

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

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Ann C. Bratton
June 2nd
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June 24th

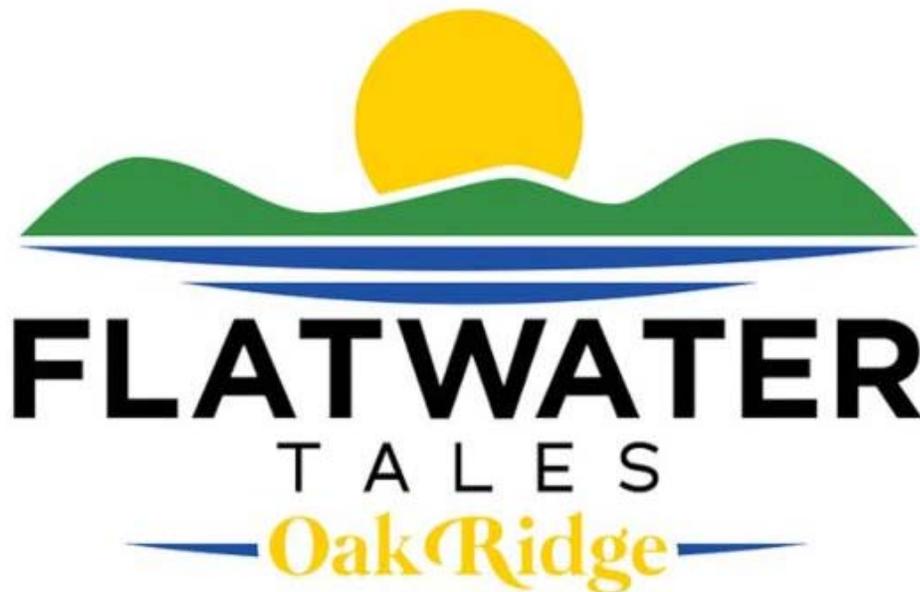
Years of Service

Keith E Craft
06-13-1980
41 Years
Robin E. Textor

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

Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival



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But you can laugh along with the rest of the world this year as 3 of the top storytellers in the U.S. show off their creative skills in a unique improv segment along with their stories taped exclusively for Flatwater Tales.

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.

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.



06-13-1980
41 Years

David L. Coffey
06-13-1980
41 Years

J. Frank Jamison
06-13-1980
41 Years

Judi Gray
06-14-2006
15 Years

James R. Palmer
06-13-2007
14 Years

Sherrie Fairchild-
Keyes
06-01-2015
6 Years

Derrick M. Hammond
06-01-2015
6 Years

Club Meeting June 2, 2021

Please plan to attend our Rotary Club meeting [tomorrow morning](#). The Zoom session will be opened [at 7 a.m.](#) for those who like to arrive early and socialize. The meeting will begin [at 7:30 a.m.](#)

Our guest speaker this week will be John Spratling, teacher and coach at Robertsville Middle School, who recently received an award for civil rights in work and education. A native Oak Ridger, he will discuss the history of the Scarborough Community.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89355064614?pwd=SW5UeTRlczh5eER3YVIQbkZRVmhZQT09>

Meeting ID: [893 5506 4614](#)

Passcode: [728994](#)

OR

Dial [301 715 8592](#) (Same Meeting ID and Passcode)

Meeting Notes for May 26, 2021



**Notes for Oak
Ridge Breakfast
Rotary Club
Meeting**

May 26, 2021

**Submitted by Pat
Postma**

Welcome to our new member Angela Threat, who attended for the first time today. Angela is a native of South Carolina, but she came to Oak Ridge 31 years ago as a coop student. She is a Senior Accountant with DOE, but also a tax preparer for H&R Block. (Ruby says Angela is a great cook and also does some catering.) Angela also finds time to be the mother of 4 kids.

We had another new member application to vote on for John W. Smith. That application was accepted unanimously.

Announcements:

Emily reported on Flatwater Tales upcoming virtual events on June 5. Flatwater Tales is a joint project for all three Rotary clubs and brings some outstanding storytellers, for Oak Ridgers and others. This year it will be virtual, but Emily was present for the live taping and promises it to be a truly fun event. Gather your family around. The tellers are Bill Lepp, Andy Offutt Irwin, and Kim Weitcamp. The main event starts at 8 PM but each teller will have a writing workshop during the day on Saturday. You can get tickets to each or all of the events by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../2021-flatwater-tales...>. If you have a conflict that day, the videos will be available for two weeks afterward.

This is the week to donate funds for COVID relief to the Rotary Club in India with whom we have partnered for the Hope after Fire Global grant. The club has donated \$1000 and Bonnie encouraged us to get that up to \$5000. Make your check out to our ORBRC Foundation and put For India on the memo line.

Rooster:

Back from Key West, Charlotte told us Key West might be the Rooster capital of the world and she brought back a lot rooster facts and jokes to share.

Congratulations to Fred Barry on his birthday.

Ellen Smith's Happy Dollars were for insurance agents who pay out when you need them. They had their catalytic converter stolen from their car while it was parked at the airport.

Marian Wildgruber gave her Happy Dollars in thanks for the tour of Cade's Cove that was her Mother's Day wish.

Angela Threat gave Happy Dollars for attending her first meeting.

Dan Robbins gave Happy Dollars for his grandson who just received a scholarship.

