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The Funriser

Nov 23, 2020

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays – Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills Hotel – 1902 E. 71st Street
“Rotary Opens Opportunities”

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

After overcoming some initial obstacles, we had good participation at our Zoom meeting room. We had 27 finally get logged on. Start time is unchanged: 7:00 a.m. See below for instructions on how to view the recorded meetings if you can't make it to the live meeting. President Barbara is tracking COVID-19 numbers for Tulsa, hoping for an improvement so we can begin meeting in person, and probably also in hybrid format. So far, the numbers have not improved enough. We are fortunate to have several physicians in our club to provide their professional guidance. We are grateful to them for their treasured input.

Zoom Meeting Room

Until we can meet in person again, our meeting room is ZOOM. Here is the **New** link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86083920167?pwd=R3p3d2EyK0xDOVgwTFJZUjZFaFpDUT09> **Passcode: 139462**

For convenience: Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Weekly https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZlft-qhrDsrHNP94_zlYNitzylAWpELbynj/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGurjMpE9aVsR-ARpwAAoqgb_PzpmJcgo1txUvaGQlqTArILPtOE4VvNfTS

Meeting ID: 860 8392 0167. Passcode: 139462

By phone: 346-248-7799, 860 8392 0167#

This Week's Program & RoD

Nov 25: No meeting. No one has stepped forward to arrange an “Unmeeting”, and our guess is that it has made the ever-growing list of COVID cancellations.

Program Preview

n/a

Rotarian of the Day

n/a

I really don't mind getting older, but my body is taking it badly.

Future Programs

Dec 2: Wade Normandin, Salvation Army. **RoD:** Mike Bibby.

Dec 9: Dr. Stephen Miller/Walt Guterbock, Fidal Island/MSNI Joint Venture. **RoD:** V.J. Lively.

Dec 16: John Wooley, Author, *Twentieth-Century Honky-Tonk: The Amazing Unauthorized Story of the Cain's Ballroom's First 75 Years.* (and many others).

RoD: Steve Care

12/23: No meeting. Stay alert for information regarding our usual “unmeeting” for this date.

• Three cheers and a tip of the hat to Bob Archibald, our program director. In spite of the difficulties posed by COVID-19 restrictions he has managed to keep the great programs coming. That said, he still needs your suggestions as a starting point. Thanks Bob!!!

From President Barbara:

Moving on...Herb Orr has notified us that he is resigning from Sunrise as of December 31. Herb has been a part of Rotary since I joined...he, Tom Clark, and Don Walker took me to lunch before I joined and convinced me why I needed to join Rotary. I would have been crazy not to listen to them, as this has been a very rewarding journey. Herb's family was responsible for MSNI having the facility from which they are doing great work all over the world. I hope that whatever Herb plans to do, he keeps Rotary in his heart and life, and keeps in touch with Sunrise.

A Note from Dr T

Kit received a nice note from Dr T the other day. Its purpose was to buy some MUs for attendance purposes, but most of the message was to convey greetings. We thought it best to quote that here:

Dear (Sunrisers),

How are you? Please accept my apology for the long silence. I indeed miss each and every one of you... Please convey my loving regards to everyone. Both Mary and I are extremely careful in the covid-19 atmosphere (for health reasons). May God bless and

keep all of you in His loving care. Mary sends her love to all.

With love, peace & prayers, your friend,
George X Thyvelikaketh

November is RI Foundation Month

Our Rotary International Foundation Chair is Linda Ortega. You should have received an email from her informing you of your current balance toward your Paul Harris Fellowship(s). It is a longstanding practice of our club to provide incentive matching - dollar for dollar up to \$500 - to help you to your first or next Fellowship. It's easy to donate online at myRotary.org - LogOn. If you have any questions, please contact Linda by email at lindao@austral.com or by text or phone at 918.519.0355.

Upcoming Events

Dec 14: Club Board Meeting. Meetings are successfully being held in dual format at the Southern Hills Marriott and Zoom. **Advance notice of attendance at the Marriott is needed** to accommodate social distancing. The meeting kicks off with a social ½ hour at 5:30 and is called to order at 6:00 p.m. *They need a week's advance notice to accommodate your attendance.*

Dec 10: The Foundation Board normally meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19 some meetings are cancelled. Stay tuned for meeting details.

