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Birthdays

Jim Rushton
October 7th
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October 11th
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October 15th
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October 17th
Michael Plum
October 19th
Emily Jernigan
October 22nd
Patricia Dunigan
Postma
October 26th
Dean Cheatham
October 26th
Sherrie Fairchild-Keys

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

October 7 Meeting Program



The traditional definition of peace is the absence of conflict. That's called negative peace because it's defined as the absence of something else. Positive peace looks at the situation from the opposite side what are the conditions which are necessary to avoid conflict in the first place. If you have those conditions and you make them stronger, you are building peace. Rotary has partnered with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a well-rated think tank that developed a system to measure and track both positive and negative peace globally. The interesting thing about this system is that you can apply it at any level, from peace between nations to peace in your community to peace within your family.

October 14 Meeting Program: Colleen Iversen

Colleen's presentation is titled "The hidden world beneath our feet: From squishy bogs to frozen tundra (and everywhere in-between)".

Dr. Colleen Iversen is an ecosystem ecologist who uses a variety of field and laboratory techniques to understand and predict how ecosystems are shaped by environmental change. Her work takes her from upland forests to soggy peatlands to thawing arctic tundra, chasing a better understanding of the secret lives of roots hidden beneath the soil surface. She works at a millimeter scale to answer a global question: how will ecosystems respond to the climate of the future? Iversen is a Senior Staff Scientist in the Environmental Sciences Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where she is the leader of the Plant-Soil Interactions group. She has published more than 80 papers in high-impact journals ranging from Nature to the Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences. She is an associate editor for the international plant journal, New Phytologist, and is an elected Early Career Fellow of the Ecological Society of America. She is also a Web of Science designated Highly Cited Researcher and a member of the first cohort of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine New Voices program. Iversen sees science communication as the foundation for a shared understanding of society's future, and she has shared her scientific vision on Public Radio International's Science Friday, and in the Alda School's Flame Challenge, as well as in organized symposia, sessions, and workshops. For more information, see www.colleeniversen.com

Purple Pinkie-Polio Plus Challenge

Bonnie Carroll has challenged each of us to donate at least \$20 for Polio Plus as a contribution towards a large group order of Purple Pinkie donuts from Dunkin Donuts. The group will decide what lucky organization will be the beneficiary of these delicious donuts! We must place our order by Friday, October 16th so please send your checks as soon as possible. Bonnie will make sure you receive Paul Harris credit for your donation by including your name and Rotary information on the group donation form.

Please send checks to:

Bonnie Carroll
10805 Fox Park Lane
Knoxville, TN 37931



Checks should be made out to **Bluemont Group (attn: Purple Pinkies)**.

The following information must be included to ensure Rotarians receive PHF credit for the donation:

- Rotarian Name
- Amount Donated
- Rotary Member Number
- Club Name

For more information on Polio Plus and how to order Purple Pinkie Donuts, please visit the District 6780 website: <http://www.rotarydistrict6780.com/>. The District article below contains links to order forms.

World Polio Day Celebrated on October 20th this Year!

October 27th
Charlotte Textor
October 30th
David L. Coffey
October 30th
Betsy Prine
November 3rd

Years of Service

Henry Perry
10-27-2004
16 Years
Anthony Wright
10-16-2013
7 Years
Chris Osborn
10-26-2016
4 Years
Peter Bancroft
10-14-2018
2 Years
Ellen Smith
10-14-2018
2 Years
Phillip D. Fairchild
10-23-2019
1 Year



SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Luncheon for Literacy is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2021! Our planning committee is hard at work! Stay tuned for details on sponsorship opportunities, ticket prices, and venue.

Please contact Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes or Bonnie Carroll if you would like to participate on the Luncheon For Literacy Planning Committee!

HOPE AFTER FIRE Global Grant Approved!

Our Global Grant to support the Hope After Fire project for Ganga Hospital has been awarded! We are excited to collaborate with the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis to help burn victims recover and live a more full life! Here is an excerpt from the award letter:

"Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to provide approximately 530 reconstructive surgeries for correcting and preventing physical disability following a burn injury for lower income patients at GANGA MEDICAL CENTRE & HOSPITALS PVT.LTD. in Coimbatore, India, submitted by the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis and the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast, has been approved by Rotary Foundation (India) (RF(I)) and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The award is in the amount of US\$400,000. Thanks to the generosity of the N. Sundaravadivelu Directed Gift, global grant GG2001155 is receiving US\$14,250 to finance this grant."

Thank you to Stephen Barnes for his vision as well as to committee members Ruby Miller, Bonnie Carroll, and Fred Barry for their work to support the grant application and fundraising efforts! Now it is time to secure \$10,000 to meet ORBRC's financial commitment to this project.

District Governor's Message

We are heading into the first turn, near the quarter-mile mark of our 2020-21 year. The first quarter continues to be challenging for us, yet our Rotarians continue to find ways to provide service and to be



engaged! You will see some of these inspiring efforts in this month's newsletter.

