

# THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary  
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at  
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield  
*September 9, 2009*

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...

We're having a *club assembly* today! To all you seasoned Rotarians, please excuse me for a moment while I explain a little bit about these and why effective Rotary clubs hold them at least once or twice a year.

A *club assembly* is a meeting where all club members, including the club's officers, directors and committee chairs gather to confer about the programs and activities of the club, or for membership education. All club members are always urged to attend these to learn about club efforts underway and to offer feedback to those in leadership positions.

I'm pretty excited about the traction we are getting underway in several areas. Today's *club assembly* will highlight these. Club Directors are actively engaged in carrying out the missions under their charge. Our standing committees are **Membership** (Jim Eckman and Ronda Schleicher), **Public Relations** (Rod Lathrop), **Club Administration** (Ned Powell and Michele Erickson), **Service Projects** (Nancy Bigley) and last but certainly not least, **The Rotary Foundation** (Jeff Towery). I don't want to steal anyone's thunder, but at least let me mention a couple of other program areas that are getting notable attention. President-elect Mark Johnson has nailed down a date for our annual auction and has already started putting details in place for this. Don Armstrong, Melinda Handy and Bill Stenstrom are well on the way to lifting Springfield Rotary's involvement in **World Community Service** to a new level. Vicki Schoenleber is doing a fabulous job with our award-winning newsletter, and I could go on and on. Springfield Rotary accomplishes its goals because our members get involved and show the true spirit of Service Above Self. After today's *Club Assembly*, I hope you'll conclude two things. First, Springfield Rotary really has its act together. Second, only through the dedication and commitment of our members can we accomplish all the things we set out for ourselves at the start of the.

Now let's get on with the *assembly*!

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

### Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	9/09/09	9/16/09	9/23/09
Invocation	Mike Fischnaller	Steve Singleton	Kip Much
Greeter	Philip Farrington	Mike Fischnaller	Steve Fisher
Door Prize	Gene Drake	Philip Farrington	Michael Fischnaller
Attendance	Dan Egan	Gene Drake	Philip Farrington

Please contact Michele Erickson, [ericksonm@lanecc.edu](mailto:ericksonm@lanecc.edu) or Ned Powell, [nipowell@comcast.net](mailto:nipowell@comcast.net) or 726-4840 if you have any questions about your assignment.

**PROGRAMS**

Today:  
**Club Assembly**

Next Week:  
**Dr. Henry Paulson  
 Health Care Initiatives**

Following Week:  
**Michael Riley  
 Oregon Cross Country Track**

### Calendar:

**MORE ROTARY FUN!!!**  
 "Past Presidents Tailgater" Saturday, **September 19th** at Autzen. Ducks vs Utah. It is FREE for Rotarians, families and friends (generous food and beverages). There will be a signup starting in a couple of weeks. Lots of fun.

**Please note new date.....October 22: Fireside at Beth DeGeorge's home**

**\*\*Board Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Heritage Restaurant on Mohawk Blvd. 7:00AM to 8:30AM**

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

**Newsletter Articles:**  
**Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.**  
 Email Vicki Schoenleber: [vsco@citizensEbank.com](mailto:vsco@citizensEbank.com)

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## News about Our Club and Beyond

September Newsletter from District 5110 Governor John Cox

September is New Generation Month and we can think of this as an extension of August Membership Month. What does New Generation mean? Probably something that is not male, pale, and stale. (The HEROES of D5110 are NOT male, pale or stale!)

Actually I think it is intended to refer to folks who are younger than this old geezer. However, I think we need to be careful to assume it only refers to young people, whatever that means. We have two after 5 clubs in our district and they are going strong. Granted they are to a large extent "younger," but not exclusively.

What these clubs did is think outside of the box in terms of where they meet, when they meet, and the content of their meetings. They do not have full meals and are done in an hour or so. Remember, you do not need to be young to think outside of the box. Actually, meetings without a full meal can occur any time of the day. The Greater Medford club meets for breakfast and only has coffee except for one meeting a month when they have a meal. The same could be done for a noon meeting.

I am not saying that clubs should not have meetings with full meals or how they should structure their meetings. What I am saying is that if we want to continue to grow Rotary in North America (it is going gangbusters in India and other Asian countries) we need to understand the needs of qualified potential members. If a different format, location, or structure works for that group, we should show our support.

When recruiting qualified potential members, do not limit them to just joining your club, but see if they have friends who would like to form a club under a "different" structure than we all might be familiar with. We are fortunate our district has very strong Interact, Youth Exchange, and RYLA committees dealing with high school-age students. They advise clubs on how to contact and involve young non-Rotarians in Rotary clubs, easily serving as an introduction to eventual membership in Rotary. At this time we do not have a chair for the district Rotaract Committee. We are working to reestablish the Rotaract club in Eugene. Rotaract is not limited to college students, but anyone over 18 who may not be eligible for membership in Rotary. When thinking about recruiting new members, please keep in mind the many options for introducing potential qualified members to Rotary.

DG John

### Announcements:

**Fireside Meeting next month, open to all, come support our newest members. Red Badges do not miss this date.**

Location: Home of Beth and Gary DeGeorge  
Where: 7924 Thurston Rd.  
Dates: October 22, 2009  
Time: 6PM~9PM

**\*\*Please mark your calendar ~March 12, 2010...Rotary Auction, have you given any thought about who will be sharing the evening with you?**

### *Recent Make-ups:*

**Bob Linahan, Nancy Golden**

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups: [neercs@comcast.net](mailto:neercs@comcast.net)

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

[Mother Teresa](#)

## The Miracle of Rotary

**This sounds like a great idea!**

Joe Donachie, of the Rotary Club of Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada, enjoyed the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, while staying at home. Someone else's home.

Donachie, a home-exchange veteran, took advantage of the comforts of a Birmingham Rotarian's house while Birmingham Rotarians enjoyed a homestay in his Nova Scotia community.

The principle of the home exchange is simple. "Basically, it's 'You stay in my home while I stay in yours,'" said Donachie, a Rotarian since 1961, who admits he was reluctant about the concept at first.

"I had read about home exchanges, but I didn't like the idea that there was no evaluation [of the participants]." Then Donachie found out about the [International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians](#). "I had been a Rotarian a long time at that point, so I gave it a try," he said.

Donachie found comfort in knowing that he was in a group with fellow Rotarians. Since 1987, he has been on 18 exchanges all over the world through the fellowship, which has about 400 members.

"With home exchange, you can vacation at minimal cost, but there are many other intangibles," he said. "Living in a private home is considerably better than living at a hotel. And the Rotarian has usually arranged for family, friends, and fellow Rotarians to be with you and make you feel welcome, so you live like a local rather than a tourist."

Donachie said that after the convention, he went on another home exchange in Normandy, France, staying in the home of a Rotarian who had hosted his Group Study Exchange team in 2008. He encourages Rotarians interested in home exchanges during the [2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada](#), to learn more about the fellowship and consider joining.