

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Springfield Rotary
Meets every Wednesday at Noon at
Holiday Inn, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield
September 30, 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 *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...

The purpose of Rotary programs is to educate and challenge us. They’re not to provide a bully pulpit for political advocacy or to expound religious preferences. Thus, I held my breath a few times during the program two weeks ago about healthcare reform because I was afraid the presenter, Dr. Dan Paulson, was going to advocate for one political solution or another during the course of his talk. For the most part, I don’t feel he did or, if you feel he did, I hope you agree it was at least subtle. I do suspect the topic itself caused some or many of us to drift into thoughts about the charged debate underway in our country today, and about our own sense of “right” concerning the course Congress should take. I believe the debate about healthcare reform is one that needs to occur outside the confines of Rotary, yet the debate itself prompts some interesting questions for us as Rotarians. I read recently that “whoever defines the debate (about healthcare reform), will win it.” This statement may be true, but what about *The Four-Way Test*? High ethical standards and moral behavior are core values we cherish as Rotarians. These are certainly embodied in one of our cornerstones, *The Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

All eyes are on Congress as the debate unfolds and, at a time when respect for Congress is not exactly at an all-time high, this month’s Rotary magazine has published a couple articles discussing the unethical behavior of a few public officials. In one, attorney and author Scott Turow writes about public corruption and the reasonable expectations we should have for our public officials. In another, writer Joe Queenan offers practical tips on how to apologize when held accountable for a misdeed. These articles have led me to an epiphany about how the public perceives Congress and about its efforts to work through the thorny issues related to healthcare reform. That is, *what if each of our Congressional Representatives and Senators were to approach the debate by following the principles of The Four-Way Test?* Sound impossible? Seem naïve? If so, just read Queenan’s article and know that, “I’m sorry.” Persevere Springfield Rotarians. We’re never over the hump!

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Back Table Schedule:

DUTY ROSTER	9/30/09	10/07/09	10/14/09
Invocation	Kip Much	TBA	TBA
Greeter	Tammy Fitch	Oliver Fraser	Jason Genck
Door Prize	Steve Fisher	Tammy Fitch	Oliver Fraser
Attendance	Michael Fischnaller	Steve Fisher	Tammy Fitch

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

PROGRAMS

Today:
Doris Towery~Duck Race Programs

Next Week:
Bob Welch ~ My Oregon II

Following Week:
Dr. Kyle ~ Oregon Urology Institute

Calendar:

October 2: Bill Dellinger Invitational cross country track meet at Springfield Country Club, volunteers arrive at 2:00PM.

October 10: District Interact Training Assembly at North Bend.

October 17: District Membership seminar at Roseburg.

October 17: District Foundation Seminar/World Community Service Meeting at Cottage Grove. See the District webpage for times and locations and to register.

October 22: Fireside at the home of Beth DeGeorge

****Board Meetings:** Held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This month the meeting is at The Hole in the Wall on Olympic. 7:00AM to 8:30AM

Program Ideas:

Contact Michele Erickson ericksonm@lanecc.edu

Newsletter Articles:

Due Monday at 9:00 a.m.
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News about Our Club and Beyond

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Every amount contributed to [The Rotary Foundation](#) is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

GET TO KNOW THE FOUNDATION'S 2009-10 GOALS

1. Keep the promise to eradicate polio.
2. Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan.
3. Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service.
4. Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.

The Foundation's new mission, along with its new motto – Doing Good in the World – were approved by the Foundation Trustees and the RI Board and endorsed by the Council on Legislation.

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

March 12, 2010...Rotary Auction, committee will start meeting soon. Please think about donation items for the silent and oral auction.

Recent Make-ups:

Contact Micheal Screen with your make-ups: neercs@comcast.net

“Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true”.

Paul Harris

The Future Vision Plan is designed to

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts
- Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support larger, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of [six areas of focus](#) that correspond to the [Foundation's mission](#) :

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development