
The Eugene Hotel View

Monthly Newsletter of Eugene's Premier Retirement Community June 2025

June
1925-2025



The Eugene Hotel Celebrates 100 Years



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HOTEL AND FAMOUS GUESTS WHO HAVE
STAYED**

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Like many Eugene amenities, the Hotel has its roots in University of Oregon sports. It opened in 1925 when local business leaders decided “it is disgraceful” not to have a classy hotel large enough to accommodate well-heeled out-of-town visitors coming for home games and to host banquets, social, and athletic activities. In 1916, avid sports fan and business leader, Bird Rose, convinced ten local businessmen to invest \$10,000 each (nearly \$300,000 today) to buy land and develop architectural plans for a first-class hotel. Nine years later, funded by local investors, the grand opening was held on June 15, 1925. With much fanfare, it was attended by many prominent business leaders, politicians and other dignitaries from across the state.

For the first 60 of its 100 years, The Eugene Hotel was a premier facility for local events and was known to be an inviting and elegant stopover for those traveling north and south on the then new Pacific Highway 99. During this time, the Hotel catered to locals and visitors, hosting many well-known sports, entertainment and political guests, including:

- ☐ Kirk Douglas
- ☐ Rose Kennedy
- ☐ Eleanor Roosevelt
- ☐ Nelson Rockefeller
- ☐ Harry James
- ☐ Jack Nicholson
- ☐ Richard Nixon
- ☐ Ronald Reagan



☐ John Belushi, where time he spent in the Lounge at the Hotel in the 1970s while filming Animal House, gave rise to The Blues Brothers on Saturday Night Live with Dan Ackroyd

☐ Bobby Kennedy. Sadly, The Eugene Hotel was the last place where Bobby Kennedy stayed on his way to Los Angeles right before he was assassinated.

In 1983, the Hotel was converted to apartments for independent and active adults age 58 and older. The transformation from hotel to an active senior living community was carefully done to honor the Hotel’s historic ambiance and architectural features. The goal of the developers, as communicated to the National Historic Registry, was “to recreate the warmth and elegance of the period in which the Hotel enjoyed its greatest success.” Currently, with its walls and community spaces filled with murals and Eugene memorabilia that spans the decades along with a diverse community of senior residents, The Eugene Hotel continues her proud legacy as the heart of our downtown.





**Monthly Preview
Tuesday, June 2
at 12:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Join us in the Lounge as we come together to discuss updates, food service, and all the other events for the coming month. Bring your questions, this newsletter, and please join us for this meeting to get the latest news.

**Walk at Owen Rose Garden
Wednesday, June 4
at 12:30 p.m.**

-Meet in the Lobby

Summer is almost here! It's time to stop and smell the roses at Owen Rose Garden during this walkabout. The roses should be blooming bright and the paths are walker/cane friendly with plenty of benches around to sit and enjoy this beautiful garden. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



**Beverages on Broadway w/Dakota
and an Ice Cream Soda Bar
Friday, June 6
at 3:00 p.m.**

-Lobby

Orange cream or maybe even chocolate? Come and pick your favorite flavor for your ice cream soda to enjoy while you listen to one of our favorites, Dakota.



**First Friday Art Walk
Friday, June 6
at 6:15 p.m.**

-Meet in the Lobby

Meet Lindsey in the Lobby for a fun evening of art and exercise. We will visit a few of the many galleries and art spaces right in our neighborhood. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a sweater or jacket. This is a wonderful way to spend a Friday evening. Sign up in the Activity Book.



**Bagel Bar
Monday, June 9
at 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

-Dining Room

Come join us in the Dining Room for a bagel just the way you like it. There will be a variety of cream cheeses and toppings...to toast, or not to toast, that is the question.



Activities & Special Events

Eugene Hotel's 100th Birthday Celebration!!!

Saturday, June 14

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

10:00-11:00 a.m. Paul Biondi & Gus Russell-Jazz in Lobby

11:30 a.m.-1:00 Skip Jones-R&B in Lobby

1:00-2:30 p.m. Beer & Wine Tasting in Lobby featuring King Estates & ColdFire Brewery

1:30-3:00 p.m. Dorian May Quartet-Jazz in Lobby

2:00-2:30 p.m. Rededication Ceremony with Eugene Mayor Knudson & Eugene Chamber of Commerce in Lobby

-Ongoing-

-Hotel Memorabilia throughout the Dining Room

Out Front we will have Vintage Cars provided by Emerald Valley Vintage Auto Club and other local enthusiasts

-Resident Art Show in the Lower Level

-Period costumes on mannequins throughout the Hotel provided by Shelton McMurphy Johnson House

**Chair Massage with Lawrence
Monday, June 9 & 23
at 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

-Exercise Room

If you need a relaxing therapeutic massage, join licensed massage therapist Lawrence Roper downstairs for a short or long massage of your choice. The cost is \$10 for 10 minutes. Please sign up in the Activity Book to reserve a time slot.



