

# Rotary



## Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

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### Birthdays

Ruby A Miller

### Club Meeting

Oak Ridge-Breakfast  
Meets at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Ridge  
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

### ORBRC mourns the loss of Joe Lenhard



We are saddened by the passing of Joe Lenhard, beloved ORBRC member and friend. In 2019, Joe was honored for his long-time service to Rotary by being inducted as a Rotary Heritage and History International Fellow. He joined Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club on March 1, 1987. Many members have shared how Joe was among the first people to welcome them into the club. He had a wonderful smile, a generous heart, and a keen mind!

John Houtari wrote a lovely article about Joe in Oak Ridge Today. Here is the link to the article: <https://oakridgetoday.com/2020/07/18/former-doe-research-director-croet-founder-dies-of-covid-19/>.

### ORBRC Program This Week

Hannah Fatheree, the Events Manager with Explore Oak Ridge, is going to present a program about Tourism in Oak Ridge as well as upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.



A little bit about Hannah:

Hannah moved to the area a little over a year ago to take on the job as event manager for the Oak Ridge Visitors Bureau. Hannah moved from Louisville, Kentucky where she got her Masters Degree in Sport Administration and met her husband, Taylor. They both dreamed of living in East Tennessee for years, as they love the mountains and hiking. Hannah is also a huge runner with the goal to run a marathon in every state. She likes to stay busy in and out of work whether it's doing home projects, drinking coffee, spending time with friends, watching sports (tough to do in 2020) or planning events.

**For our members who haven't been Zooming with us on  
Wednesday mornings...**



July 31st

Anthony Wright  
August 3rd

James R. Michel  
August 7th

Alan L. Liby  
August 13th

Keith E Craft  
August 17th

Thomas J. Lakers  
August 20th

### Years of Service

Patricia Dreyer Parr  
07-10-1998  
22 Years

Catherine Toth  
07-11-2007  
13 Years

Norma James  
07-15-2009  
11 Years

Louise Dunlap  
07-09-2011  
9 Years

Martin McDonald  
07-20-2016  
4 Years

James Frank Wilson  
07-27-2016  
4 Years

Adam Moreno  
07-12-2017  
3 Years

Michael Plum  
07-19-2017  
3 Years

**HOPE YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL! Please keep in touch and let us know if you need anything!**

## Project and Committee Survey

Please click the link below to complete a survey regarding your interests for service as a volunteer or committee chair for club service projects and initiatives. We want to ensure each of you remain engaged in club activities, even during this time of social distancing. There is also an opportunity for you to share your ideas for new projects and initiatives our club can become involved in to help our local and global communities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTX73PD>

## WANTED: Ideas for 2020-2021 Program Topics and Speakers

**We need your feedback on engaging programs for the 2020-2021 Rotary year! Please send your suggestions to Kesha Waters, our Programs Chair ([kesha@casatnh.org](mailto:kesha@casatnh.org)).**

## Meeting Notes for July 15, 2020

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Submitted by Pat Postma

Our guest today was Naomi Asher, who is going to be part of today's program.

### Announcements

Tony Wright will convene a group to discuss how we should engage going forward and if we should continue to meet by Zoom after August.

Ruby announced that ORBRC Board will Zoom meet at 7:30 PM on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Martin McDonald announced that the historic event of 65 years ago when Oak Ridge became the first school district in the South to integrate its public schools will be commemorated with a bronze plaque at Oak Ridge High School and Robertsville Middle school. The Plaques will present the names of the 85 African-American students who were our pioneers. Martin would like to have donations from the community to help cover the cost of approximately \$5500. Donations may be sent to the Scarboro Community Alumni Association, 1143 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite 107A or P.O. Box 147. This is a 501-C3 organization.

### Program

Jim Palmer, the driving force behind this program, introduced Career Pathways by explaining that it was developed for ORHS students who are at risk of dropping out and not graduating. The program gives them mentoring and moral support, but our Club Foundation also provides them with a paid job for nine weeks at a local non-profit. If that job works out well, they can receive a second nine weeks of employment. Martin McDonald is also involved in this program; Emily Jernigan and Adam Moreno have served as mentors for students. Marian Wildgruber publishes a newsletter for the group.

Naomi Asher, at United Way, has helped organize job placement at non-profits and served as a super mentor. She introduced us to three of the students who were in this program through their video stories. Each of them has gained enormously in self-confidence, has performed extremely well in the non-profit, and have continued to stay engaged there even after their paid employment ended. As someone commented, we ought to call this Career Transformations, not Career Pathways.

This too, is a wonderful project of ORBRC Community Foundation. And worthy of your supporting donation.

Here are links to the videos we shared at the meeting:

Tate - [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayAC/videos/577574266277537/?t=1)

[unitedwayAC/videos/ 577574266277537/?t=1](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayAC/videos/577574266277537/?t=1)

Yasmin - [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayAC/videos/269970680744153/?t=0) unitedwayAC/videos/ 269970680744153/?t=0

Damian - [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/unitedwayAC/videos/901302303720591/?t=1) unitedwayAC/videos/ 901302303720591/?t=1

## How to Donate to the Career Pathways Program

Donations are very much appreciated for ORBRC's Career Pathways program. The program provides a nine-week part time job for a High School student whose chances for securing a high school diploma and developing a satisfying career path are significantly enhanced by that experience. Funds are raised in our Rotary Club and elsewhere in the community to pay for the employment at Oak Ridge non-profit employers. The Career Pathways team works with the High School to select the students and match the job opportunity with their interests. Each student is assigned a personal mentor to offer encouragement and help overcome any obstacles to success.

It costs \$1200 to sponsor one student for one nine-week work term, but donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Contact Jim Palmer at [palmer-jr@comcast.net](mailto:palmer-jr@comcast.net) if you have questions or would like to also volunteer some of your time to work on the program.

How to make a donation:

Make your check payable to ORBRC Foundation.

Write Career Pathways in the memo line.

Bring your check to a Club meeting and give it to our Club Foundation Treasurer, Joe McGrory,

or, mail a check to:

Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation

Attn: Joe McGrory, Treasurer

P. O. Box 4164

Oak Ridge, TN 37831-4164

When you have submitted your donation, please email Jim Palmer at [palmer-jr@comcast.net](mailto:palmer-jr@comcast.net) so he can track your contribution.

Thank you!

## 65th Anniversary of Desegregation of Oak Ridge Schools

September 2020 marks the 65th anniversary of the desegregation of Oak Ridge Schools. 85 brave students from Scarboro School enrolled at Robertsville Junior High and Oak Ridge High to begin the 1955-1956 school year. The school district and other organizations will hold events throughout the year to commemorate this historic event. The Scarboro Community Alumni Association is raising funds to install plaques, recognizing each of the 85 African American students. The cost for these plaques will be approximately \$5500.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to this project may send their donation to:

The Scarboro Community Alumni Association

1143 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite 107A

Oak Ridge, TN 37830

OR

The Scarboro Community Alumni Association

P.O. Box 147

Oak Ridge, TN 37831

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