Dec 12: Heads up! This is tentative! Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch our normally scheduled service day on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Dr. Bill Bowen will make an announcement. 9:00 a.m. Social distancing measures are in place, and most of the work is outside. Bill announced at our 11/18/2020 meeting that the service days at THYR will be arranged "on demand". They still want us there, but their ability to provide their services has been severely interrupted by the pandemic. So let him know if you are interested in a work day there and he will arrange it. Better still: recruit a group of Sunrisers to do a service day there and let Bill know who will be coming when he gets it arranged.

Dec 19: Jenks Food Bank is on! The 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. They are no longer limited to 3 volunteers because they are now delivering to clients' cars. For details please contact Bill Bowen at wjbowen10@gmail.com.

Family of Rotary

Our hearts and prayers go out to Carol Orr, Herb Orr and their family. We learned this week that her mother passed away suddenly. Carol and Herb have done so much for our club. We are a much better

club because of them. Please let them know that you are thinking of them.

Salvation Army

Special note from Mike Bibby:

The Salvation Army is gearing up for the holiday season and has a couple of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed for these jobs and locations.

Woodland Hills Mall Angel Tree - Help donors "adopt" an angel! Bring your smile to the Angel Tree with shifts from 11 AM to 2 PM and from 2 PM to 5 PM, November 7 through December 12.

Kettle Donation Counting - Counting donations that come from bell ringers and kettles. November 9 through December 24, Monday through Friday beginning at 9 AM. You may stay as long as you like, Four to six volunteers needed daily.

Contact Wayne Mornamdin

at Wayde.Normandin@uss.salvationarmy.org

or call 918-587-7801, extension 113. Strict COVID-19 guidelines are in place for each activity including wearing masks, social distancing and sanitized workstations.

(note: Due to poor participation in bell ringing in the past, we will not try to set a date for our club to ring. However, you may volunteer for bell ringing by calling Charity to see what dates, times and locations are available.) Wayne Normandin is scheduled to be our speaker on Dec. 2.

District Calendar

Dec 15: District 6110 Happy Hour, hosted by District Governor Jay Craig. Please join us on the **third Tuesday of each month** for a District 6110 Happy Hour with DG Jay Craig. DG Jay will provide updates from Rotary International as well as providing information about what clubs are doing in our district. Next **Happy Hour** will be December 15, at 6:30 p.m. Central Time. Register in advance at



https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuGoqDgiG9TcSa_Q3X_o_QEapXsI-cWJ. You will know that your registration was successful when you receive a confirmation email telling you how to join the meeting. Please register in advance! (See above).

Jan 6, 2021: DG official visit at Sunrise.

In Case You Missed It: Time is running out.

President Barbara reiterated her request that we each make a donation to End Polio Now in the amount of \$20.20. October 24 was **World Polio Day**.

We've achieved a 99.9% worldwide reduction in polio cases over the past three decades. Rotary has made tremendous progress in the fight to end polio, but this fight is not over. Unless we eradicate polio, within 10 years as many as 200,000 new cases could occur around the world every year. Please make your check for \$20.20 to the Sunrise Foundation. Send it to Sunrise Foundation c/o Mike Bibby, 5001 S 188th E Ave., 74134.

An MSNI Project for Cameroon by Prez Barbara **Please copy and paste the link below into your browser!**

VJ, Mike Bibby, Gifty, and I have worked on a GoFundMe Page that we need to really publicize among our own networks and the Rotary network. It is for the medical supplies for Cameroon. It is up and live, but we now have to start pushing it. Any ideas on how to drive interest to the site will be appreciated! If all our Club would help contribute, and then blast it on FB to their friends, I think we could get some good traction!

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/medical-supplies-for-cameroon> (You will need to copy this link and paste it into your browser.) We repeat: Please post this to your Facebook page, share it with your friends by attaching it to your emails . . . whatever you can do to get out the word! We encourage you to view the 11/4/2020 meeting to see exactly how this project is making a difference.

