

# THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary  
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at  
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield  
*November 18, 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 *2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

We're honored to have District Governor John Cox visit our Club today. As is Rotary protocol, please rise and welcome DG John (and Charlene) when he is formally introduced.

I'm both humbled and inspired by the dedication and commitment put forth by District Governors. It's literally impossible to serve as a District Governor without demonstrating *Service Above Self*. The time and expense these role-model Rotarians burn during "their year" as DG exemplifies the very best that we should all aspire to with our own "walks."

District Governors are the officers of Rotary International in each district. Ours, District 5110, has nearly 4100 members and 71 clubs in a geographic area that stretches from the Pacific to the Cascades Mountains to the Yreka region of Northern California. As Governor, DG John is the administrative head for D.5110. He is responsible for the direct supervision of all Clubs in the district. His principal charge is to further the *Object of Rotary* by providing leadership and supervision over the 71 clubs and District 5110 programs. It's a huge job! Last evening the Springfield Rotary Board met with DG John (and Charlene) for a working dinner that allowed us to strut our stuff and share news about the great work we're doing in this Club. Springfield Rotary is not the largest Club in D.5110, but our Rotary spirit is well known and our accomplishments disproportionate to our size. The credit for this goes to each of you, true believers that *Rotary is more than lunch on Wednesday*. Please give a very warm Springfield Rotary Welcome to DG John and Charlene. It's a special day for our Club. We're accomplishing so much but remember: *We're never over the hump!*

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 Jeff Towery, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

### Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	11/18/09	11/25/09	12/02/09
Invocation	Darrall Imhoff	Dark	Corkey Gourley
Greeter	Joe Grigsby	Dark	Gino Grimaldi
Door Prize	Skip Fleek	Dark	Joe Grigsby
Attendance	Corkey Gourley	Dark	Skip Fleek

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### PROGRAMS

Today: 11-18  
**District Governor John Cox**  
 Next Week: 11-25  
**Dark for Thanksgiving**  
 Following Week: 12-02  
**Laurie Power and Susan Ban**  
**Shelter Care**

### Calendar:

#### Dark Days...

11/25 ~ for Thanksgiving  
 12/23 ~ for Christams  
 12/31 ~ for New Years

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

**Rotary Auction: March 12**  
**\*\*Board Meetings:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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**Newsletter Articles:**  
**Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.**  
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## News about Our Club and Beyond~ Push to end polio gains ground

Although the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has faced sobering challenges in the past year, it is moving forward in key political, technical, financial, and operational areas. Stepped-up efforts to end the disease in the four endemic countries of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan are paying off, GPEI officials say. "Rotary International has played an extraordinarily special role [in the GPEI], not just as one of the initiators but in bringing financial resources, political advocacy, and volunteerism on the ground to getting the job done," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the GPEI at the World Health Organization. According to WHO, the incidence of polio in Nigeria in 2009 dropped by almost half to 383 cases as of 10 November, compared with 753 cases for the same period in 2008. Most dramatic has been the decline in the transmission of the type 1 wild poliovirus, to 73 cases from 692 cases. Also, the proportion of unimmunized children in Nigeria's highest-risk states fell below 10 percent for the first time. In Pakistan, the incidence of polio decreased to 76 cases from 96 cases. Rotarians there have encouraged the national government to give strong support to ending the disease. This advocacy effort helped prompt the government's decision to launch the Prime Minister's Action Plan for Polio Eradication. On behalf of Rotary International in August, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott recognized Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, with a Polio Eradication Champion Award for his outstanding support for a polio-free world. Although the incidence of polio in India increased to 568 cases, compared with 503 cases a year ago, all but two of India's 35 states and territories have stopped transmission of the wild polio virus. Afghanistan recorded the same number of polio cases, 24, as a year ago. The wild poliovirus is endemic only in the south, and about 80 percent of children live in polio-free areas. In 2010, a new vaccine is expected to be introduced to help stop the transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously. This bivalent vaccine, health officials believe, will multiply the gains made during the past year toward eradicating polio. Worldwide, the number of polio cases has dropped from more than 350,000 in 1988, when the GPEI began, to 1,651 in 2008. The remaining 1 percent of cases are the most difficult and expensive to prevent, however. That is why continued support for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which is close to reaching the halfway mark in funding, is crucial to the GPEI's success. "Rotary's challenge ends 30 June 2012. Let's push confidently ahead to reach our goal and help ensure that all the children of the world will be forever safe from this devastating disease," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.

**Friendship Exchange application deadline has been extended** to the day before Thanksgiving, November 25. District Chair Friendship Exchange Gloria Thorpe indicates the extension will allow for more applications for this great exchange with New Zealand, District 9910. It is scheduled between March 19 to April 2, 2010. Each exchange team consists of between 5 and 6 Rotary couples, and may include Rotary singles between the limits. (For example, 5 doubles and 2 singles). The information, with applications are on our District Website. Gloria will answer any inquiries. <http://district5110.org/Committees/FriendshipExchange>  
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### *Recent Make-ups:*

Darrall Imhoff~ Kiffanie Phillips~ Corwin Lewis  
Bob Linahan~ Kip Much ~Tom Cochran  
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

## U.S. club brings safe water to communities in Mexico, Malawi

The Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning, California, USA, is applying the experience it gained from a water project in Mexico to a new effort halfway around the globe, in Malawi. The club's work with water projects began when one of its members attended a meeting of the Rotary Club of Pátzcuaro, Michoacán, Mexico, in 2005 and learned that nearby villagers drank contaminated water from wells or used their meager wages to buy expensive bottled water.

The Carpinteria Morning club decided to get involved. "We wanted to find filtration systems -- sand, solar, ozone, microfiltration -- that would work best in these five small villages," explains Larry Siegel, who coordinates water projects for District 5240. "We wanted it to be repeated around the area, so the systems needed to be affordable." The club decided to install different systems in different villages. The most successful system was a combination of sand and electric ultraviolet (UV) filtration in La Cienaga. Families had been paying up to a day's wages for a weekly supply of bottled water because the local water, which was orange, was undrinkable.

"Once the sand/UV system was installed, the bottled water purchases stopped, and we saw the health and economic impact from the project," Siegel says. Working with the Rotary clubs of Pátzcuaro and Pátzcuaro 2000, the Carpinteria Morning club led a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project that installed 100-gallon storage tanks and filters in 75 elementary schools to treat contaminated water from the local system.

When club members learned about similar clean water challenges in Malawi, they decided to try to repeat the success of that project, drawing upon their experience in finding water filtration systems and installing them in La Cienaga. District 5240 partnered with District 9210 (Malawi; part of Mozambique; Zambia; Zimbabwe) on a 2007 Matching Grant project that installed large rainwater collection tanks at four AIDS treatment centers in rural Malawi. The project, with local support from the Rotary Club of Lilongwe, also helped supply 30 sand filters for domestic use, which patients took home. Rotarians are also working with eight rural villages in Malawi to distribute household sand filters, build rainwater collection tanks, and seal and cap wells, which should provide clean water to 5,000 people. A third Malawi project is helping to fund a health worker who will teach villagers about hand washing, food preparation, baby care, and other issues integral to promoting health through the long-term use of the clean water system. "It's our way of starting to address the sanitation side," says Siegel. "We think it's our best project yet."