Program:

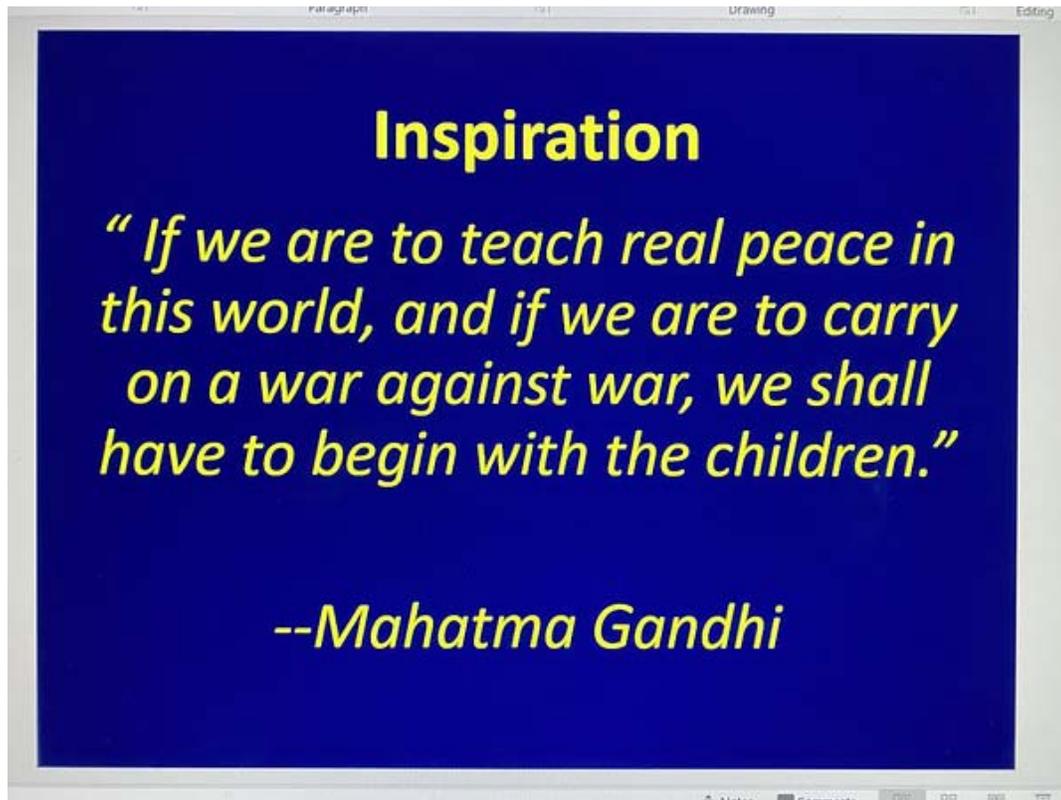
Pat Postma introduced today's speaker, David Allred. For the past 29 years, David has been the Pastor of High Places Community Church which meets in the historic Grove theater. David attended UT for his undergraduate work and received his Master's in Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. David is a writer and a poet who has both published work and won several awards. But, Pat said, David is all about community.

In 2017, David worked with Harvard's Divinity School think tank on ways of gathering people together. In the process he became acquainted with a group in Los Angeles called the People's Supper, whose mission was to bring together people to support and listen to one another. He initiated a program like this in Oak Ridge and the California group became interested in his efforts to implement that here.

Those initial efforts were curtailed by the pandemic; however, the pandemic and political events have separated us even more now. He is initiating a renewed effort in Oak Ridge calling it our Periodic Tables. Beginning in September he will arrange for a series of the first 3 gatherings, with the intent of using our various experiences during COVID-19 to understand what others experienced and brainstorm things we wish Oak Ridge could have provided. Our newly formed Peace Builders group will be helping to bring this about.

The California group will be following these gatherings and are providing some financial support. David is currently organizing a steering committee to help direct this and hopes to hire a part-time director. His church will donate \$5000 and he would like to raise another \$10,000 for that. If you would like to know more or get involved in this new community effort, contact Pat at patpostma74@gmail.com.

Inspiration May 26, 2021



First Rotarians Finish the RLI Graduate Course

Congratulation to the first Rotarians in District 6780 to finish the Rotary Leadership Institute Graduate Course.

Beverlee Bartley - Chattanooga Hamilton Place
Deb Birdsall - Fairfield Glade
Jason Day - Manchester
John Downs - Sparta
Donald Elliott - Fairfield Glade
Holly Hanson - Crossville
Bonnie Holcombe-Fontana - Bradley Sunrise
John Kindschi - Fairfield Glade
Zach Sheets - South Campbell County

Ivan Jones facilitated two three-hour sessions in the Graduate Course on Motivating Volunteers and Rotary Membership Issues. The Rotary Leadership Graduate Courses are designed for an in-depth discussion on Rotary topics. The discussions



were lively and very informative among the Rotarians!

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) comprises a series of fast paced interactive courses designed to build knowledge of Rotary. Topics include Membership, Service Projects, Public Relations, Team Building, and the Rotary Foundation.

The courses are fun, topical, and hands-on. There are no lectures as class members learn from each other. The courses are also geared toward busy business professionals who want to be more effective leaders in their vocations and in their Rotary clubs. Participants return to their clubs with new friends, enthusiasm, fresh ideas, and valuable leadership skills. [Read More](#)

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...>