**Men's Group
Wednesday, June 11 & 25
at 10:30 a.m.**

-Lower Level

The Men's Group (Lounge Lizards) will meet in the Lower Level to catch up and share insights. Topics up for discussion on the 11th, "What about crypto and blockchain?" On June 25th, "Memories and Dreams"



**Breakfast Brigade
(New Time & Day)
Wednesday, June 11
at 9:30 a.m.**

-Meet in the Lobby

We've received requests for a later breakfast trip so we're giving it a shot. This morning we will be leaving at 9:30 and heading to Elmer's Restaurant. They offer all the breakfast favorites. Sign up in the Activity Book.



**Iced Tea Happy Hour and Music w/ Suzanne
Wednesday, June 11
at 2:00 p.m.**

-Lobby

Come and enjoy a refreshing glass of iced tea. McKenzie will be serving up everything from iced berry tea to Thai iced tea. Choose your drink then sit down and enjoy the piano tunes by Suzanne.



**Soup for the Soul
Thursday, June 12
at 12:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Come to the Lounge and join fellow residents for a bowl of soup and good conversation. This will be a nice time to enjoy a light lunch and get to know someone new. No need to sign up, everyone is welcome.



**Guest Speaker from Lane Transit District (LTD)
Friday, June 13
at 1:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Join us to hear about all the services LTD offers. This will include getting



signed up for a free Bus Pass.

1925 Theme Dinner
Friday, June 13
at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

-Dining Room

Dust off your pearls and dress dapper for this meal straight off the original menu.

1925



Father's Day Brunch
Sunday, June 15
at 11:30-1:30 p.m.

-Dining Room

Please join us for Father's Day Brunch. There will be a delicious buffet, including Bloody Marys.

Freshly Made Green Juice
Monday, June 16
at 12:00-1:00 p.m.

-Billiard Room

Head upstairs to the Billiard Room for an afternoon pick me up of freshly made juice. Choose from a variety of delicious fruits and veggies to create a custom juice just for you. Enjoy it out on the Patio.



Hoppy Sippers
Monday, June 16
at 3:00 p.m.

-2nd Floor Patio

Join McKenzie and your fellow beer drinkers to explore the wonderful world of beer. This month we will meet on the patio and enjoy a refreshing selection of lighter bodied beers. Wear your flip flops, sun hats and be ready to splash in the pool as you find a new beer to be your summer sipper.



Women's Group
Wednesday, June 18
at 10:30 a.m.

-Second Floor Patio

This Month's Women's Group will meet on the Second Floor Patio. We will enjoy a glass of iced coffee or iced tea while we discuss our favorite flowers, and memories of special gardens throughout our lives.



Kesey Square Lunch Music Jam
Wednesday, June 18
at 11:45 a.m.

-meet in the Lobby

We will take our bus down Broadway a few blocks to Kesey Square. (You may also walk if you would like) They have live music for the lunch hour throughout the summer months. **Today the musicians performing will be none other than Claudia from Yoga Ball Drumming alongside Gus Russell and four others playing the Drums, Vocals, Sax, Piano, Guitar & Bass.** We will have chairs for you to sit on while you enjoy the show, and if you're hungry there are a variety of

food trucks to choose from. Sign up in the Activity Book.

Bus to Eugene Library
Wednesday, June 18
at 11:45 a.m.

-Meet in Lobby

This month we're leaving a little early than usual and stopping first at Kesey Square then heading to the library. You will be dropped off for an hour where you can browse a wide selection of books and check out whatever you would like to take home to read. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



Shoppes at Gateway
Friday, June 20
at 10:30 a.m.

Newly added shopping trip to the Gateway Shoppes which include, Ross, Marshalls, Hobby Lobby, Target and Khol's. If you would like to go please sign up in the Activity Book.

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GATEWAY

Yard Sales around Town
Saturday, June 21
at 9:30 a.m.

This morning we will board the bus and travel around town looking for that treasure you didn't know you were missing. Sign up in the activity Book if you would like to come along.



Sunday Supper Club to Cornucopia
Sunday, June 22
at 4:00 p.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join us this month for Sunday supper just a few blocks away at Cornucopia. They offer award winning burgers and house made soups and lots more! Sign up in the Activity Book.



