

“REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY”

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
December 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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What does 'Membership' mean? By Stephanie Kerns, membership co-chair

Membership simply by definition is a noun. Example(s):

1. the state of being a member, as of a society or club.
2. the status of a member.
3. the total number of members belonging to an organization, society, etc.

Example 1. 'state of being a member'. Are you a member just to say you are a member? Was it recommended by your employer and it ends there? Take a moment and think about the old adage "You only get out as much effort as you put in." Rotary, being a service club, offers many ways to engage in community service outside of the club with the added bonus of doing so along side your fellow members. Some say volunteering gives you a selfishly satisfying feeling by just knowing you have helped someone else. Maybe while volunteering you'll get to know another member better, one that even gets your jokes better than your family does. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you get back. You'll never know unless you put out the effort. Ask yourself, what have I gotten out of my membership lately?

Example 2. 'the status of a member'. Does this remind you of the secret thorn in your side 'your attendance record'? Do you get harassed by the membership committee? Do you see the e-rotary on line club more than your local club? Showing up, being polite, eating lunch, shaking hands, singing songs, heading back to work and then doing it all again next week will keep you in the 'status of a member'. Is it fulfilling to you? Would you remember anyones name with out their badges on? Can you name 5 people you sat with last week (or - are they always the same people)? Did any of them have pets, kids, tattoo's? What do they know about you? Have you shared your obsession for Pez dispensers with them? What do you bring to the status of member? Ask yourself, what effort have I put in?

- President.....Corkey Gourley
- President Elect.....Nancy Bigley
- Immediate Past President.....Mark Johnson
- Secretary.....Micheal Screen
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- Leslie Benz, Club Administration -Programs
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- Sarah Crumley-Smith, New Generations

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Welcome Table Schedule:

<i>DUTY ROSTER</i>	<i>12/28/11</i>	<i>1/04/12</i>	<i>1/11/12</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	Zane Wilson	Denise Bean	Tim Zakarian
<i>Greeter</i>	Mark Johnson	Jane Falls	Phil Farrington
<i>Door Prize</i>	Gino Grimaldi	Mark Johnson	Jane Falls
<i>Attendance</i>	Dan Egan	Gino Grimaldi	Mark Johnson

Please contact Sue Fisher, opca@opca.org or phone 541-844-9990 if you have a question about your assignment.

PROGRAMS

Today: 12/28/11
Harvey Lopez-American Red Cross

Next Week: 1/04/12
Onalee Carson

Following Week: 1/11/12
TBA

Calendar

****BOARD MEETINGS****
 Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. 7:30AM
 "The Washburne Café"
 326 Main St. Springfield

Laurel Grove Cemetery ongoing Club Service Project: The clean up is "suspended" until Spring...

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

PROGRAM Ideas:
 Contact Leslie Benz:
leslielbenz@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
Due Monday 9:00 AM
 Email Vicki Schoenleber:
vsco@citizensEbank.com

E-MAIL TO MEMBERS
 Email to Micheal Screen:
neercs@comcast.net

Visit us online <http://www.springfieldrotary5110.org>
Webmaster: Rod Lathrop
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Thinking about sponsoring a new Rotarian? Visit this new website for potential Rotarians:
<http://isrotary4me.org>

News and Upcoming Meetings

Fellow Rotarians,

With the end of the year upon us, I want to remind you that donations for 2011 tax purposes must be made by Dec 31 (The Rotary Year and pledges must be paid by June). See below for some incentives to help you help us reach that goal. rae

Foundation Sustaining Member Drawing: All District 5110 Rotarians that are Sustaining Members for The Rotary Foundation (have given \$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund this year) will automatically be entered into the January 14th Foundation Drawing for up to \$500 for meals, lodging and travel to the May District Conference. All District Rotarians that show a "Sustaining Member Date" for the current year from the online Every Rotarian Every Year report will be entered from their contributions made and processed through The Rotary Foundation this Rotary Year. There will be three drawings: January 14th and March 3rd for \$500 to the District Conference and the final drawing from All Sustaining Members at the District Conference on June 2nd for \$3,000 for registration, meals, lodging, travel to a future Rotary International Convention. We hope these drawings will encourage all your Rotarians to become Sustaining Members this year. As you know, support of The Rotary Foundation by all members **and** an average contribution to the Annual Programs Fund of \$100 per member are qualifying criteria for the Rotary International Presidential Citation for your club.

The Rotary Foundation donations must be sent by December 31, 2011 and received by January 3, 2012 to receive credit in 2011. See the following for additional information: to contribute: <http://www.rotary.org/EN/CONTRIBUTE/>

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

neercs@comcast.net

Recent Make-ups: R. LaMarche, Shon O'Donnell (2), 1 each: C. Gourley, B. Webber, M. Screen, M. Handy, S. Kerns, S. Fisher, P. Riggs-Henson, S. Crumley-Smith, M. Johnson, N. Bigley, P. Wynkoop, S. Marvin, D. Fearn, D. Arkell, J. Falls, B. Grile, R. Lathrop

Fellow Rotarians, as of 9-30 we have dropped to 65% attendance. Please take a few minutes and read the monthly magazine or do a make-up online. Then, report it to Michael. Remember - 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after- report to Michael at the above email or call him. For ways to makeup 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 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)

"Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle"

Taken from Stephanie Kerns email.

Guest article continued...

Example 3. 'total number of members'.

Who are we as a whole? It's no secret we're known as the 'Gem' of District 5110. In a time when many clubs are struggling with membership, we have grown, and then grown some more, (as if we were drinking miracle grow rather than wine) but now what? Does it end there? Are we just a bigger club? Have we set ourselves up for a big loss (ie. most Rotarians are lost within their first 2 years of membership)? Will we be referred to in conversations as "Oh that club, you know, the one that grew to fast"? As President Corkey has drilled into our heads, "We are only as strong as our weakest link." We have the chance to really make 5110 history. Lets be the club that defies the odds and doesn't have an issue with retention. Let's be 'that club' that is so obnoxiously tight knit that folks from other clubs think of us as a 'Gem' because our club means another noun entirely: Family (ie. their family trait is singing).

Here is the final, and probably most important question: **What does YOUR membership - mean to you?**

FOR LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Traditionally, it was thought that one could affect the luck they have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. For that reason, it has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of the brand new year in the company of family and friends. Parties often last into the middle of the night after ringing in the new year. It was once believed that the first visitor on New Years Day would bring either good or bad luck for the rest of the year. It was particularly lucky if the visitor happened to be a tall dark-headed man. Traditional New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. For that reason the Dutch believe eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune.