

# THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary  
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at  
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield  
*April 21, 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 *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

We have a lot going on at Springfield Rotary. Here are reminders and requests for your calendars.

**First.** Please make a point to go online and register for the District Conference, May 21 and 22 at the Eugene Hilton: <http://district5110.org/District/Conference>. We're a world-class Rotary Club, and one of the ways we walk-the-talk is by participating in the District Conference. It's close, convenient and a bargain. Registration is free. All we cover are our meals. **Second.** The District Training Assembly is for new and returning Board members and others with club committee leadership responsibilities. It is scheduled for the afternoon of the Conference, so go online, register and show your support for President-Elect Mark. I know he'll appreciate it. **Third.** This Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, is world-wide Rotarians-At-Work Day. Thousands of Rotarians around the world will be engaged in various service projects. Thanks Nancy Bigley, for organizing our two Club projects for this Saturday. One is a Willamalane park project and the other our signature project for this year, the "Welcome to Springfield" sign near the Springfield Depot. **Fourth.** We're looking for two or three Springfield volunteers to host two or three out-of-town Rotarian couples for a sit-down dinner or BBQ on the Thursday night of the District Conference (May 20th). **Fifth.** Don Arkell is still looking for someone to host the inbound Brazilian Group Study Exchange Team Leader while here for the District Conference. Please see Don if interested. **Sixth.** We have the dedication of last year's signature project, the Springfield Rotary Dog Park, on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The event will include a very nice acknowledgement of the many contributions John Woodrow made for our community before his untimely passing last year. **Seventh.** I'll be staffing the Conference registration desk at Hilton on Saturday morning, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will one or two of you volunteer to join me at 7:00am and help?

We all agree that Rotary is *more than lunch on Wednesday*. We're far more than a *knife and fork club*, as Past-President Bruce has been known to remind us. But stepping out engaging in Club and District activities and projects requires effort, and we are all very busy. I want to acknowledge an article written about this by our very own Cris Pettit. I hope you'll take a minute to read what she's written (reprinted in today's newsletter). I'll bet her experience resonates with all of us. Thanks for your commitment. We're in the home stretch this year, but we're far from over the hump!

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### Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	4/21/10	4/28/10	05/05/10
Invocation	Steve Singleton	Vicki Schoenleber	Sara Marvin
Greeter	Corwin Lewis	Bob Linahan	Kathleen Mathson
Door Prize	David Lanning	Corwin Lewis	Bob Linahan
Attendance	Russ Kittrell	David Lanning	Corwin Lewis

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**PROGRAMS**  
 Today: 4/21/10  
**Administrative Professionals Day**  
**Rob Everett- Springfield Public Library**  
**"The future of public libraries in this new electronic age"**  
 Next Week: 4/28/10  
**Ralph Christensen, EGR and Associates**  
**Water in Lane County**  
 Following Week: 05/05/10  
**City Staff**  
**How our tax dollars are spent**

### Calendar:



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

**\*\*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 7AM to 8:30AM

#### Dates to Remember:

July 15: Springfield Rotary Ems game at PK Park.

**FIRESIDE:** 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, at our regular meeting.

#### PROGRAM Ideas:

Contact Michele Erickson

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#### Newsletter Articles:

**Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.**

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## News about our Club and Beyond

### VOLUNTEERIING

By Cris Pettit

When the sign up sheet came around that day at Rotary to help at a track meet on a Friday, I thought to myself, *hey, I have that Friday afternoon off. It should be fun to help out.* So I signed up with enthusiasm!

Then that Friday came. I did have the afternoon off that day. I had lunch with some friends, then had about 3 hours to kill before the track meet. As I was leaving the restaurant I thought to myself, *gees I wish I hadn't volunteered for that dumb track meet. Now it will be 8:00 p.m. before I get home and this is Friday! My day off! And here I am wasting it!* It was only 1:30 p.m. so what was I going to do between now and 4:00 p.m., when we were suppose to meet at the track? I opted to go over to my mom's and "relax" before the meet.

