



### Club Leaders



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**Sherrie Fairchild-Keves**  
iPast President



**Debbie D. Farmer**  
Assistant District Governor

### Birthdays

Richard M. Davis  
May 25th

Fred J. Barry  
May 29th

Ann C. Bratton  
June 2nd

Henry Perry  
June 24th

### Years of Service

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

### 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 26, 2021

We hope you will join us for the weekly meeting of our Rotary Club. The Zoom session will be opened at 7 a.m. for those who like to get started early, and the meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m.

During this week's program, David Allred, pastor at High Places Church and leader of the Grove Theater in its community role, will discuss the Periodic Tables. According to David, together with the People's Supper, a national effort which seeks to build relational trust among people of different identities and perspectives, and with a twist that is uniquely Oak Ridge---we are out to pave a new path we're calling Periodic Tables.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

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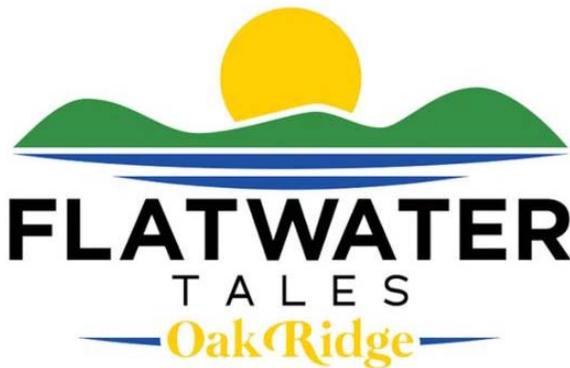
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Passcode: 266690

OR

Call: 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](http://www.flatwatertales.com) or Flatwater Tales Facebook page.

Next year we will be back at the Historic Grove Theater with its completely updated lighting, thanks to a 3-Club District Grant, 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.



### May 21 Inspiration

# Inspiration

*“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”*

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--Winston Churchill

## Meeting Notes May 21, 2021

Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting  
May 19, 2021  
Submitted by: Pat Postma

**A great turnout of guests today!** Joining us were Sue Byrne, Mitzi Miller, (a neighbor of Bonnie's) and our speaker, Wayne Blasius.

### Announcements:

James Wilson reported the ORBRC Foundation provided a record \$55,000 worth of grants to 24 organizations in the area. Our extraordinary support for the Foundation was in part in memory of Dub Shults, whom we have lost. James expressed his gratitude to our whole club, saying he felt honored to be among us.

Ruby proposed John Smith to become a member of our club and told us about John. The Club will vote on his application next week.

Bonnie Carroll announced that we now have a way to send funds for COVID relief to the Rotary Club in India with whom we have partnered for the Hope after Fire global grant. Those who wish to donate should make a check out to our club foundation and put For India on the memo line. We needed those to be donated **THIS WEEK**.

Stephen Barnes expressed his gratitude for that. He shared with us that his Father-in-Law in India had died and it is required to have bodies cremated within three hours of death.

Matt Brayton announced our meet-in-person final meeting for this Rotary year where we will enjoy each other and pass the gavel to our new president, Tony Wright. On June 22, we will meet at 5:30 PM until whenever . . . We will be at the pavilion at Centennial Golf Club for this event.

This will be instead of our meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the following week there will be no meeting because it is 4<sup>th</sup> of July week. We will resume in person meetings on July 7, probably at the Unitarian church.

### Happy Day for Happy Dollars

Our Rooster is still in Key West today so we did Happy Dollars without her!

Judi led off to give her dollars for the fact that her brother was finally able to visit Oak Ridge again.

Emily's Happy Dollars were because she and Charlie and Lou Dunlap and Pat Postma were heading for Charleston West Virginia to see our 3 Flatwater Tales tellers perform live to tape our virtual event to be held on June 5.

Lydia is Happy to be heading out to visit family, including her Godson's graduation.

Happy Dollars from Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes were because she enjoyed some peaceful moments on her deck this morning and because Willow Brook had been designated as a Trauma-Informed School by the state of Tennessee. This recognizes the Willow Brook's mental health program we heard about a couple weeks ago.

Charlie Crowe's Happy Dollars were because Men of Tomorrow was presenting its 31<sup>st</sup> award of scholarships in a program that will be available virtually.

Mary Lou Auxier gave Happy Dollars because Charles Crowe has just been named a Trustee of Berea College.

Martha Hobson was Happy because Sue Byrne, who has been working with Wayne Blasius and others on the Wilson Street project is here as a guest.

