

# Rotary



# Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

## Club Leaders



Anthony Wright  
President



Lydia Birk  
President - Elect



Lucky Vogt  
Secretary



Chris Osborn  
Treasurer



Emily Jernigan  
Public Image Chair



David Olsen  
Club Foundation Chair



Patricia Dunigan Postma  
Club Membership Chair



Ruby A Miller  
iPast President



Debbie D. Farmer  
Assistant District Governor

## Birthdays

Ruby A Miller  
July 31st  
Anthony Wright  
August 3rd  
James R. Michel  
August 7th  
Alan L. Liby  
August 13th  
Keith E Craft  
August 17th

## 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 Program July 21, 2021



Our program this week will be delivered by **Reggie Law** - the Executive Artistic Director for the Oak Ridge Playhouse since 1999.

The topic of his talk will be "**Intermission Is Over - and We're Still Here!**" We are delighted that Reggie will join us this Wednesday.

Below is the Zoom link for our July 21 meeting. See you in person or by Zoom this Wednesday!

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88153727523>

Meeting ID: 881 5372 7523

## Meeting Notes July 7, 2021

## Years of Service

Catherine Toth

07-11-2007

14 Years

Louise Dunlap

07-09-2011

10 Years

James Frank Wilson

07-27-2016

5 Years

Michael Plum

07-19-2017

4 Years



**Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting  
July 7, 2021  
Submitted by Pat Postma**

**Guests:** Janessa Abernathy, who has recently joined United Way, and Jack Bailey, a former District Governor and member of the noon Rotary Club.

### **Announcements:**

**DUES!** Robert Weir reminded us it is now time for our first half-years dues. You should have received an invoice for that \$250 in your email. If you would like to add donations to RI, Polio Plus, our own ORBRC Community fund, please email Robert back and tell him to send you a new invoice with those amounts specified.

Lucky Vogt asked for help with vans or SUVs to deliver dictionaries to all our county 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Pete Peterson and Brenda Thornburgh both stepped right up.

Judi Gray is working with the Career Pathways internship program this year and asks us to become mentors to one of those in the program. Please let her know if you are willing to play this all-important role.

### **The New Rooster ??!**

You will have to wait a little longer to find out our new Rooster ♦ August! Meantime we will have temporary Roosters.

But today there were great numbers of Happy Dollars., many of them for Ruby and her leadership this past Rotary year, whereas - Ruby♦s were because she isn♦t President anymore! Charlotte gave her \$100 to announce that Habitat is having a special fundraising event on July 24. Ellen Smith♦s unhappy dollars were because she has misplaced her name badge. Brenda Thornburgh celebrated a new Grandson. She also invited us to join her family in celebrating Tom♦s life at the DoubleTree on Saturday from 1-5PM. Stephen Barnes was happy about several things we♦ve done this Oast year, but also because he is heading for Aruba this weekend. Mike Coffey has a new granddaughter.

**The Joker Draw is back!** Yes, there is about \$100 in the pot and there still is. Henry Perry got the draw but not the joker.

### **Program:**

Tony began our program by declaring that increasing membership is our number 1 objective this year. He pointed out that, for Rotary International membership had remained flat at 1.2 million. Men continue to outnumber females about 2 to 1. Our own membership has dropped this past year. Our Goal for this year is to add a net 12 new members.

Our membership Chair, Pat Postma explained that we will do this by making membership more affordable, having a strategic plan, thinking systematically about diversity in every dimension, by making it fun, and by starting right now.

In addition to reducing dues we will now offer family memberships. The first member pays full dues while spouses ♦ or adult children working or living in Oak Ridge ♦ pay only \$150 to join.

We want you to think of diversity in every different way: Not just race, gender and age, but perspectives on the community. Who should belong ORBRC from city staff? We need the arts community to be represented. Think of the doers you know in other organizations. Who from your church or in your neighborhood?

On September 15, we will have a gala membership event to invite a dozen prospective members to learn about ORBRC. We start right now she said and gave each table as large index card to list as many prospective members as there were people at their table.

We want your ideas for prospective members. There will be index cards at the front table each meeting, so bring a name and put your name on the card as proposer.

## Editor's Note



Dear Fellow OR Breakfast Rotarians,

Our meeting notes are off by one week due to some technical difficulties. We are committed to publishing meeting notes for both July 14 and July 21 in next week's newsletter!

If you have pictures from club meetings and/or the ADFAC Service Project (delivering Back Packs to Glenwood Elementary), please email them to me (sfk1027@gmail.com).

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Sherrie

## District Governor's July Message



The new Rotary Year has begun, and I'm looking forward to a great year as your District Governor. Please join me in thanking Vice District Governor Ron Appuhn for his outstanding leadership during this most difficult past year.

I want to thank all of the district leadership team who will be rolling off this year. You have made a huge impact in our district and I appreciate all that you have done. I would like to introduce some of the new team. Our District Governor-Elect is Alan Clark, a member of the Franklin County AM Club, where is currently Past President and Executive Secretary. He is also a Past President of the Winchester Rotary Club. Alan has served District 6780 in numerous positions.

