

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
April 7, 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: Davis Restaurant (beginning 4-06) – 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

That was one heck-of-a *Virtual Fireside* last week thanks to an outstanding annotated slide show by Past-President John Thomas. Let's all pat John on the back for a great presentation. Moreover, I hope none of us missed the presentation's

unspoken theme: ***Through the years, Springfield Rotary has been a whole lot more than lunch on Wednesday!***

For decades, Club members have been engaged in practicing Rotary through service work and by participating in District and International programs. Our commitment to services continues.

Please mark you calendars for important events coming up this month and next. April 24th is ***Rotarians at Work Day***. Club members throughout District 5110 and around the world will be engaged in thousands of service projects, and we'll be right there with them. Community Service committee chair Nancy Bigley is organizing two separate projects for us on April 24th. One will be park work supporting a Willamalane project. The other will be landscaping for the new Welcome to Springfield sign – our 2010 Signature Project – near the Chamber Depot. Details will follow. Online registrations for the **District Conference and Training Assembly** are now being accepted. The Conference will be at The Hilton in Eugene, Thursday through Sunday, May 20th to May 23rd. The Conference is free other than meals and the optional golf tournament. To register, visit <http://reg.district5110.org/> and follow the links. Please do consider at least attending Saturday's activities. Check out the conference schedule at <http://district5110.org/District/ConferenceSchedule>.

Finally, mark your calendars and plan on attending the May 20th, 5:30pm dedication of the **Springfield Rotary Dog Park**. This was our 2009 Signature Project, developed under Past-President Bruce's leadership. Last year, Bruce emphasized the importance of us never becoming a "knife and fork club." Our tradition of service and involvement in the community confirms there's little chance of that happening but we must press on since, after all, we're never over the hump.

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	4/07/10	4/14/10	4/21/10
Invocation	Kip Much	Darrall Imhoff	Steve Singleton
Greeter	Russ Kittrell	David Lanning	Corwin Lewis
Door Prize	Pat Riggs-Henson	Russ Kittrell	David Lanning
Attendance	Mikale Anderson	Pat Riggs-Henson	Russ Kittrell

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: 4/07/10
Senior Member Bios

Next Week: 4/14/10
Mike Bellotti - UO Athletics

Following Week: 4/21/10
Administrative Professionals Day
Rob Everett- Springfield Public Library
"The future of public libraries in this new electronic age"

Calendar:



District Conference: May 20, 21, 22: Eugene, Oregon

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

Date to Remember: Friday, April 9th-Springfield High Rotary Twilight Track Invitational at Silke Field. 4:00pm.

April 21-Administrative Professionals Day- Roaring Rapids

FIRESIDE: 5th Wednesday of the month, at our regular meeting.

Program Ideas: Contact Michele Erickson ericksonm@lanecc.edu

Newsletter Articles: Due Monday at 9:00 a.m. Email Vicki Schoenleber: vsco@citizensEbank.com

E-Mail to Members: Email to Micheal Screen: neercs@comcast.net

Visit us online at <http://www.springfieldrotary5110.org>

Webmaster: Rod Lathrop rlathrop@ci.springfield.or.us

News about our Club and Beyond

Hey Don & Bill,

Wanted to touch base with you both to let you know that I had such a wonderful experience on the GSE exchange! I went in with an open mind and really learned so much about the culture, how my vocation is practiced there (boy, was that an eye opener), and about myself. I have three new sisters (all four of us ladies will be friends for life), and a life long adopted Rotary Dad (Rick). I made so many friends along the journey from all four islands. I've been emailing/facebooking on a daily basis with several of them! I have so many stories -- some fun, some challenging. I really enjoyed every minute of my experience, excluding when I got sick (throat and sinus infection), but even then it was such a comfort as to how well I was taken care of by my host family. I love them dearly!

Thanks again to both of you for your support. With this experience, my life has already made a wonderful change. I'm excited to become a Rotarian -- this experience completely sealed the deal for me. What a wonderful organization -- the projects and good that come out of it. I'm only excited for what is to come.

I'm on my way (leaving tomorrow morning) to Japan with my oldest daughter. I have a new found excitement to show my kids the world and engage with other cultures. I just hope I can remember how to travel without my Rotary family! It feels strange that I will be in another country staying at a hotel -- a real tourist. While in the Eastern Caribbean, we really didn't feel like tourists, we felt like apart of the culture/family there. We got to experience and engage everything (culture, food, etc) from the inside out rather than merely looking from the outside in. What an incredible experience this was! I will forever be grateful.

I return from Japan the week of May 5. I'd love to come in and give an update, unless you'd rather wait to hear about it all at the District conference on May 21? We've got some fun stuff to share! Let me know your thoughts. Until then, take care and I'll see you both in May! If you want to read this to the group, feel free!

Oh, by the way...I was able to meet one member of the GSE inbound team from 7030. Very fun! Again, I'm open to assisting/participating with both inbound teams. Just let me know what I can do to assist you. Smiles. Shelly Kane, Sales Coordinator

CLUB FUNDRAISER EVENTS: Clubs are reminded to publicize their events on the District website: <http://district5110.org/ClubEvents/ClubEvents>

- **Port Orford** Night at the Races, Apr 10. Contact [Melissa Weinblatt](mailto:Melissa.Weinblatt).
- **Bandon** Wine and Cheese Extravaganza, Apr 10. Contact Nora Thomason, 347-9070.
- **Montague** Ribs and Ravioli Dinner, Apr 17.

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups:

neercs@comcast.net

Recent Make-ups:

2 each: Chris Stole, Denise Fearn, Meg Mitchell, Michael Screen, Ed McMahon, Randy Lodge, Ron Sauer, Bob Linahan, John Alden, Vicki Schoenleber, Natalie Standefer, Stephanie Kerns, Tom Draggoo, Beth DeGeorge.

Membership Minute: "Don't forget to let our secretary, Michael Screen, know if you have made up a missed meeting-email him or tell him directly."

-Membership Committee

"It's never too late to be what you might have been."

George Eliot

The Miracle of Rotary

Happy Birthday to our April Gang

Robert Scherer & Tom Cochran	4-01
Erik Jensen	4-02
John Alden	4-03
Claude Gerlach & Stephanie Kerns	4-04
Claire Seguin	4-11
David Lanning	4-13
Gary Weber & Liz Dahlager	4-14
Steve Fisher	4-18
Suzanne Fisher	4-20
Gene Drake	4-21
Nancy Golden	4-27
Bill Wiggins	4-28

- Since your last birthday 31,536,000 seconds have passed.
- In the past year your hair will most likely have grown 12 cm and your nail about 4 cm.
- Your heart beats at a rate of around of 72 to 80 beats per minute - since your last birthday it will have beat about 42,075,900 times.
- You breath at a rate of about 30 breaths per minute so, since your last birthday you have taken approximately 15,768,000 breaths.
- The volume of blood in your body is approximately 5 litres. The heart pumps about 280 litres of blood around your body every hour - that's 2,688,000 litres per year!