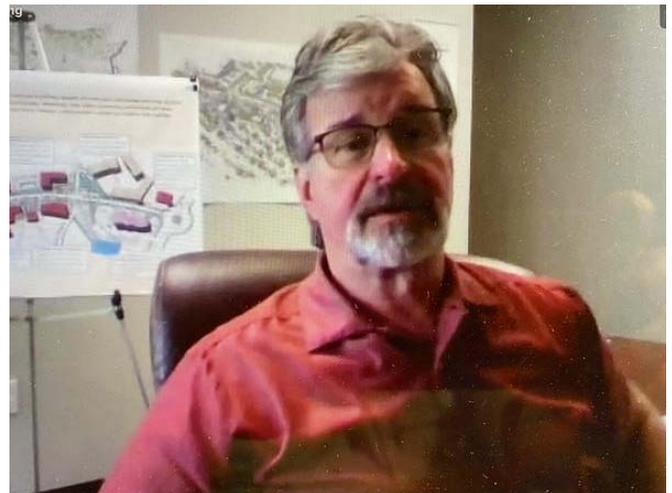
### Program:

Wayne Blasius is our Director of Community Development in Oak Ridge. He remarked before he began that the things he had just heard in this meeting were inspiring, if not daunting. But then he immediately inspired us.

When Wayne arrived in Oak Ridge 3 years ago, he brought a wealth of development and community planning experience from his years working in downtown Knoxville. When he and his staff began their first task of updating the City's Blueprint Plan, he realized that a different and vibrant downtown had been a wish over and over again. With the help of a grant from the State, he gathered a team of designers for a 3-day charrette to envision a new downtown for Oak Ridge.

The truly inspiring vision is focused on Wilson Street between Rutgers and Tulane avenues. Its intent is to create a vital, varied and aesthetically pleasing center of town comprised of multi-story and mixed-use structures with many new residence options. It could include a performing arts area, little parks, boutique shops, cafes, rooftop bars, pubs and any number of activities that bring us together in this new community gathering place. In a number of public events over the last year citizens have provided great ideas about what they would like to see here.

Perhaps the best news is the financial impact this would have on the city. Wayne presented research that demonstrates that intensely developed areas such as this provide a far greater tax return than big box stores, family dwellings or any other city uses. Increased tax revenues would be a boon to the City as we replace our aged infrastructure.



Quietly but doggedly, Wayne, his staff and a number of citizens, along with help from the Land Bank have been working to bring this to reality. Five of the necessary seven parcels have been acquired and citizens are working to organize financing for the last two parcels.

If you would like to see the Power Point with renderings and data about this work email Wayne at [wblasius@oakridgetn.gov](mailto:wblasius@oakridgetn.gov). If you want to know how you can help as a citizen, email [patpostma74@gmail.com](mailto:patpostma74@gmail.com).

## Vision for Main Street Oak Ridge



## 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

## District Governor's May Message



Weave 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's 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

## Dr. Elaine Bunick Receives Rotary International's 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's 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Report from April 24 Business Meetings

During the annual District 6780 Business Meeting and the James L. Bomar Jr. Rotary Interact Scholarship Foundation Business Meeting on April 24, electors took the following actions:

1. Past District Governors (PDG) Jack Bailey, Bobby Davis, Greg Maciolek, Beth Stubbs and Karen Wentz were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee for our 2024-25 District Governor.
2. PDG Greg Maciolek was elected to serve as our district representative on the Nominating Committee for the Rotary International Director from Zones 30-31 for 2023-25.
3. The 2021-22 District Budget was approved.
4. The updated and amended Rules and Procedures for District 6780 were approved.
5. A new Youth Protection Policy for District 6780 was approved.
6. Bonny Davis was elected to serve a new three-year term on the Bomar Foundation.
7. The updated and amended charter and by-laws for the Bomar Foundation were approved.

The updated District Rules and Procedures are under final review for technical consistency, and that document will be posted to the district website and sent to the clubs within the next few weeks. The new Bomar Foundation documents will also be reviewed for technical consistency and then sent to the clubs.

The major upgrades/changes to the Rules of Procedure were in the areas of harassment and abuse prevention and youth protection and were made to help bring the district and our clubs into compliance with Rotary International guidelines. The District Harassment and Abuse Prevention Committee will be named this month by District Governor-Elect Cindy Gammons and will begin work immediately on compliance and training issues within the district.

## 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...>

## Upcoming District Events

June 12-16 -- 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention

June 26 -- District Celebration Event