September is Basic Education and Literacy month in the Rotary calendar. Worldwide today more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. To help make this happen, Rotarians take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages by mentoring students, training teachers, and working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs. District 6780 clubs traditionally have been strong supporters of educational efforts at all levels, and feedback from my club visits is that our clubs will continue their literacy efforts, with several clubs looking to expand their services once the pandemic subsides.

As many of you know, Karen and I like to travel, for pleasure, for Rotary, and to see family. Like everyone else, our travel has all been on hold for several months now, so we're diving into the old pictures from time to time. I'll be sharing some of our favorites each month after all, I don't want to see my same face all the time (and neither do you). This month we have a picture from an elephant sanctuary in Thailand in late 2016. Yes, you can get fairly close to some of the elephants, and yes, the baby elephants are adorable.

Thank you all for staying positive and being engaged! Your spirit continues to bring hope and support for those in need, both locally and around the world.

District Governor Ron and Karen

African Region Pronounced Polio Free



The World Health Organization (WHO) on 25 August announced that transmission of the wild poliovirus has officially been stopped in all 47 countries of its African region. This is a historic and vital step toward global eradication of polio, Rotary's top priority. After decades of hard-won gains in the region, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), WHO, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Gavi, the vaccine alliance are proclaiming the milestone an achievement in public health. They offer it as proof that strong commitment, coordination, and perseverance can rid the world of polio.

Dunkin' Donut Purple Pinkie Day Set for October 20

World Polio Day is just around the corner so it's time to kick off the 2020 Dunkin' Donut Purple Pinkie Day for Polio Eradication that will be held on Tuesday, October 20.

Available for download are three files: The first is a flyer that describes the Purple Pinkie Donut Project and several options available for placing your orders. The other two files are optional worksheets that can be used to place group orders or make donations.

There are a few changes from last year:

1. Several additional Rotary Districts have joined us as we expand the project to cover all of Tennessee, Alabama, and Northern Mississippi.
2. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to End Polio Now! \$540,000 from District 6780.
3. On October 20 each Dunkin' Donut location will have a quantity of Purple Pinkie Donuts available for walk-up customers to purchase, either individually or in boxes. However, to ensure adequate supply with minimal waste, we are strongly encouraging Rotarians, friends and families to pre-order, and we've made it easy for everyone to do that (details on the back of the flyer).
4. Rotarians who participate in The Purple Pinkie Donut Project using any of the options described on the flyer will receive Paul Harris Fellow and Eradicator Club recognition for their contributions; however, we can only track pre-orders. This is in part to encourage pre-orders, but also because orders placed at store locations are "rolled up" and much of the necessary detail is lost.
5. Purple Pinkie Donut Project information (and downloadable forms) are available on the District 6780 website, Facebook Page and in the District Newsletter.



[Club Order Form](#)

[Purple Pinkie Day Flyer](#)

[No Donut Donation Form](#)

District Calendar of Important Events

Oct 3 District Foundation, Membership, Public Image & Youth Service Seminar (virtual)
Oct TBD monthly District-wide Facebook meeting
Oct 17 PETS Orientation and Grants training make-up session (virtual)
Oct 20 Dunkin' Purple Pinkie Day for Polio Eradication
Oct 24 World Polio Day
Oct TBD Rotary Leadership Institute Level III (virtual)

Oak Ridge Rotarians "Sew Good Masks"

The Rotary Clubs of Oak Ridge combined efforts with Sew Good Mask Project Team to make masks for adults and children because there was a shortage of commercial masks available. Over 100 volunteers spent 40 hours sewing over 6,000 masks, which they gave to local non-profits, nursing homes, City of Oak Ridge, local doctor offices, and local hospitals.

The Oak Ridge City Manager and Oak Ridge School Superintendent asked for additional PPE supplies, and PPE kits were assembled for nine Oak Ridge Schools, 17 Anderson County Schools, three Clinton City Schools, one local private school, and seven local non-profits. The kits included face shields, masks, safety glasses, hand sanitizer, soap, wipes, disinfecting solution, paper towels, contamination disposable bags and gloves.



As the project continued, the team made face shields for baseball caps for 95 elementary school children and 103 school bus drivers in Anderson County, as well as for 86 eyeglass wearers and full-face shields for 30 adults. The volunteers make 250 head coverings for Methodist Medical Center staff.

The team donated masks to the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge, food banks in Anderson County, the student store at Roane State Community College in Oak Ridge, and Briceville Elementary School Food Program for students and families.

Finally, the team developed an electronic bulletin board campaign for the month of August with pictures stressing the need to follow five core measures to prevent COVID-19 infections and used Rotarians in the pictures. Over 45,000 Oak Ridge workers and visitors had the opportunity to see bulletin board daily.