

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
February 3, 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

New member auto-biographies are today's program. We'll get to hear three of these today ... and then three more next month. New members giving their auto-biographies is a time-honored tradition in most Rotary Clubs. Ours is no exception. I always look forward to these because in many instances these short talks are often the first opportunity we get to know people who will prove to become very close friends and long-time fellow Rotarians. Even if the new Club members are old friends, hearing *their* life journeys is always fun.

Today, let's make sure that Rob Everett, Denise Fearn and Chris Stole know that we sure appreciate having them as members of Springfield Rotary! New members bring fresh energy and new ideas to our Club. They keep us from getting stale. They keep us from thinking we might be over the hump.

While on this topic, I want to give a plug for the notion of doing what we can to schedule some veteran member autobiographies into our weekly programs. As a relative newcomer to Springfield Rotary myself compared to some of the Club's old-timers, hearing folks like Tom Draggoo, Corkey Gourley and Skip Fleek spin their tales makes for great entertainment. I'd almost cancel a vacation to hear Dan Egan's! Autobiographies unlock chapters of fellow Rotarians' lives most of us would never learn.

Finally, I want to thank those of you that are volunteering your time Saturday morning to showcase Rotary and our Club at the Chamber's Business Expo at Gateway Mall. Even if not signed up for this, stop by if you can. Thanks for all you do to make Springfield Rotary all that it is!

President Bill Grile
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Nancy Bigley & Beth DeGeorge, Club Service Projects
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 Michele Erickson & Sue Fisher, Club Administration
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 Jeff Towery, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Back Table Schedule:

<i>DUTY ROSTER</i>	<i>2/03/10</i>	<i>2/10/10</i>	<i>2/17/10</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	Mike Fischnaller	Vicki Schoenleber	Sara Marvin
<i>Greeter</i>	Leslie Benz	Erik Jensen	Denise Fearn
<i>Door Prize</i>	Sara Marvin	Leslie Benz	Erik Jensen
<i>Attendance</i>	Darall Imhoff	Sara Marvin	Leslie Benz

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: 2/3
New Member Autobiographies
 Rob Everett, Denise Fearn and Chris Stole
 Next Week: 2/10
 Ken Parish, Project Manager for Hamilton Construction
 Jyll Smith , Public Info Officer for ODOT
ODOT- Willamette River Bridge Project Update
 Following Week: 2/11
Chandra Husen
 RC of Springfield helps literacy in NE Thailand

Calendar:

***Pre-Pets: February 6, 2010**
Cottage Grove, suggested attendess: Pres Elect and Pres Nominated. 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

***FIRESIDE:** 5th Wednesday of the month. Regular meeting.
Program Ideas:
 Contact Michele Erickson ericksonm@lanecc.edu
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Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.
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News about our Club and Beyond

Celebrating 105 Years!

During the first Rotary club meeting on 23 February 1905 in Chicago, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Hiram Shorey, and Silvester Schiele met to talk about their personal experiences. Harris then unfolded his general plan for their club meetings.

This was the simple beginning of the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago. It was created because of Harris' wish to capture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Rotarians continue to take pride in their history. In honor of that first club, Rotarians have preserved its original meeting place, Room 711 in Chicago's Unity Building, by re-creating the office as it existed in 1905. For several years, the Paul Harris 711 Club maintained the room as a shrine for visiting Rotarians. In 1989, when the building was scheduled to be demolished, the club carefully dismantled the office and salvaged the interior, including doors and radiators. In 1993, the RI Board of Directors set aside a permanent home for the restored Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in the Chicago suburb of Evanston.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#).

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, raybilitent@sbcglobal.net; 541-482-7210 (h); 916-952-9940 (c)

Recent Make-ups:

Merlyn Hough~2, Leo Alapont, Leslie Benz, Beth DeGeorge,
Mike Fischnaller, Bryce Jessen, Bob Linahan, Bill VanVector ~ 1 each.
Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

neercs@comcast.net

"Members, did you know that participating in any club activity; a work party, delivering dictionaries, the Duck race, yes, even a social event counts as a make-up for a meeting missed?"

December's attendance for our club was at 59%. We can do better!!

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Miracle of Rotary

POLIO UPDATE

You're almost there, was the message reporter Penny LeGate gave to district governors-elect during the 2010 International Assembly in an update on Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.

LeGate, a news anchor and reporter for KIRO-TV in Seattle, Washington, USA, has traveled with Rotarians to countries such as Ethiopia and India to participate in and report on National Immunization Days (NIDs).

"At this time in history, you're in the home stretch, you're walking the last mile, but it's not proving to be easy," she said during the fourth plenary session.

Since 1985, when Rotary launched PolioPlus, the volunteer arm of the global partnership to eradicate polio, the number of polio-endemic countries has declined from 125 to 4 -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan -- and the number of new polio cases each year has been reduced from 350,000 to 2,000.

Security problems, political instability, and poor infrastructure and sanitation continue to pose challenges to eradicating the disease, said LeGate.

But political negotiations and new technology have helped Rotarians rise to meet these challenges. In Pakistan, medical teams send text messages to people in remote villages to notify them of upcoming NIDs. In Afghanistan, Days of Tranquility have been declared so vaccine can be delivered at less of a risk to health workers and recipients.

LeGate also emphasized the importance of Rotary's international reputation and its ability to gain the confidence of philanthropic organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has given Rotary two challenge grants totaling US\$355 million.

"As a reporter, I've loved telling your story," she professed. "I'm hooked."