership~

It is just as important today as in 1905, when Rotary was first established, to recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations. ALL means ALL, not just medicine, law, science, theology, finance and education, but also law enforcement, repair, sales, service, farming, ranching, carpentry, etc. John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare said: ***"The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither it's pipes nor its theories will hold water."***

Congratulations to the Members who currently have an 80% attendance or better record for the first 6 months of this Rotary year (July 1-Dec. 31). They are: Rob Everett, Melinda Handy, Bryce Jessen, Bob Linahan, Randy Lodge, Rita Merrell, Jerry Smith, Jeff Towery, Jim McKee, Steve Singleton, Michelle Erickson, Stephanie Kerns, Bruce Smolnisky, Bill Van Vactor, Tom Cochran, Sue Fisher, Corky Gourley, Ronda Schleicher, Jim Eckman, Tom Draggoo, Mike Fischnaller, Bill Grile, Mark Johnson, Michael Screen and Chris Stole.

There are 12 other Rotarians who came in at 78.3%. Our major concern is that we have 18 members who are below 50% in attendance for that time frame. 50 % is Rotary International's minimum to remain a member.

One of our biggest concerns is attendance at our regular meetings. We currently rank in the bottom 10% in our district (52% attendance in November). We have established a goal for the new "Red Badgers" of 80% attendance.

If you are unable to attend our meeting you have several ways of making up. You can attend another clubs meeting, or you can do a make-up online, on the Rotary web site, or a couple of local clubs offer opportunities to make up on their web site.