

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

Club Leaders



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Vice President



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Birthdays

Jake Morrill
May 18th
Richard M. Davis
May 25th
Fred J. Barry
May 29th
Ann C. Bratton
June 2nd

Years of Service

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

Club Meeting May 19, 2021



You are invited to attend our Rotary meeting on Wednesday morning. The Zoom session will be opened at 7 a.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m.

◆From Vision to Reality: The Wilson Street Development,◆ is the title of the presentation during this week's meeting. The speaker will be Wayne Blasius, Director of Community Development for the City of Oak Ridge. He will provide an update on Wilson Street, the multi-use development that will bring new residences, shops, cafes and green space, as well as significant new tax revenues to the City.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313775200?pwd=citBMUNNK0tyT1R4RlhXeklaamJOUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1377 5200
Passcode: 440358

or

Dial: 301 715 8592 (same ID and passcode)

Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival



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Tickets for the evening show are only \$15 on Eventbrite. You can also get a link to Eventbrite on www.flatwatertales.com or Flatwater Tales Facebook page.

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Emily Jernigan
05-11-2005
16 Years
Brenda S.
Thornburgh
05-17-2006
15 Years
Lydia Birk
05-02-2007
14 Years
Dean Cheatham
05-13-2015
6 Years
Charlotte
Cunningham
05-13-2015
6 Years
Lucky Vogt
05-13-2015
6 Years

donations from Flatwater Tales and Friends of the Grove Theater.

We encourage everyone to buy a ticket, buy one for a friend, and make a donation to this 3-Club service project. One of the best ways to support this effort is to share it on your social media sites, individually and as a Club.



Our Club Steps Up for Community Action Grants

Our Club Foundation will distribute \$55,000 this year for Community Action Grants to 24 local non-profit organizations thanks to the contributions of our club members. The Foundation board, plus Club members Brenda Thornburgh and John Glowienka, met last night to discuss and vote on grant applications. This is \$25,000 more than we distributed in 2020, a remarkable achievement!

After reviewing and ranking the applications individually, Charles Crowe merged our data and he, along with James Wilson and Jim Michel, put together an initial proposal for distributing the funds. After an amicable and thoughtful discussion, the group voted unanimously on our final proposal. Although we did not fully fund every grant, or fund every grant, the committee is proud of our work and of the strength of our Club and its generous members.

The Community Action Grants that resulted from donations this year were designed to honor the memory of Dub Shults. We had several donors who matched donations dollar for dollar. Matt and Jana Brayton organized the Dub Shults Seersucker Scavenger Hunt that added to our fun ♦ and funds! Many of you also made a special effort to donate in this year of greater need in our community due to Covid-19.

The following nonprofit organizations will receive funding for the 2021 Community Action Grants:

ADFAC; ASAP of Anderson County; Atomic City Sportsmen Club; Atomic Lodge 301; Blossom Center; Boys and Girls Club of Oak Ridge; Briceville/Anderson County Library; CASA of Tennessee Heartland; Clinch Valley Trail Alliance; Emory Valley Center; Free Medical Clinic; Girls, Inc.; Habitat for Humanity of Anderson County; Keystone Adult Day Program; Lisa Waraksa/Linden School; Men of Tomorrow Foundation; Scarboro Community Alumni Association; Senior Citizens Awareness Committee; SPARK; The Arc of Anderson County; TORCH; United Way of Anderson County; Willowbrook Elementary Family Resource Center Counseling; YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley.

Thank you for supporting our Club and our community.

The Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Foundation Board and Community Action Grant Committee members:

Charles Crowe, Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes, John Glowienka, Emily Jernigan, Joe McGrory, Jim Michel, Jim Rushton, Brenda Thornburgh, James Wilson

Meeting Notes May 12, 2021

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Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting

May 12, 2021
Submitted by Pat Postma

Our newest member, Billy Edwards joined us again today. Billy grew up in Oliver Springs. Billy's career has taken him a number of places, including work with the famed Television series **Wild Kingdom**. He came here from Indianapolis to help his mom and he is now the Director of the free Medical Clinic.

