

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge Celebrating 75 Years

Club Meeting

Oak Ridge
Meets on Zoom and Facebook
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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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District Events

District Governor's Message

Greetings to all the fantastic Rotarians in District 6780! The first few weeks of the new Rotary year have moved quickly, with the continuing challenges of COVID still impacting our daily lives. Please continue to take all appropriate actions to stay safe and be healthy - our world needs each and every one of you!

Greg Maciolek and his team did a superb job under difficult circumstance in 2019-20, and Greg's leadership through the last four months was outstanding. We thank Greg and his entire team for a great year! (We'll talk more about last year in our September newsletter.)

August is known officially as Membership and New Club Development month in the Rotary year - but in reality, every month is membership month. Deepening our impact by expanding membership continues to be a high priority for our district and for Rotary worldwide. Throughout the coming year our Membership team will work with our clubs to present various strategies for keeping current members engaged and for reaching out to prospective new members to help grow Rotary.



Jennifer Enderson
iPast President



Scott Smith
Youth Services Chair



I've had the opportunity to make a few virtual club visits so far, and I am heartened by the enthusiasm and high spirits that I have seen our Rotarians, despite the challenges of meeting spaces, technology capabilities, and delays in fund raising events.

It is a great honor to serve as your district governor. We'll get through these tough times together by staying positive and being engaged as Rotary Opens Opportunities. You are indeed People of Action! Karen and I are fortunate to have you on the 2020-21 Rotary Team.

DG Ron and Karen

Invocation and Guests Schedule

August 27th

Invocation: Stella Schramm

September 3rd

Invocation: Bucky Smith

September 10th

Invocation: Scott Smith

September 17th

Invocation: Briana Sprunger

September 24th

Invocation: Nancy Stanley-Riser

October 1st

Invocation: Ben Stephens

Upcoming Meetings

August 27th

Athletics at ORHS

Speaker: Mike Mullins

September 3rd

NASA's Mars 2020 Mission

Speaker: Linda Kah

September 10th

Wine Festival and the Winter Market

Speaker: Rebecca Williams

September 17th

TBD

Speaker: TBD

September 24th

TBD

Speaker: TBD

October 1st

Racial Equity

Speaker: Derrick Hammond

Birthdays

Daniel E. Conrad

August 30th



Other Upcoming Trainings:

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

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 \(this will open in a new window\).](#)

Special Announcements

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this Week



Happy Dollars

The below link can be used for all Happy Dollars.

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

We Made the News!!

Use the link to see our writeup on WVLT.tv on August 17

<https://www.wvlt.tv/2020/08/17/oak-ridge-rotary-clubs-join-forces-to-educate-on-mask-wearing/>



Last Week's Program

Tourism During COVID - Katy Rochelle Watt

This May and April saw the closing of all or nearly all Oak Ridge museums, and with hotels and other tourism-based businesses hurting, Explore Oak Ridge has been taking steps to spring back as quickly as possible.

Last week, Katy Rochelle Watt, Director of Explore Oak Ridge talked to our club about the impact of COVID-19 on tourism in our area. During the month of April, things were especially bad, Katy said. April is normally a banner month for Oak Ridge hotels because of increased business from rowers who come from all over the country for regatta season. A typical occupancy rate for Oak Ridge hotels in April would be around 70 percent. This year, occupancy in April was around 19 percent.

Now, four months into the pandemic, things are getting closer to normal, says Katy. Windrock has been a huge contributor with loads of Jeeps, four-wheelers, side-by-sides, and off-road vehicles visiting the outdoor attraction every weekend. At last look, hotel occupancy rates for Oak Ridge were back up to around 43 percent.

The Manhattan Project National Historical Park is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, but with so many other museums still closed, many visitors are being sent on a driving tour of local historical spots. To help keep things open and moving, Explore Oak Ridge has produced several "we're open and ready" style of videos. These videos are being promoted within a two-hour driving radius to stimulate tourism.

For more information about upcoming events in Oak Ridge or to watch the promotional videos, visit exploreoakridge.com. To view last week's program, 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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**MEMBERSHIP
AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"The things that are worthwhile take time, and it is not the I's of the world but the We's who achieve them."
Past RI President H.J. Brunnier 1952-53

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved