

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
December 9, 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

Well, the Civil War is over for another year and with proper respect and good natured fun, we were all pretty darn *civil* with each other. Congratulations to the Ducks for their victory and forthcoming trip to the Rose Bowl, and to the Beavers for scaring the dickens out of some of you ... even if just for a few short minutes. It was a game for the ages and a great moment for our State. From the sound of things, the event didn't hurt the local economy a bit, either.

Speaking of the economy, at least twice a day I drive up and down Pioneer Parkway. Some of you probably do, as well. It's great to see all the construction that LTD has brought to our town and absolutely wonderful to see all the contractors plying their skills as the EmX improvements get built. As with most of us, these workers will probably have a typical or near-typical holiday time unmarred by the economic slump that plagues our region, state and nation. I know we're all mindful, though, that there are many right here in Springfield that will not enjoy the holidays because they're in families with bread-winners who have lost jobs, or have mortgage payments and bills hanging over their heads that can't be paid. It's good that Springfield Rotary has taken steps to help mitigate some of the economic pain being experienced right here among us. The Giving Tree and Holiday Party are examples of this as we share our resources. So is the John Woodrow Memorial Fund, established to help our own members facing economic challenges. If you've contributed to these already, many thanks. If not, and you can, please consider making a donation. While you're at it, and in the season of giving, please remember that our local polio challenge match is underway. Donations of up to \$20 will be matched dollar for dollar if made by December 16th.

Springfield Rotarians prove themselves generous and caring time after time but it always seems there's more to be done and there is ... because we're never over the hump.

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President Bill Grile
 President Elect.....Mark Johnson
 Immediate Past President Bruce Smolnisky
 Secretary Micheal Screen
 Treasurer..... Bruce Webber
 Editor Vicki Schoenleber

Board of Directors:

Nancy Bigley & Beth DeGeorge, Club Service Projects
 Jim Eckman & Ronda Schleicher, Membership
 Michele Erickson & Ned Powell, Club Administration
 Rod Lathrop, Public Relations
 Jeff Towery, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Back Table Schedule:

<i>DUTY ROSTER</i>	<i>12/09/09</i>	<i>12/16/09</i>	<i>12/23/09</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	Ron Sauer	Dave Lanning	Dark
<i>Greeter</i>	Melinda Handy	Trevor Harwood	Dark
<i>Door Prize</i>	John Halgren	Melinda Handy	Dark
<i>Attendance</i>	Gino Grimaldi	John Halgren	Dark

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: 12-09
Rick Dancer
Oregon Supported Living and Full Access
 Next Week: 12-16
Holiday Party at Roaring Rapids
 Following Week: 12-23
Dark for Christmas

Calendar:

Dark Days...

12/23 ~ for Christmas
 12/31 ~ for New Years

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

Rotary Auction: March 12
 Time to think about who you will invite to this important fund raiser for the Springfield Club.

****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.
 Email Vicki Schoenleber: vsco@citizensEbank.com

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 Email to Micheal Screen: neerics@comcast.net

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Local News

Now that you have survived the Thanksgiving weekend, it is time to get ready for the holiday season. What better way to do it than with family and your Rotary friends than to go see -

White Christmas, the musical, includes a Back Stage Tour, the beautiful program and a Holiday Dessert Buffet! Friday December 11, 2009 6:30PM Meet and Greet, 7:30PM Show at **The Shedd** (the old Baptist Church) 868 High Street (where Broadway meets High) Eugene, Oregon (541) 687-6526 \$40 per adult/\$25 per child

Tickets can be obtained from Margaret Thumel at <mailto:margaretthumel@yahoo.com> or (541) 912-0362.



Rotary Christmas Party
Date: December 16, 2009
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Place: Roaring Rapids

Please bring some kiddos with you to meet Santa!
If you would like to donate items for the kids gift bags give to Bryce or Stephanie today! Or let them know...

12/9/09 The Nominating Committee is proposing the following slate of members for the 2010-2011 Springfield Rotary year: President Elect--Corkey Gourley, Board of Directors--Sue Fisher, Melinda Handy, Randy Lodge, Public Relations--Vicki Schoenleber, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)--Jane Morris.

Presented for the nominating committee by John Halgren, Chair.

Recent Make-ups:
John Halgren

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:
neercs@comcast.net

If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place.

Nora Roberts

News about Our Club and Beyond~

IRS Tax Deductable Information "USA, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands Rotary Clubs and Districts and the IRS", and share it with the clubs in your district that are located in the United States. Please pay particular attention to the paragraph on Tax Deductible Status, as it has been revised to provide information about the non-deductibility of fundraising solicitations and dues as a charitable contribution. This is an issue that is unclear to many Rotarians. Please make sure that all Rotary clubs located in the United States understand that their dues and any donations they receive for their club are not tax deductible. If a donation is made directly to The Rotary Foundation, that donation is tax deductible. This is due to the fact that The Rotary Foundation has obtained tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Rotary Foundation is a separate entity from Rotary International. Rotary International and all of its clubs and districts are exempt from federal income tax only under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues may be deductible as a business expense for some Rotarians, and contributions to any club/district's charitable fund that has obtained tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) may be deductible as a charitable contribution. Please check state laws for more information on this topic. It is also important to note that any clubs with gross receipts of US\$100,000 or more should include a statement about this on their dues statements to their members. Please visit the IRS web site for complete details. Sincerely, Susan Schmidt CDS Coordinator, Northern Pan America, Rotary International susan.schmidt@rotary.org Phone +1 847 866 3269 Fax +1 847 556 2134 "Service Above Self"