

# THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary  
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at  
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield  
*February 10, 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 *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

Last Thursday, eleven Past-Presidents of Springfield Rotary joined me for lunch at Roaring Rapids Pizza. It was quite a gathering. Each of these men and women had dedicated a year of their life to the leadership of our Club, and each had the wisdom of that experience to share with me. I wanted to learn from them, and I did! It's not about being the best President. It's about being President of the best *Club*! I appreciated the feedback I heard Thursday, and I'll appreciate yours as well ... any time you have thoughts, ideas or concerns. You see, it's the power of our collective wisdom that helps Springfield Rotary keep raising the bar and improving our performance.

Past-Presidents had several suggestions for me. They'd like to hear some discussion about the prestigious nature of being a member of Springfield Rotary. They encouraged me to schedule a few autobiographies by senior members of our Club before the year ends. Let's do it. And they encouraged me to schedule a program that showcases the many different contributions our Club has made here in Springfield. Let's do that too. Just think about it. Over the years, how many scholarships have we awarded? How many band uniforms and little league uniforms have we funded? How many service projects have we completed? It's all because of the commitment and dedication of the many members of our Club.

I think we're having a pretty strong year. So do the Past-Presidents. For me, the ultimate measure of success is the degree to which we have our members engaged and participating in a variety of Rotary activities. The evidence of this is compelling. Great job!

Our program on March 31<sup>st</sup> will be a *virtual fireside*. Firesides are typically held at a member's home and are a time for sharing knowledge about Rotary. Next month, we'll break with tradition and conduct a fireside during Club ... and it'll be a *virtual fireside*. I think it'll be educational and a lot of fun. Please mark your calendars and try to attend on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you're enjoying the year as much as I am. Thanks for the honor of serving as your President. It's satisfying to see this year's accomplishments, but we're never over the hump!

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Number 3185

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 & Sue Fisher, Club Administration  
 Rod Lathrop, Public Relations  
 Jeff Towery, The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

### Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	2/10/10	2/17/10	2/24/10
Invocation	Vicki Schoenleber	Sara Marvin	Dave Ralston
Greeter	Erik Jensen	Denise Fearn	Bryce Jessen
Door Prize	Leslie Benz	Erik Jensen	Denise Fearn
Attendance	Sara Marvin	Leslie Benz	Erik Jensen

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### PROGRAMS

Today: 2/10

**ODOT- Willamette River Bridge Project Update**  
**Ken Parish, Project Manager for Hamilton Construction**  
**Jyll Smith, Public Info Officer for ODOT**

Next Week: 2/17  
**Chandra Husen**

**RC of Springfield helps literacy in NE Thailand**  
 Following Week: 2/24

**Tim Gleason**  
**Dean of the UO Journalism School**

### Calendar:

**\*Rotary Auction: March 12**  
 Wine drawing tickets sold?  
 Table reserved?  
 Guests invited?  
 Bottle of wine purchased?  
 Silent auction gift donated?  
 Oral auction item donated?



**\*\*Board Meetings:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
 The meeting is at  
 The Hole in the Wall  
 1807 Olympic St. Springfield  
 7:00AM to 8:30AM

**\*FIRESIDE:** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Regular meeting.  
**Program Ideas:**

Contact Michele Erickson  
[ericksonm@lanecc.edu](mailto:ericksonm@lanecc.edu)

### Newsletter Articles:

**Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.**  
 Email Vicki Schoenleber:  
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**February Birthdays!!**  
 Corkey Gourley 2/26  
 Rita Merrell 2/05



## News about our Club and Beyond

In his letter to the Rotary world in the February issue of the Rotarian, RI President John Kenny asks, "What is Rotary?" Following is one answer to his question. The recent tragedy in Haiti is very, very sad. As usual, Rotarians in our district and worldwide are responding to assist with shelter boxes and millions of dollars. The deaths and lingering injuries yet to be treated are a real problem. Ironically, the Haitian people were living in virtually abject poverty prior to the earthquake, and were in need of schools, medicine, clean water and toilets. There are many other countries in the world whose populations live on much less than \$1.00US a day as well.

The phrase *World Understanding Month* takes me back to what PDG Hal said, as well as the thought I offered in my DG presentation to our clubs: "If we are to conquer the terrorists who want to destroy our way of living, we need to defeat their allies, which are illiteracy, infant mortality, preventable diseases, contaminated water, and lack of sanitation. For example, there are 2.5 billion people in the world without clean water or toilets. In addition, we are aware of the growing number of friends and neighbors living in our own district who are now relying on homeless shelters and food banks to provide for themselves and their children.

What we need to keep in mind is that for Rotarians, the best force we have to overcome these allies of terrorists and to help those in District 5110 who are suffering economic distress, is continual annual contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The situation in Haiti only confirms my deep belief that if the Rotarians of D5110 are given a visual image of the real suffering of those less fortunate, locally and throughout the world, they will give generously to TRF. Club programs are one effective means of providing the visual images and the need for funds, and showing how The Rotary Foundation disperses them. Our contributions to TRF go for projects throughout the world to eliminate hunger, illiteracy, child mortality, disease, dirty water, and poor sanitation. They also are used to fund District Simplified Grants (DSG) which assist food banks, provide literacy programs to schools, and meet the other needs of those truly suffering economically. In addition, many Rotary heroes in District 5110 have volunteered their time and talents to address these issues. So what is Rotary? You may suggest several answers. I think you will find that it means being involved in the world, both local and international. Let's not wait for another disaster to occur in some impoverished country to understand that millions of adults and children die from those terrorist allies.

DG John

**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](mailto:rick@francona.net)
- **Medford-Rogue Rotary Cruise**, Feb 27. Contact: Pam Garrison ([pamgarrison@earthlink.net](mailto:pamgarrison@earthlink.net)).
- **Ashland-Lithia Springs Crabfest**, Feb 27. Contact Ray Redpath, [raybiltent@sbcglobal.net](mailto:raybiltent@sbcglobal.net); 541-482-7210 (h); 916-952-9940 (c)

Recent Make-ups: 1 makeup each: Tom Cochran, Liz Degner, Dan Egan, Steve and Sue Fisher, Joe Grigsby, Bill Grile, Cris Pettit, Ron Sauer, Michael Screen, Chris Stole, Bill Wiggins. 2 makeup's each: John Alden, Jim Eckman, Mike Fischnaller, Mark Johnson, Stephanie Kerns, Ronda Schleicher 3 make-ups Michael Screen

**Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:**

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"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!! Your Membership Committee

**WORDS TO GROW BY** "I will simply rely on you, as responsible people, to see to it that we have more qualified members, true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment."  
— 2009-10 RI President John Kenny at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England

## The Miracle of Rotary

My fellow Rotarians,

Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world's oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.

The structure of Rotary, along with our international club projects, helps make friendly connections between Rotarians in different countries. Our emphasis on ethical and honest behavior works to build strong and open relationships between people and nations. Our service projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy help eliminate many of the practical obstacles to peace. And our Rotary Foundation and Rotary Youth Exchange programs go a step beyond by training the leaders of tomorrow to be active builders of a more peaceful world.

These programs help shape responsible citizens of better communities -- people who will have a broad and nuanced perspective, enhanced by opened eyes and open minds. They will be indelibly marked by their experiences, and throughout their lives -- both now and in their later careers -- they will not keep the benefits of these experiences to themselves. These are the people who will help build the kind of future that we as Rotarians strive to create through our every action.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care -- people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred." In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words -- and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

John Kenny

President, Rotary International