Thai Cooking Demo
Monday, June 23
at 12:00 p.m.

-Resident Kitchen

Join McKenzie in the Resident Kitchen for a few of the dishes she learned to make while living in Thailand. This will be a hands on experience full of tasty fun. Please sign up in the Activity Book, space is limited.

Salad Social
Wednesday, June 25
at 12:30 p.m.

-Lounge

As the weather warms up we're going to move away from soup but still enjoy a light lunch together. McKenzie will make a variety of salads for you to enjoy in good company. No need to sign up.



Resident Birthday Lunch
Thursday, June 26
at 12:00 p.m.

-Dining Room

For those of you born in the month of June, come enjoy a delightful lunch in the company of other residents who share this birthday month. Chef Ricky will Prepare your special meal. Be sure to save room for cake!



Breakfast Brigade to Ye Olde Pancake House

Friday, June 27
at 8:30 a.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Join Ray for this monthly breakfast adventure to Ye Olde Pancake House on West 11th. A famous pancake hot spot of Eugene for many years. They offer hotcakes, omlettes, biscuits and gravy and more. If you'd like to come along, please sign up in the Activity Book.



Yogurt Bar

Monday, June 30
at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

-Dining Room

Join McKenzie for a mid-day treat. She will have a variety of yogurts to choose from as well as an array of toppings to complete your bowl.



TRIPS FOR JUNE

Pizza and the Park
Tuesday, June 3
at 11:00 a.m.

-Meet in Lobby

Join Tessa & Bre for an in town adventure! We will start with a slice of Roaring Rapids Pizza for lunch then we will venture out to Springfield to visit Dorris Ranch for a walk along their countryside. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



Wildlife Safari (\$23) w/ Lunch at Safari Village Cafe
Tuesday, June 10
at 10:00 a.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Let's head south to the town of Winston to Wild Life Safari. We will start at the Safari Grill to fuel up for our Australian Walkabout and meet Tommy, the new baby wallaroo. Then we will stroll through Safari Village where we will encounter cheetahs, alligators, red pandas and more. Sign up in the Activity Book and pay \$23 to the Front Desk.



**Tour of BRING Recycling Center
w/ Lunch at Public House**

**Tuesday, June 17
at 10:45 a.m.**

-Meet in Lobby



Today we will be going to Bring Recycling Center in Glenwood for a private tour of their facility. They recycle and repurpose lots of everyday items and have a resale store on site. After our tour we will have lunch in Springfield at the Public House. The Public House is a converted church that is home to a beautiful beer hall and a variety of food trucks. The trucks open on Tuesday are, Moi Poki Grill serving Asian/Korean food, Tiny's West Coast Kitchen serving LA style burgers, hotdogs and pizza slices, as well as Latin and Mediterranean options. Please sign up in the Activity Book.

**Silver Falls State Park w/Picnic
Lunch (\$6) and Stop at EZ
Orchard for Strawberry Shortcake**
**Tuesday, June 24
at 10:00 a.m.**



-Meet in the Lobby

Today we will visit Silver Falls State Park near Salem and enjoy a picnic lunch. Fourteen foamy white curtains whirl and ripple, tumble and shimmer at one of the most delightful park lands in Oregon. The South Falls is easily seen from above on a walker friendly path. For those feeling adventurous we can take a stroll down and see what this 177-foot curtain of water looks like from behind. On the way home we will pit stop at the EZ Orchards for their spectacular Strawberry Shortcake! Please sign up in the Activity Book if you would like to come along.

WEEKLY EVENTS

**Exercise Class with Erica and
Phyli**
**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
at 9:00 a.m.**

-Exercise Room

Join Phyli on Mondays and Fridays and Erica on Wednesdays for a fun and stimulating hour of movement to enhance your ability to maneuver in your day-to-day lives. Classes are held in the Exercise Room at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Everybody is welcome.

Eugene Hotel Bridge Players
Mondays

at 12:30 p.m.

-Billiard Room

Do you enjoy playing bridge? If so join us in the Billiard Room to exercise your brain and have fun with others who enjoy playing cards.

Mahjong

Monday, June 9 & 23

at 2:30 p.m.

-Billiard Room

Come to the Billiard Room to try something new, McKenzie will be teaching the Chinese version of Mahjong. There is no card needed making it easier to learn and more like a card game. If you enjoy playing games and are interested in learning something new please join us.



Mall Walking at Valley River Center
Monday, June 16 & 30

at 10:30 p.m.

