



Club Meeting

Oak Ridge
Zoom or Facebook
Thursday at 12:00 Noon

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Rotary Opens Opportunities

Club Officers

- Tracy Boatner**
President
- Naomi Asher**
President-Elect
Membership Chair
- James C Ratliff**
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- Nikki Adkisson**
Community Service Chair
- Jeff Phillips**
Vocational Service Chair
- Robert Scott Smith**
Youth Services Chair
- Jennifer Enderson**
iPast President

Invocation and Guests Schedule

August 6th
Invocation: Mary Roberson

August 13th
Invocation: Gary Riser

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Last Year's Club Engagement & Accomplishments



District Events

Virtual Summer Leadership Series 2020:

- [Session 5: Saturday, August 8 High-Impact Club and District Meetings: Online and Hybrid Ideas](#)

*Sessions are from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. ET.



August 20th
Invocation: Charles Samuels

August 27th
Invocation: Stella Schramm

September 3rd
Invocation: Bucky Smith

September 10th
Invocation: Scott Smith

Upcoming Meetings

August 6th
[Small Group Discussions with the Rotary Board](#)

August 13th
[U.S. House of Representatives, Tennessee's 3rd District](#)

Speaker: Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

August 20th
[Oak Ridge Tourism & COVID-19](#)

Speaker: Katy Watt

August 27th
[Athletics at ORHS](#)

Speaker: Mike Mullins

September 3rd
[Community Service](#)

Speaker: Nikki Adkisson

September 10th

TBA

Speaker: Rebecca Williams

Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

None this week

Other Upcoming Trainings:

- [District Foundation Grants Training](#)
- [President-elect Training Seminar Orientation](#)
- [District Foundation, Membership, Public Image & Youth Services](#)

THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge Virtual Meetings

Virtual Meeting Access 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

Two New Members Inducted

Last week, President Tracy Boatner inducted two new members to the club. Both Teresa Duncan (pictured below on right) with Roane State Community College and Mandy Colburn with Hope of East Tennessee were officially welcomed as the newest members of the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge.





Shed Construction Completed at the Scarborough Community Garden

Sunday, July 25th saw the completion of a new shed for the Scarborough community garden where tools and equipment such as the garden tiller and mower will be secured and protected from the elements. Thanks to Joe Storch for his leadership and hard work on this project in 2019/2020!

Rotary Climate Action Team

Club members may remember Jan Berry speaking to our club last year about a Citizens' Climate Lobby. Recently, Rotary has formed their own action team on the subject, and two upcoming events will offer more information on the matter.

1. August 10th, the Lenoir City Rotary Club will host Alan Anderson to share information on the Rotary initiative. Guests are welcome. [Contact Jan Berry.](#)
2. August 22nd, Citizens' Climate is holding a virtual Southeast/Appalachia Regional Climate Conference. For more information or to register, [click here.](#)



Last Week's Program

Visit from District Governor Ron Appuhn

Last week we were blessed to hear from our new District Governor (DG), Ron Appuhn. DG Ron showered praise on the club for our many accomplishments and thanked everyone for their involvement with Rotary.



For starters, DG Ron called on Joe Storch to talk about his favorite Rotary project. Joe shared a little about his involvement in the Scarborough Community Garden and how wonderful it was to have grant money from the district that provided for five new raised beds at the garden, as well as a new shed that houses the mower, tiller, and other tools.

DG Ron also called on Naomi Asher to share her favorite fundraiser for Rotary. Naomi talked about the Oak Ridge Street Painting Festival, which she called a wonderful way to get the whole community out, including people who wouldn't normally come to a Rotary event.

In the inspirational part of his speech, DG Ron called us to manage change and to deal with the situation at hand while keeping our Club members engaged. DG Ron's goal to encourage, "happy and healthy clubs" became a literal goal when COVID came to the U.S. DG Ron challenges us to look at what is going on in our communities and see how we can still serve in the best way possible.

DG Ron asked that we keep in mind the need to continue Rotary's work to eradicate polio. The William T. Sergeant Polio Eradicator Club Award will be an important part of achieving this goal by encouraging clubs to maintain an averaging of \$50 per person for the Polio fund. Additionally, the big district Purple Pinky Day donut fundraiser will be Tuesday, Oct. 20th this year, and the District Governor called on us to support this initiative as best we can.

Annual fund support was another topic covered. Last year, our Club donated more than \$40,000 to the annual fund and barely missed being the top supporting Club because of an unusually large gift from a single member at another club.

Support for the Rotary Foundation was another ask, which is of course is where the money comes from to support both local and international grants. These monies are used by our Club to help fund local and international projects such as the COVID-19 initiative and Heart 2 Heart.

In the area of youth service, the DG was very impressed with our Club's involvement, specifically citing our RYLA participation and Youth Exchange involvement.

For membership, the DG was pleased to see our two latest members being inducted. He also praised the makeup of our board;

being pleased to see its makeup consisting of both older experienced members and younger energetic members.

DG Ron also took time to extol the educational opportunities that Rotary offers, mentioning both the District's [Rotary Leadership Institute](#), as well as the Rotary Learning Center available at [myrotary.org](#). Also mentioned were the District Conference cruise to the Bahamas (pending developments), and the International Convention scheduled to be in Taipei, Taiwan next year.

Before wrapping up his presentation, DG Ron called on all of us as Rotarians to stay positive, be engaged, and have some fun!

To see more, click the link below to watch the presentation on our Facebook page.

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


This Month's Rotary Theme - New Leadership Month

A promotional graphic for August Designation Month. The background is a black and white photograph of an elderly man with glasses and a young woman sitting at a table, looking at a document. A large yellow Rotary International gear logo is overlaid on the right side. The text 'AUGUST DESIGNATION IS' is written vertically on the left. The main text reads 'MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH'. Below this is a quote from Past RI President H.J. Brunnier (1952-53): 'The things that are worthwhile take time, and it is not the I's of the world but the We's who achieve them.' At the bottom left is the Rotary logo and the word 'Rotary'. At the bottom right is the slogan 'TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved'.

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