School Supplies for Lindsey House

This is an ongoing need. Families are facing a scary and uncertain time right now with helping children prepare for school from home. In addition to providing a safe space to learn at Lindsey House, we are supporting our families by providing school supplies and other necessities during this



LINDSEY HOUSE

trying time! When you place an order on Amazon please have it shipped to: Attn: Nicole Eddy, Lindsey House, 601 S Elgin Ave., Tulsa, OK 74120. To make it as easy as falling off a log, click here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3BMUE1T6QEBFE?ref=wl_share

Last Week's Meeting

Rich Orvis, our Rotarian of the day was encouraged by our military veterans group to share his "brick story" because many in our club have not heard it. You need to hear the unabridged story from him, but here's the gist of it: When he was an Explorer Scout in Panama where he grew up, he found a brick with the name "ORVIS" impressed on it. How, he

wondered, did a brick with his name on it wind up in virgin forest in the middle of Panama? (I did a little research on it: There was an Orvis Brick Company in the town of Orviston, PA. They made firebrick. My theory is that Orvis Brick provided firebrick for the iron and steel foundries that were built to provide building materials for the construction of the Panama Canal in the very early part of the 20th century. The slightly rounded form of the brick indicates that it would have been used to line the cupola in which the iron/steel was melted. When the canal was finished, the foundries were abandoned, and the jungle reclaimed its property. A little further exploration may have uncovered the foundry itself, totally overcome by the jungle.)

Linda Ortega is our Rotary International

Chairperson. To start with a little basic information: Clubs are the most important and necessary entities for the RI Foundation. Clubs are members of the RI Foundation (not Rotarians) and there are 35,000 of those worldwide. The clubs are organized into districts (we are in 6110, one of the largest in the world by number of clubs), then zones (we are in zone 31, which has 17 districts), There are three basic expenses for the club: Dues, Donations to Rotary International Foundation, and Donations to the Sunrise Foundation. All donations to the RI Foundation are invested for three years and the earnings on those investments cover the expenses of their projects. A whopping 92% of donations go to Foundation causes. That is almost unheard of in the world of NGOs. After three years, **100%** of the club's donations are returned to the club for its foundation. You are strongly encouraged to sign on the **MyRotary.ORG** for a more complete explanation of what your donations do. Warning: you will be inspired to give more!

(Our meetings are being recorded and are available to be viewed and reported as a makeup. They are on **DACdb**: Click on **My Club**, then click on **Club Files**. The links to the recorded **emeetings** are listed under Public Files. Select the meeting that you want to view, sit back and enjoy.)

Happy Bucks!

Megan K. had one – (but I missed what it was, oops! My bad.) Mike B had his 77th birthday on Saturday. Thanks for NOT acting your age, Mike. And both Mike & Bette tested negative for COVID-19 after having been exposed. Scott C. had a happy \$10!: his Nurse Practitioner was stricken with COVID-19, potentially exposing his whole staff. But every one of the rest of the staff tested negative! (Yes, masks work!) Linda O's Mother-in-law turned 94 (wow) and they celebrated with a huge zoom meeting that spanned several countries. Bill L. and Cole A. were

just grateful for those who stuck with them through the two hour long Zoom meeting for District training. Don Wasson and wife toured the foliage in Southeast OK – it was wonderful! Andy L. showed us the article on our own Jack Freese in The Oklahoman magazine. Last, but certainly not least: Eric Miller received the 2019 Sports Emmy Award for “outstanding technical team studio for the 2019 FIFA Women’s World Cup”.



(Reminder: We're on the honor system here. If you are sharing a happy buck with the club, then you should be paying a buck for the privilege. ("Happy Buck" - get it?) Please send money to our treasurer, Mike Bibby, in advance. He requests that you send a check for \$10 or more so you can use the money for both happy bucks and the Pot of Gold. He will simply deduct it from your balance along the way. Thanks!)

Last Week's Club Biz & Visitors

No visitors were spotted other than our guest bugler (thank you again!). The need for children's socks for Fostering Connection is reiterated. The Foundation Board decided to give \$2,000 to Fostering children and \$500 to Salvation Army to buy presents for kids for Christmas. Gifty is working on a project to gather

retired eyeglasses for Honduras - stay tuned and start digging through your dresser drawers! Everyone is anxious to be with people, so there is a suggestion for a January Breakfast Social at Tulsa Country Club. No date has been set. Masks and social distancing would be the rule. Please share your thoughts with an email to Barbara Smallwood, or, better still, just post them to the chat box during a meeting.

Pot of Gold

The pot has \$363.50 as of last report. And the cards are getting low. Send your \$\$ to Mike Bibby to have a chance! Carolyn had her chance, but it was not in the cards for her. (at least not last week).