-Meet in the Lobby

Let's get moving! The mall is a great indoor walking venue. The bus will drop us for about an hour. Please sign up in the Activity Book.



Bingo

**Wednesdays 4, 11, 25
Thursday 19**

at 3:00 p.m.

-Game Room

Come join your neighbors every Wednesday afternoon in the Game Room for Bingo. Each week there is a different incentive for winning: prizes; surprises and/or money. It's only \$.75 to play.



Hearing Aid Clinic w/ Jim
Wednesday, June 18

at 3:00 p.m.

-Library

Jim from Goodman Hearing will be in the Library on the Lower Level the third Wednesday of every month. Bring him any hearing aid related questions or concerns. Please sign up for time slot in the Activity Book.



Qigong
Thursdays

at 9:30 a.m.

-Lounge

Qigong is the skill of attracting vital energy and self-healing. It combines movement, meditation and visualization, which are employed to enhance the mind/body connection and assist healing. Join instructor Roberta Roth during this quiet exercise time.

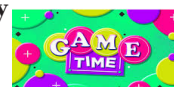


Game Time with Rudy
Thursdays

at 2:00 p.m.

-Billiard Room

Join Rudy and other fellow residents for a friendly board game. No matter the game it will be a good time!



Needle Arts Group
Thursday, June 5 & 19

at 1:30 p.m.

-Lower Level

Needle Arts isn't just knitting! Bring your project to the new location in the Lower Level and join others that enjoy working with their hands with the company of a needle or two. Knitting, embroidery, crotchet, needlepoint, quilting, mending all are welcome.



Creative Writing
Thursday, June 12 & 26

at 2:00 p.m.

-Resident Kitchen

Join your fellow residents on Thursday for some fun writing activities that will wake a tired brain up! You may follow creative prompts provided by Dandelion, or free write whatever is on your mind. Some prompts are independent, some are collaborative, and all will encourage your desire to write!



Saturday Market
Saturdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26
at 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (OYO)

-Park Blocks

The Market is held every Saturday through Fall only a few blocks away from the Hotel in the Park Blocks. Enjoy wandering through the colorful artisan booths, listening to live music, eating from one of the many food stalls and checking out the beautiful bounty in the farmers market pavilion.

**Central Synagogue NY Streaming
Service**

**Saturdays
at 12:30 p.m.**

-Lounge

Join Harriet and Erika in the Lounge if you would like to watch the online service.

Play Poker with Alan
Saturdays

at 2:30 p.m.

- Billiard Room

Get ready to lose your money or win big! Join Alan in the Billiard Room for a friendly game of poker. Don't forget to bring your quarters.



**Please Welcome
New Resident**

Art Kenedy-411



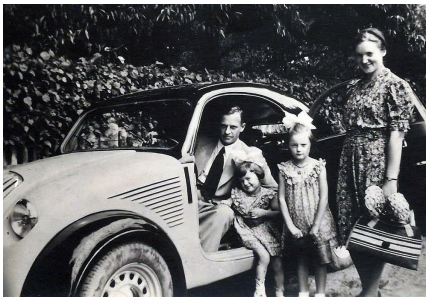
3 Generations of Weldys



Gwen with her Dad



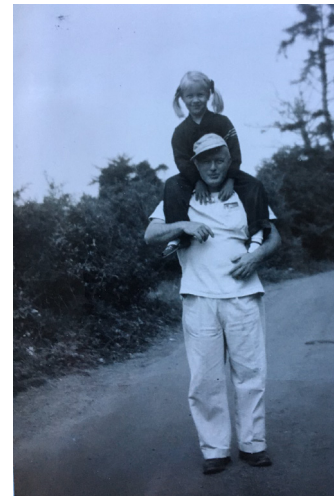
Erika with her Dad



Brigitte with her Dad



Barbara with her Dad



Mari Horn with her Dad



Michael with his Dad



Rudy with his Daughters



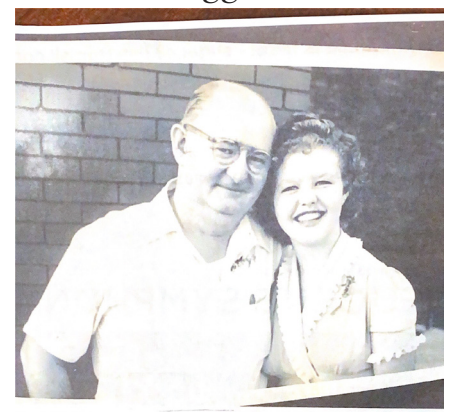
Pegge's Father



Mel with his Daughter



Ginger with her Dad



Lyn with her Dad