I got to Mom's and was telling her, or more like asking her, "Why do I sign up for these things?" She just smiled. That was weird. Why would she smile when I was kind of mad that I was giving my afternoon away, on a FRIDAY and I didn't think it was that funny? Mom asked me if I had time to take her to the grocery store before I went to the meet. (She knew I had the time) So much for relaxing. We got back from shopping and it was time to go. I arrived at the field on time. Wow, there were lots of kids! I met up with my group and got my assignment. There were three of us assigned to help with the discus throw: John, Pat, and myself. *Oh boy, the discus...how boring.* At the spot where they throw the discus, we met Frank, who was in charge. He acted like it was some big deal that people were volunteering! He said he never had regular "adults" help him before. Usually, he was the only adult and had to run this thing alone with help from the kids.

He explained to us how things run at a discus throw. He had John and Pat go towards the back of the field, where the discus should land, as they would be "marking" where it landed. He had me help record the length. John or Pat would stick this pole in the ground that had a measuring tape attached to the bottom of it. Then, a student volunteer at the other end of the tape would pull it taut to a mark on the discus ring. It was my job to look on the tape and let Frank know the measurement, and his job to write it down and call the next competitor.

So the kids started showing up and we got started. The first round was the girls. The girls were all sizes and shapes. Tall, short, chunky, thin. I was amazed at the different way they threw this little round object that looked like a UFO!

One of the girls faced the back of the ring and hunkered down. She held the disc in her right hand, and started swaying back and forth. Back and forth. Back and forth. Then she twirled around two times and hurled the disc, grunting as it flew from her hand. Wow, that was cool! The kids in the crowd yelled to her. "Good grunt Jill," they called out, laughing. She smiled. It was a good throw.

One by one they got up and threw their object. I was amazed at the different styles. We could tell what kids had the same coach by the form they used. *OK, I guess the discus isn't that boring.*

Hey, I was starting to enjoy this! I looked out at John and Pat and they seemed to be enjoying it too! The kids were so focused, and I was king of glad I was there to cheer them on. I only saw one set of parents there to see their child in this event. Now, that is sad.

Next were the boys. They were also different sizes and shapes. Except the tall ones were really tall. They were a lot bigger than the girls. They took this event seriously. Again, they all had a different way of throwing. *OK, I guess this is sort of fun.*

Before I knew it we were done. We had several students from the host school come up and thank us for volunteering. *The students were thanking us!* It was around 7:15 p.m. Where had the time gone? These kids were a lot of fun! I was exhausted! But good exhausted. I got in my car and laid my head back on the head rest. *Wow, glad that's over. And glad I volunteered. That was actually fun. Now I know why I volunteer for stuff! I got to help out someone that never had help before, I got to interact with kids I would never see again, but not soon forget, I got to feel like I accomplished something, and I LIKED IT!* It was a good drive home.

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

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Recent Make-ups: None reported

**Membership Minute:** "Be sure to greet the newly inducted Rotary Members today!!"

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. And today?  
Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present.

**B. Olatunji**

## The Miracle of Rotary

### Guard Troops Return to Eugene This Week

The first group of soldiers with the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon [Army National Guard](#), returned to the Northwest landing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. April 3rd. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hartman) Springfield (KMTR)-

More than 700 troops from the 2-162nd Infantry will be demobilized in a ceremony open to the public on Thursday, April 22nd at the Lane County Fairgrounds.

For a year, those troops and others from the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team were in Iraq. The 2,500 deployed were the brigade's largest since [World War II](#).

Organizers expect close to 4,000 people at the Fairgrounds for the ceremony. Soldiers who have been through one say it's like nothing else in the world.

"There's no other feeling like it," says Lt. Ryan Skiles, who returned from serving in Iraq several years ago and went through the ceremony. "All the family members are there, all the community supporting you. It's the last time that you'll get to see a lot of your guys in a giant formation like that. There's nothing really to describe it."

To make it even better for the returnees, a local volunteer group dedicated to helping soldiers called the Oregon Posse was asked to help with the demobilization ceremony. They've decided to have the event catered, so it will feel like a real party for the troops- and the families they'll be seeing for the first time in more than a year.

"The people who are taking it hard are the families left at home," says Bob Lowry of the Oregon Posse. "And so this is to give them, frankly, a party. To make the homecoming of their family a party."

The Posse figures it will take close to \$4,000 to make the event as great as it can be. Right now they have about \$1,500.

If you'd like to help the Posse has an account at the Key Bank on 10th and Oak in Eugene. Make checks payable to the Oregon Posse.

Although the ceremony is scheduled for Thursday at the Fairgrounds starting at 1:30, the day could be changed depending on how things go at the Fort Lewis, Washington base, where they are now.