Birthdays & Anniversaries, week of 11/23/2020-12/6/2020.

(Two week's worth)

Birthdays: Karen Bowen (12/3), Janet Cheek (12/2), VJ Lively (12/6), Carolyn McGray (12/6), Linda Ortega (11/29).

Wedding Anniversaries: Tamara and Eric Miller (11/27),

Rotary Anniversaries: Jim Blackburn (12/6)

Your Newsletter

Do you have something that you would like to have reported in the newsletter? No guarantees, but send it to the editor, Steve Care at daddio7155@gmail.com. Kit and I are committed to keeping the newsletter going. By the way; we really appreciate it when RoDs send their own bio, as Dacdb bios are often out of date.

Meal Prices

When we return to the Southern Hills Marriott, the buffet will be \$15. If you only get drinks (coffee, tea, juice) it will be \$5, with free refills. Keep in mind that they determine how many eat by counting the plates they collect.

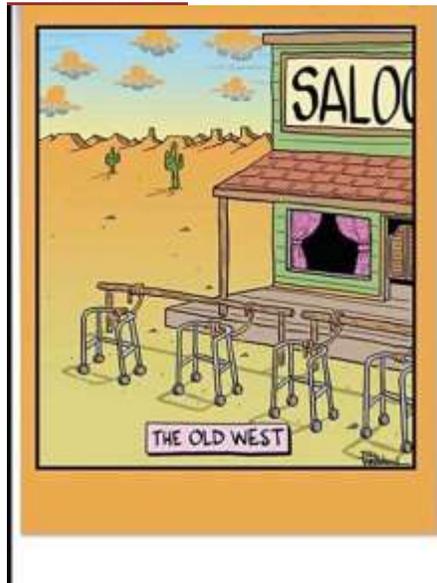
Friendly reminder for RoDs:

Being RoD doesn't demand much, but it is important to do it right! Our Program Director will e-mail full instructions to you well before your meeting. Here is a summary:

1. Lead the prayer and pledge. The prayer doesn't have to be fancy. It is normal to read a prayer that was written by someone else, ask for a moment of silence, lead the Lord's Prayer, etc. Don't make it difficult.
2. Give a brief self-introduction. Who you are. What is your classification. What you do. Why you are a Rotarian. Why you are a Sunrise Rotarian. Etc. **Keep it under 5 minutes!**

3. Introduce the speaker(s). Reach out to the speaker 7-10 days before your meeting to introduce yourself, collect the bio and see if s/he has any special needs. **New!** Invite them to attend a GoToMeeting in advance of their day so they can be familiar with the App.
4. Send a “thank you” note/e-mail within the next 7 days.

One more...

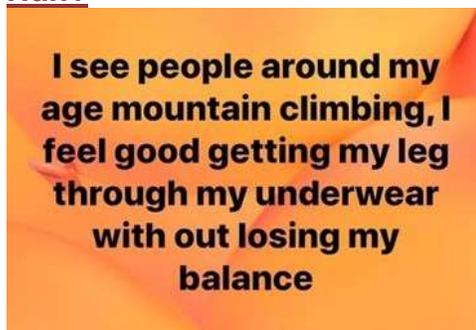


Postponed Events

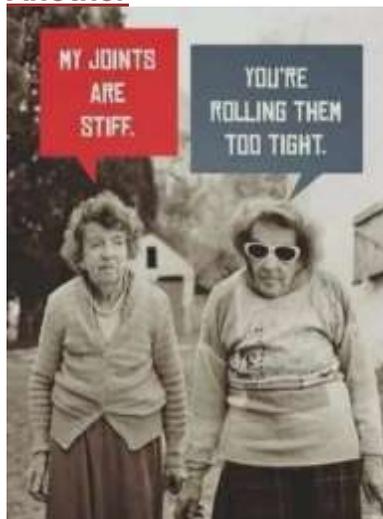
“Murder on the Prairie” murder mystery party. This has become one of the most fun annual events of our club. Keep your costume ready, we hope to reschedule in the Fall.

African Hospitals Foundation, Clinics for Africa Campaign. Stay tuned for a new date.

Huh?



Another



2020-21 Sunrise Club Board Members

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Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)
2nd Monday each month, 6PM, Marriott

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