

THE LOG

Weekly Newsletter



The Rotary Club of Eugene Oregon

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Meetings

Tuesdays at noon
Eugene Hilton
66 East 6th Street
Eugene, OR 97401

Committee Calendar

*Committee meetings at Eugene Hilton
unless otherwise indicated*

Board of Directors
4th Tuesday, 4:30 pm

Children with Special Needs
Last Tuesday, 11:15am

Community Service
4th Tuesday, 11:30am

Family of Rotary
3rd Tuesday, 11:15am

Program Committee
Brail's Restaurant
17th & Willamette, Eugene
2nd Tuesday, 7:30 am

The Rotary Foundation
3rd Tuesday, 11:15am

Social Committee
2nd Tuesday, 11:22 am

World Community Service
Last Tuesday, 11:30am

Food Rescue Express
FOOD for Lane County
4th Tuesday, 6pm-9pm

January 5, 2009

Oregon Tax Measures 66 and 67



Bruce Hanna (R)
Minority Leader



Dave Frohnmayer



Dave Hunt (D)
House Speaker

Eugene Rotarian and former U of O President Dave Frohnmayer will moderate a panel discussion on two Oregon tax measures which have been referred to voters in an upcoming special election.

Today's panel features House Speaker Dave Hunt (D-Clackamas County) and Minority Leader Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg), who will focus on the implications of Ballot Title 66, a personal income tax hike, and Ballot Title 67, a corporate tax increase, adopted by the Oregon Legislature in 2009 and facing a final voter decision in the coming weeks.

A "yes" vote on Measure 66 would raise taxes on individual filers' income of \$125,000 or higher, and household income of \$250,000 or more. A "yes" vote on Measure 67 raises and establishes new corporate taxes in a variety of ways.

Representing opposite sides in the tax debate, the two Oregon Representatives will talk about what the measures mean for the state's economic and social future—whether or not they are passed by voters on in the January 26 Special Election. The election outcome will be especially important in light of the Oregon Legislature's upcoming special session scheduled to begin just days after the vote.

SUSTAINABILITY?

The Eugene Rotary Club has established a special "Sustainability, In Practice" Committee to examine the concept of sustainability as applied in business settings. This article is the first in a four-month series that will lead up to a more detailed report to our club.

So what is sustainability all about?

Webster's New World Dictionary tells us that to sustain something means, "to keep in existence; keep up; maintain or prolong." Overall, sustainability addresses the social, environmental, and economic impacts of our actions, now and for future generations. So, when we turn specifically to business practices, we are looking for those practices that will prove to be continually viable, in other words that will last, providing a profitable business both now and in the future.

Why should Rotary be concerned?

Certainly the *Four Way Test* immediately comes to mind. In addition, The *Object of Rotary* "encourages and fosters high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition and worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society". So, it seems that we, as Rotarians, have a responsibility for, and can have a useful role in, advancing sustainable business practices.

What's next?

The Sustainability, In Practice Committee is organized to provide Rotarians with useful information and ideas including examples of sustainable practices for various types of businesses, important resources, and tips on implementing a sustainability policy. Watch for more information on sustainability in upcoming editions of your Eugene Rotary Log.

Bruce Anderson & Larry Hedberg
Sustainability, In Practice Committee Chairs

Committee Members: Suzanne Arlie, Liz Cawood, Bill Cole, Kurt Corey, Jim Dotson, Pete Gribskov, Jerry Harris, Patty McConnell, Jan Stafl, Phillip Stover, Lee White and Tom Williams.

SPECIAL NOTICE: CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Dave Frosaker and Patty McConnell have been nominated to the Eugene Rotary Charitable Trust Board of Trustees.

There are two positions to be filled for three years each.

The annual meeting of the Charitable Trust and election of the new trustees will be held at the club meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

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