Announcements:

Ruby noted the very difficult time India is experiencing with the COVID epidemic. She will ask Stephen Barnes to communicate with the club we partnered with in Hope after Fire grant to inquire if there is some way we can be helpful in that area.

Tony Wright is seeking a person to work as program chair along with John Glowienka next year. He also wants all of us to provide program ideas.

Pat Postma is asking a couple of people to join her in the task of taking club notes for the bulletin. She suggests two others to join her in taking alternate months.

The Fellowship Committee is coming up with a plan for a celebratory last meeting of this Rotary Year that brings us together but outdoors. This will be the **evening** of June 22nd. We will have a formal passing of the gavel as we do each year, but our real purpose is just to enjoy being together. The specific location is yet to be announced.

The following week there will be no meeting because it is 4th of July week.

Rooster:

Our Rooster is flying out to Key West today and is really excited to be on a plane again. Despite the fact that she is boarding a plane, she regaled us with some pretty bad flight jokes.

Ruby led off Happy Dollars with \$57 to celebrate her 57th wedding anniversary. Adam Moreno's Happy Dollars were in thanks for the surprise going away party this week. Emily gave \$16 for the number of years she has been in Rotary. She noted that she and Pat Postma were inducted on the same day and had become very close friends. Pat agreed, matched Emily and raised her one. Pete Peterson's Happy Dollars were because his daughter was visiting for the first time in 2 years.

Program:

Our guest speaker today was Catherine Colby from the Chattanooga Rotary Club. Catherine's field of study is Cultural Anthropology of Latin America and she has been very involved with Economic Development issues there, both as a professional and as a Rotarian.

Catherine's Rotary club has been involved in projects to bring clean water to the Dominican Republic. Quite a challenge in a country with a capital city of several million people and no sewer systems at all. One school they were helping had only one bathroom for 800 students.

It is a class-based society and you don't get citizenship from birth. If you are not a citizen, IDs are difficult to get and you do not get a free education beyond 6th grade. Of necessity, project work in these conditions requires providing education as well. An important part of this work is teaching local individuals how to care for and maintaining the systems and that is gratifying for everyone.

Her insights on establishing relationships with places where you are carrying out projects were enlightening. It takes a lot of time and your goal has to be learning what they want from the project. It's necessary to be sure you are not providing money to corrupt people. You also have to be flexible enough to address unexpected needs and provide ad hoc assistance. She cited one instance where the local fishermen wanted to learn how to do sustainable fishing. The Rotary team found a partner to help in the Nature Conservancy,

Their club decides how much they can donate toward the water project, then gets District Grants to match that. In addition, for every water project they install the find a sponsor who agrees to give \$500 a year for 5 years.

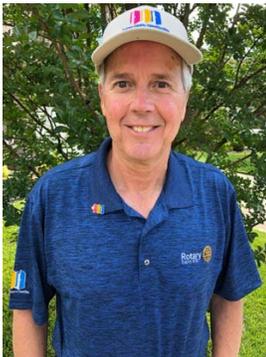


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District Governor May Message



We are down to less than two months of our year when Rotary Opens Opportunities. The challenge for each of us is to keep moving forward and finish strong!

May is **Youth Service Month** in the Rotary calendar. Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and to learn about the world through service projects and activities. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) builds peace one young person at a time, as students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens, with exchanges sponsored by Rotary clubs in over 100 countries. See the stories at the end of this newsletter from several former RYE students from our district about where they are now and how RYE changed their lives.

As most of you know, Youth Service is a real strength of our district. We have 65 Interact clubs who do incredible projects locally (and even some internationally) and also support our End Polio Now efforts. The annual district Interact Conference is an energizing event that draws students and club sponsors from all over the district, often with attendance that is near or at the top in the United States for a single-district Interact event. RYLA usually draws 150-180 students in September for a day of learning and fun at Camp Nakanawa near Crossville. Our RYE program works with both in-bound and outbound students, with about 10-12 going each way annually in these life-changing exchanges.

