



### Club Meeting

Meets at 12PM by Zoom and Facebook Live on Thursdays  
See the [Virtual Meeting Information](#) section for access.

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



**Jennifer Enderson**  
iPast President



## Happy Dollars

The below link can be used for all Happy Dollars.

<https://icheckgateway.com/PaymentPortal/Default.aspx?P=3c1ba22f5c5442bbeac>

## Invocation and Guests Schedule

**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

**October 8th**

**Invocation:** Barry Stephenson

## Upcoming Meetings

September 3rd

**[NASA's Mars 2020 Mission](#)**

**Speaker:** Linda Kah

September 10th

**[Wine Festival and the Winter Market](#)**

**Speaker:** Rebecca Williams

September 17th

**[Comedy in a Virtual World](#)**

**Speaker:** Danny Whitson

Hosted by Naomi Asher

September 24th

**[Rotary Foundation](#)**

**Speaker:** Floyd Lancia

Hosted by Elaine Bunick

October 1st

**[Racial Equity](#)**

**Speaker:** Derrick Hammond

October 8th

**[ORNL and the Work on COVID](#)**

**Speaker:** Marti Head

## Birthdays

J.R. Hertwig

September 4th

Joseph Storch

September 6th

## Anniversaries

None this week

## District 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](#)



## 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!



## Special Announcements

**Polio Update: African region declared free of wild poliovirus**



The World Health Organization's African region was officially certified free of wild poliovirus on 25 August. This milestone comes four years after Nigeria — the last polio-endemic country in Africa — recorded its final case of wild polio. It's a significant step forward in the fight to eradicate polio and protect the world's children from this paralyzing disease.

This incredible achievement is the result of a decades-long commitment by Rotary members, working with our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), African region leaders, and millions of dedicated health care workers and supporters. [Read more.](#)

## Last Week's Program

### Mike Mullins - What to Expect this Year with Oak Ridge Athletics

Last week, Mike Mullins, athletic director at Oak Ridge High School, told our club that he has been planning and preparing for the start of this year's sports season ever since the outbreak started, under the assumption that there would be sports going on at Oak Ridge High School.

Ever since the outbreak of COVID, Mike and his team have been working under instructions from the Governor's office and TSSAA under the assumption that Oak Ridge would be having sports this year. With the help of many, many individuals including staff, volunteers, and others, Oak Ridge football and other programs will be having games.

For those looking to attend games, Mike shared some of what to expect. Firstly, the stadium will be limited to around one-third of regular capacity. Of course, all attendees will have their temperatures taken before being admitted. Also, all attendees will be required to wear facemasks.

Things will be different with the concession stands as well. Only pre-packaged items will be sold for concessions. The line will be marked with 6-foot distancing in mind. Money takers will be operating separately from those working in the food area.

Even restrooms will be done differently with fewer people allowed in the restrooms at one time. With tickets, Oak Ridge Athletics has been working to do as many ticket pre-sales as possible and is even considering online ticket sales to avoid large lines for ticketing. Tickets are currently being sold at the high school for those who are interested.

Of course, safety precautions are also being taken for players. Social distancing, masking, and other measures are being taken to protect players' safety. The team will also be coming to the stadium mostly dressed out, rather than doing so in the onsite locker rooms. Instead, the locker room will be used as separate bathrooms for the players, to give them a safe space with less crowding. Entry will be limited to encourage social distancing.

Similar precautions are planned for other sports at ORHS such as soccer and volleyball, which have already started. Some concern remains for whether basketball will have to be run differently where larger indoor crowds could pose more challenges.

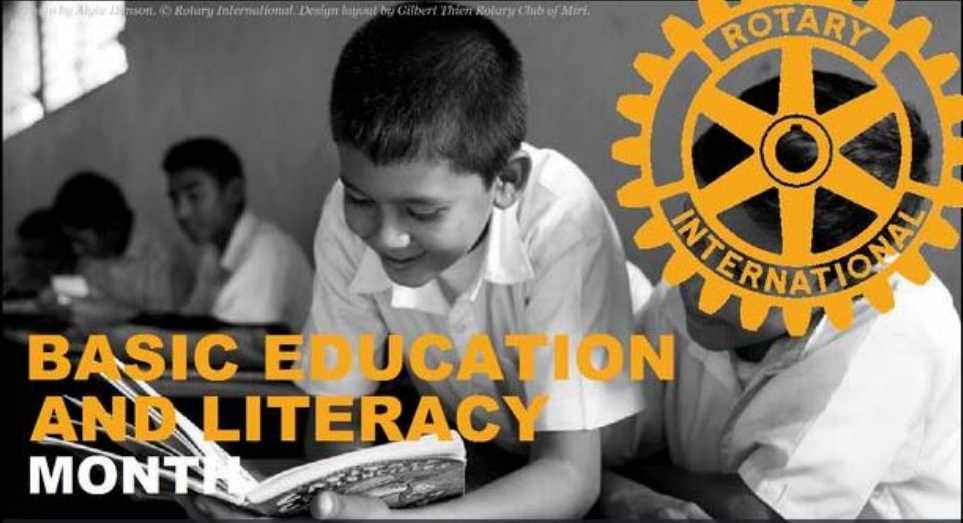
For more information about ORHS sports, see [OakRidgeAthletics.com](http://OakRidgeAthletics.com). To watch the full talk from Mike, use the link below.

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



### This Month's Rotary Theme - New Leadership Month

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# SEPTEMBER IS

## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

*"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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