



Club Meeting

Oak Ridge
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Virtual Meeting Information

PLEASE BE SURE TO ALWAYS USE THE MOST CURRENT ACCESS INFORMATION.

Using Zoom

To join by Zoom, just click the link below from your phone or computer. This will prompt you to download the appropriate software if you don't yet have it, and then automatically open the virtual meeting.

<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/92080602011>

To call-in by phone only or to use your phone's audio, call
Phone Number: (312) 626 6799
Meeting ID: 920 8060 2011

Using Facebook

A Facebook account is not required to watch. Simply click the link below. You may need to scroll down the page, but you should find the meeting on the page linked to below. Often, the Facebook stream will begin around 10-15 minutes after noon, to allow time for members to get signed on.

[Facebook Link: Go to Facebook \(this will open in a new window\).](#)



Happy Dollars

The link below can be used for all Happy Dollars.

<https://icheckgateway.com/ PaymentPortal/Default.aspx?P= 3c1ba22f5c54422bbeac>



Robert Scott Smith
Club Youth Services
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Jennifer Anderson
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District News & Events

Upcoming Trainings:

- Sept. 19th: [District Foundation Grants Training](#)
- Sept. 19th: [President-elect Training Seminar Orientation](#)
- Sept. 26th: [District Foundation, Membership, Public Image & Youth Services](#)



Invocation and Guests Schedule

September 17th

Invocation: Scott Smith

September 24th

Invocation: Nancy Stanley-Riser

October 1st

Invocation: Ben Stephens

October 8th

Invocation: Barry Stephenson

October 15th

Invocation: Larry Stewart

October 22nd

Invocation: Joe Storch

October 29th

Invocation: Tom Tuck

Upcoming Meetings

September 17th

Comedy in a Virtual World

Speaker: Danny Whitson

Subject: Hosted by Naomi Asher

September 24th

Rotary Foundation

Speaker: Floyd Lancia

Subject: Hosted by Elaine Bunick

October 1st

Racial Equity

Speaker: Derrick Hammond

October 8th

ORNL and the Work on COVID

Speaker: Marti Head

October 15th

ORUD

Speaker: Sue Kristjansson

Birthdays

Nikki Adkisson

September 18th

Kirby R Deal

September 19th

Kenneth R. Krushenski

September 22nd

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this week.

Save the Date - Purple Pinkie Donuts Sale to End Polio Now is on Tuesday, October 20th



Purple Pinkie Donut Sale is

on Tuesday, October 20, in support of World Polio Day and it's kickoff time for the 2020 Purple Pinkie Project with Dunkin' Donuts. This year Districts 6760 and 6800 are joining our District 6780 as we expand this tasty project to cover the entire State of Tennessee. We raised over \$500,000 last year and District Governor Ron Appuhn and Dunkin' Donuts Dave Baumgartner are shooting for \$1,000,000 in 2020!

On World Polio Day each Dunkin' Donut location will have special long thin donuts with purple icing at one end to imitate the pinkie fingers of children whose little fingers are stamped with purple ink when they receive immunization against polio. Each box of purple pinkie donuts will contain 10 donuts and cost \$20. With matching funds from the Districts, Rotary International World Fund, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, each \$20 box of donuts will result in a \$180 donation to the End Polio Now! campaign.

Pre-order forms will be available at the beginning of October and will be announced on the District website as well as on Facebook.

Please remember to save the date and let's kick polio to the curb forever!

District-wide monthly Facebook meeting on Thursday, Sept 17 @ 7 PM

This month's topic will be a Polio Eradication Update and the October 20 Dunkin' Purple Pinkie Day for Polio Eradication. Past Rotary International President John Germ, Knoxville Rotarian and Dunkin' leader Dave Baumgartner, and D6780 End Polio Now chair John Downs will be speaking.

Visit the district's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/District6780> to join the meeting. If you have any questions about how to manage this, please [review this document](#) (link opens in a new window).

Virtual 2020 Rotary Summit October 10 @ 9AM - Open to All

This year the Summit will be Virtual which means we are able to open it to ALL ROTARIANS, not just District and club leaders.

[Learn More](#)

[Sign Up Now!](#)

Hurricane Laura - opportunities to support Rotary efforts in Louisiana

Recently, Hurricane Laura ripped through Louisiana and caused widespread damage and power outages. With their current problems of the COVID pandemic adding to the challenges, recovery is difficult and the immediate needs are many. The Rotarians in Louisiana are experienced in disaster recovery, and their greatest need in both districts is cash, so that they can use the money where they know it is most needed in their communities. Several ways to provide support are listed below.

District 6200 ♦ financial support by check: Make the check payable to Rotary District 6200 Foundation (notation Disaster Relief Program ♦ Laura). Mail the check to: Rotary District 6200 Foundation c/o Frank Bradshaw, 2266 S College Road, Lafayette, LA 70508.

District 6200 ♦ financial support by credit card: Visit this website: rotary6200.org/hurricane-laura-donations

District 6190 ♦ financial support by check: Make the check payable the Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation Inc (notation Laura recovery). Mail the check to: Rotary Club of Shreveport Foundation Inc c/o Judy Bellew, 137 Norwood Street, Shreveport, LA 71105. Financial support by credit card is not available for this district.

Special Announcements

Girls Inc Food Boxes Delivery to Briceville

Sorry for the late notice on this one! Tuesday, September 8th, representatives from Girls Inc., and the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge delivered 100 boxes of much needed fresh produce to the Briceville community, as part of our latest club service project. Club members, Nikki Adkisson, Terry Domm, and Kirby Deal were onsite to help load and deliver the goods. The initiative partnered with Knox Food Boxes, a local company, to locally source the fruits and vegetables.



Upcoming Club Events

The 2020 Street Painting Festival is Coming...

Saturday, October 17 from 8-6 p.m. Roane State and THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge will host the annual street painting festival at Jackson Square, to raise money for discretionary student scholarships to Roane State Community College. This event has provided over 100 scholarships to deserving students for the past 21 years, with over \$200,000 awarded.



This year's event theme is HeART for Heroes. Participants will be encouraged to create art that appreciates heroes in all forms - most especially the heroes of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sponsorship levels

Platinum: \$5,000+

Gold: \$2,500 - \$4,999

Silver: \$1,000 - \$2,499

Bronze: \$500 - \$999

Small business: \$250 - \$499

Individual: \$100 - \$249

How to Give

- Give online: Go to www.roanestate.edu/streetpaintingfestival (opens in a new window), or
- Send your check to Roane State ♦s Oak Ridge campus, Attn: Sandy Vann, 701 Briarcliff Ave, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

Make checks payable to the Roane State Foundation and include in the notes that the contribution is for the Street Painting Festival.



Rotarian Jim Dodson with 2019 Best of Show Winner Sonja Summers

How to Participate

- Visit www.roanestate.edu/streetpaintingfestival
- Get more information about times and categories
- Sign up at www.roanestate.edu/pages/streetpaintingfestival/form_artist.asp

Show off your talent, or just have fun. This is a wonderful event for all ages and skill levels.

Last Week's Program

Rebecca Williams - Nine Lakes Wine Festival & the Oak Ridge Winter Farmers Market

Last week, Rebecca Williams joined us to share information about the Nine Lakes Wine Festival, which has drawn a crowd of more than 1,300 people to Oak Ridge and took place last Saturday at Melton Lake Park. Rebecca is also the organizer for the Oak Ridge Winter Farmers Market. After telling us all about the wine festival, she took the last portion of her talk to share with us about the market, its impact, and what we can expect this year.

The Nine Lakes Wine Festival is usually held in June, but given the current climate, the group made an early decision to delay the event this year. Most of the wines found each year at the Nine Lakes Wine Festival are not ones you would typically find in your local liquor or grocery store. These wines are exclusively Tennessee wines. Surprisingly, Tennessee wines are difficult to find in stores, due to Tennessee ♦s strict codes that still require vineyards to sell through distributors, which makes for a costly proposition to a small vineyard.

This year, to make a safer environment for visitors, the wine festival was re-imaged as a wine market. Attendees were of course asked to wear masks and enjoy purchasing local Tennessee wines in a safer environment with fewer crowds and more social distancing. In a fun and novel twist, vineyards were even asked to create ♦virtual tastings♦ with videos of wine tastings that described each wine ♦ unique qualities.

The Nine Lakes Wine Festival has become a positive force for local tourism as well. Last year 1,300 people came. Seventy percent of them were from outside of our county with some even coming from out of state. Not only does this contribute to the local economy, but all proceeds this year will be going to United Way of Anderson County.

Rebecca is also the organizer of the Oak Ridge Winter Farmers Market. The Winter Farmers Market is run by Grow Oak Ridge, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to improve health in Anderson County by connecting local farmers and locally grown foods with the public.

At one time, many farmers struggled through the Winter to sell their goods at Jackson Square. Rebecca offered to help run a Winter Farmers Market indoors, if only they could find a church gym that would host them. Fortunately, the lady in line next to her said that her church, St. Mary ♦s, would be willing.

Now the Winter market is a booming success. One participating farmer even shared a story of how, before the Winter market, his family had to go into debt each year just to purchase seed in the Spring. Because of the Winter market, they can sell through the Winter and no longer have to take on that debt and additional risk.

The Winter Market is typically open from December through March. This year, there will be 30 stalls available at the market, with priority being given to food vendors. There will be several exciting options including a fish vendor, a mushroom vendor, and many others, including bakers and of course, lots of local fruits and veggies.

For more information about the Nine Lakes Wine Festival, visit www.ninelakeswinefestival.com. To learn more about the Winter Farmers Market, check out www.growoakridge.org. If you would like to watch last week ♦s meeting, please use the link below.

[Watch the meeting now \(opens in a new window\).](#)



This Month's Rotary Theme - New Leadership Month


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"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey

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