It has been a difficult year for many of our Youth Service programs during this pandemic year, but the enthusiasm and support within our district remains strong, and we will bounce back bigger and better than ever in the years ahead!

Let  all work every day to stay positive, be engaged, and stay safe and healthy! Thank you for all you do for your communities and for Rotary.

DG Ron and Karen

Upcoming District Events

June 12-16 -- 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention

June 26 -- District Celebration Event

Dr. Elaine Bunick Receives Rotary International Service Above Self Award

During the May 6 weekly meeting of the Oak Ridge Club, District Governor Ron Appuhn presented Dr. Elaine Bunick with the prestigious Rotary International Service Above Self Award for 2020-21.

The Service Above Self Award recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service in any form and at any level, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary. This is Rotary International  highest honor for individual Rotarians. A maximum of 150 Rotarians out of the 1.2 million members



worldwide receive this award in any one year. The award is competitive, and a current district governor may nominate only one person in any one year. The nomination provides information on Rotary service activities, non-Rotary service activities, and how the nominee embodies Service Above Self.

Elaine becomes the 14th Rotarian and the second woman from District 6780 to receive this award. She joins the late David Cope (1991-92) and William T. Sergeant (2000-01) as recipients from the Oak Ridge club.

Elaine's accomplishments and contributions to doing good locally and internationally could fill pages. Internationally she has done incredible Rotary work in Ghana and Haiti, and she continues to do exceptional work in Mexico. Her activities in Oak Ridge and the surrounding area are numerous over many years, with some of her recent work focused on addressing COVID-19 relief and vaccinations. Some of the younger members of the Oak Ridge club refer to her lovingly as "Grandma". As part of the nomination, DG Ron described how Elaine embodies Service Above Self: "[Elaine] is described by many as the 'Energizer Bunny' because she just doesn't stop. I don't know when she sleeps. I have not seen anyone with the combination of intelligence, compassion, tenacity and love of Rotary that she possesses. She makes a difference in our world. For me, Elaine is the model of Service Above Self."

Congratulations Dr. Elaine Bunick!

Mark Your Calendars for the June 26 District Celebration Event

District 6780 will celebrate the great 2020-21 accomplishments of clubs and Rotarians during this challenging year with a live event at Webb School of Knoxville on June 26. The celebration will begin at 1:30 PM EDT /12:30 PM CDT, and the event will also be available on Zoom. The session should end on or before 4:00 PM EDT. More details will be released soon.

Flatwater Tales Return Virtually this Summer



The three Oak Ridge clubs have announced that the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival is going virtual this year. After a hiatus last year due to COVID-19, on June 5 you can laugh along with the rest of the world as three of the top storytellers in the United States show off their creative skills in a unique improv segment along with their stories taped exclusively for Flatwater Tales. Bill Lepp, Andy Offutt Irwin, and Kim Weitkamp are three amazing storytellers.

The day will kick off with three online live interactive workshops. Bill Lepp will present "Chaos Doesn't Happen on Its Own?" at 11:AM EDT, followed by "Tongue and Pen" presented by Kin Weitkamp at 1:30 PM. At 3:00 Andy Offutt Irwin will present "Laughing Makes You Smarter." Tickets for these workshops are \$20 each or \$45 for all three.



The evening performance begins at 8:00 PM and features all three storytellers taped before a live audience exclusively for Flatwater Tales. This performance includes an unrehearsed improv segment. Tickets for the evening performance are \$15.

Get to know the storytellers at a live real-time party with the tellers and an emcee at the live After-Party. It begins at 9:30 PM on Zoom and includes with all three storytellers. Tickets for the after-party are \$10, and there will be some giveaways for the audience!

Tickets for the complete "Tales Package" are available for \$50 and include all three live interactive workshops, the evening performance, and the virtual after-party.

In 2022 the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival will be back at the Historic Grove Theater in Oak Ridge. The theater will have completely updated lighting, thanks to a district grant for the three Oak Ridge clubs, donations from Flatwater Tales, and Friends of the Grove Theater.

Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../2021-flatwater-tales...>