

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
November 11, 2009

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

I always enjoy attending the Duck Race celebration and awards luncheon held annually at The Hilton. It's a reminder of how many involved Rotarians there are right here in the greater metro area. More importantly, it's a reminder of what dedicated Rotarians can accomplish when goals are established, plans formed then set in action, and volunteers energized. The Duck Race demonstrates all four. Our Club has a proud tradition of supporting the Duck Race. Four Papa/Mama Ducks have been hatched from Springfield Rotary: Dennis Murphy (1990); Elyse Meyers (1999); Mary Ann Rhodes (2006); Doris Towery (2008). With this year's accomplishment, the 22 Duck Races have generated nearly \$4.7 million for the betterment of our greater community right here in Lane County. This year, Mama Duck Mary Ellen Riley actually edged ahead of last year's revenue and while this was only by a couple thousand dollars, that this year even approached last year's giving is pretty amazing given the condition of our economy.

Hats off to all the top ticket sellers, and a hearty thanks to those on the list from Springfield Rotary: Jeff Towery (21 books); Randy Lodge (20 books); Doris Towery (18 books); Mike Fischnaller (10 books). Collectively, our Club sold 5,574 tickets. Nice work everyone! Duck Race Captain Jeff Alden: you ARE the greatest!!

RI Foundation Trustee Sam Okudzeto's keynote address was an added bonus at this year's awards luncheon last week. His words served to remind us about why Rotarians generously support fundraisers like the Duck Race. "Our resources are not given to us because we are smart or good looking," he proclaimed. "They are given to us for a purpose." Now isn't that just the whole truth? Indeed, it's why I say: "We're never over the hump." And that's why it's a real privilege to call ourselves

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	11/11/09	11/18/09	11/25/09
<i>Invocation</i>	Mike Fischnaller	Darrall Imhoff	Dark
<i>Greeter</i>	Skip Fleek	Joe Grigsby	Dark
<i>Door Prize</i>	Corkey Gourley	Skip Fleek	Dark
<i>Attendance</i>	Nancy Golden	Corkey Gourley	Dark

Please contact Michele Erickson, ericksonm@lanecc.edu or Ned Powell, nipowell@comcast.net or 726-4840 if you have a question about your assignment.

PROGRAMS

Today:
Marcia Koenig-Lane ESD

Next Week:
District Governor John Cox

Following Week:
Dark

Calendar:

December 16, 2009: Our traditional Holiday Party, being held at Roaring Rapids. **contact Bryce Jessen

****Board Meetings:** Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month the meeting is at The Hole in the Wall on 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.
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District Governor's Corner

"TRF, what does that mean?" On my club visits I have had new Rotarians and long term Rotarians ask me what those initials stand for. Because there are so many acronyms in Rotary, I am not surprised that some Rotarians do not know what these initials stand for. They stand for The Rotary Foundation, and November is Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation was born as an endowment fund in 1917, the brainchild of RI President Arch C. Klumph. It was reborn 12 years later in the form we know today, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, however, it wouldn't be until after the passing of Paul P. Harris in 1947 that TRF would reach the financial health and world importance that it enjoys today. At that time Rotarians began making significant contributions in honor of Paul Harris. Well, I did say "a short history!" TRF has many categories as to how one can contribute. There is the *Annual Program Fund*, the category into which our annual contributions toward the Paul Harris certificates are made. For those who want to direct where their contributions go, they can set up a Donor Advised Fund. There is also a category of *Restricted Funds*. Contributions to "End Polio Now" go to one of many designated restricted funds. Space does not allow me to explain the other subcategories of the Annual Program Fund. For more information on these subcategories, contact your club TRF chair or club president.

Another category is the *Permanent Fund*. Donations to the Permanent Fund can be made outright or by naming TRF as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or other estate planning documents. You receive benefactor recognition for a contribution or provision giving at least \$100, and bequest recognition for contribution or provisions of at least \$1000.

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Deadline is November 15 for applicants for New Zealand District 9910 **Friendship Exchange**.

The team is a number of couples, typically from four to six, and a couple of singles for two weeks traveling in the receiving country and staying in Rotarian homes.

The information, with applications is available on our District Website but I will answer any inquiries.
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Recent Make-ups:

Bill Grile, Mark Johnson, John Thomas, Bob Linahan, Michael Screen, Cris Petit Jim Eckman, Mike Fischnaller, John Alden, Ronda Schleicher, Corwin Lewis

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:
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Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

~Melody Beattie

But the ultimate question is, "Why give to TRF?" As I mention in my club presentation, lack of clean water and sanitary conditions, hunger, disease, and child mortality are the allies of terrorists who would attack our way of life and us. If we as Rotarians are serious about confronting those who would change our way of life, we need to combat their allies. Each of these allies is one of the major areas of emphasis of Rotary. As we all know, these allies of terrorists will not be defeated in one year or with one contribution to the TRF. This is why it is so important that we all give to the Foundation annually. The November edition of the Rotarian Magazine makes these points: "In rural Yunnan, an HIV positive pregnant woman has a 33% chance of passing on the virus during delivery and while breast feeding. A 70 cent test funded by a matching grant from TRF lowers the risk to less than 2%." As you are able to give, please do... 70 cents!!! "There are over 16 million cases of malaria in Tanzania and 100,000 people die annually. Most susceptible are pregnant women and infants. For \$10.00 or \$20.00 you can save a family." "The leading cause of preventable blindness in children is a deficiency in vitamin A. Up to a half a million children lose their sight from lack of vitamin A. This deficiency can be eliminated for two cents a dose. We receive 50% of the daily requirement from one general vitamin pill. Administering 200,000 International Units to a child for two days cuts blindness and mortality rates from diarrhea and measles." "One in three people in the world lack access to clean water and 3.5 million die each year from drinking water contaminated water, and one child dies ever 15 seconds from water borne diseases. For \$35, a bio sand filter can be installed in a home, which removes all parasites and 95% of bacteria and viruses." One aspect of our giving to TRF which many Rotarians forget (or are not aware of) is that this year, \$63,360 of our Foundation funds was given to local clubs for projects within our own district. These projects included money to fund food banks, shots for tots, and other worthy project to assist those in our district who are much less fortunate than we are. The amount we each can give to TRF will vary, but we all can and must contribute some amount each year. If all you can give is \$5.00 that is fine, but please give an amount each year. Your contribution of any amount can go far to save a life or feed a hungry mother and child. Thank you for your generosity.