Our 2021-22 District Governor Nominee is Susie Cantrell, a charter member of the Cookeville Sunset Club. She was Club President in 2016-17 and served an Assistant Governor in 2020-21. She was selected as the District's Rotarian of the Year in 2020.

Patty Daughtrey, a member of the Bearden Club, continues as District Secretary, and Jennifer Campbell, of the Oak Ridge Club, will continue as District Treasurer.

I have begun my club visits. So far, I have attended eight terrific Rotary meetings. I am enjoying the time I have been given to meet our wonderful Rotarians and see all of the great things their clubs are doing. I look forward to all of my club visits coming up.

Don't forget our Pack the Park for Polio ball game August 17. I have been practicing to throw out the first pitch. It will be a fun way for Rotarians to get together and raise money for Polio. You can contact John Downs or Greg Maciolek to obtain vouchers.

District 6780 Rotarians have a great opportunity coming up September 30 - October 3, 2021. We will be hosting the Zones 30 & 31 summit "Pathways to the Future" in Chattanooga. The summit is open to any Rotarian who would like to register. Read more about the summit in the story below.

Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones will speak at lunch on Friday, October 1. You can join her for lunch for a special price of just \$25. She is a wonderful speaker and you will not want to miss this. There will also be pre-conference sessions on Positive Peace and Diversity on Thursday, September 30. In addition, general sessions on Saturday will include Peace Projects and membership. You can participate in just the lunch or the entire conference. Don't miss out.

## Welcome New District Governor Cindy Gammons!

District 6780 Rotarians welcomed 2021-22 Governor Cindy Gammons at the District Awards Celebration on June 19 at Webb School in Knoxville.

Cindy has been a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club since 2000. She served as President in 2011-12 and has served on many committees over the years.

Cindy is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and has worked at the district level for the past eight years, serving as an Assistant Governor for three years, and Assistant Governor Coordinator for two years.

Additionally, she has served on the District Conference Planning committee, currently serves on the Governor's Committee, and is a trainer for the Rotary Leadership Institute. Cindy also serves on the Zone 30-31 Rotary Conference Team, which is gearing up for Pathways to the Future in Chattanooga September 28-October 1, 2021.

A graduate of Middle Tennessee University, Cindy received her B.A. in the area of Instrumental Music, K-12. She was the band director and choral director at Macon County High School for nine years during which she received her M.A. and E.D.s. from Tennessee Tech University in the area of school administration.

She was an elementary school principal for one year and then served as principal of Macon County High School for seven years. For the past 17 years, Cindy has served on the Federal Programs Director of Macon County where she oversees the entire Title program as well as other federal grants.

Cindy's pride and joy is her family. She has three wonderful children and six grandsons. Her daughter Meghan serves as a probation officer. Middle daughter Lauren works for the sheriff's department and has six-year-old twin boys, a four-year-old son and a 20-month-old son. Cindy's son, Jon, just finished his freshman year at Tennessee Tech University, where he is studying to be a teacher and hopes to coach football. Cindy also has three-year-old and one-year-old step-sons.

In her spare time Cindy is a huge sports enthusiast. She loves football and is an avid fan of both the UT Vols and the Tennessee Titans. For the past 20+ years she has been an avid runner and has run in over 14 half marathons in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Hendersonville, and Cincinnati, OH.

Cindy is a Paul Harris Fellow plus three and a member of the Bequest Society.

## Pack the Park to End Polio Now on August 17



Our own District Governor Cindy Gammons will throw out the opening ball for the District 6780 11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!" at 7:00 PM EDT on August 17 at the Smokies Stadium in Kodak. The game will feature the Tennessee Smokies against the Birmingham Barons.

Your \$12 donation will get a ticket voucher, \$6.00 in stadium credit for the purchase of food or souvenirs, and lots of fun! And, \$5.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight polio! See your Club President or Assistant Governor for tickets.

If you can't attend the game on August 17, your ticket voucher is good for any regular season home game for the remainder of the 2021 season.

Here are details on how it works:

For Rotarians who wish to pay for vouchers with checks, please make checks payable to your club. Then the club will issue a single check (no later than game day) for \$6.50 per ticket made payable to the Tennessee Smokies. This check can be turned in at the polio table near "will call" at the stadium on game day.

Ticket vouchers redeemed at the ballpark on game day will receive an admission ticket plus \$6.00 in stadium credit that can be used for concessions or at any vendor in the stadium. Vouchers redeemed at the Smokies Ticket Office after August 17 receive an admission ticket but not the stadium credit.

The \$5.50 donation to "Polio Plus" can be sent to Rotary International by your club. (Use Multiple Donor Form 094-EN, for individual club members to receive donor credit.)

Contact John Downs, District PolioPlus Chair, at 260-564-0059 or [latigo57@yahoo.com](mailto:latigo57@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## People of Action: Get Inspired!



The Heart of America Zones 30-31 Virtual Leadership Seminars are a great opportunity for Rotary leaders to gain new ideas about Rotary leadership and to get inspired for the year ahead!

### Seminar Schedule

**Session 1: "Silver Linings; New Opportunities for Doing Rotary,"** Wednesday, July 28, 7:00 PM. Projects, fundraisers, and new meeting formats that Rotarians developed during the pandemic that can be used in the future to expand our reach and increase our impact.

- **Session 2: "Sharing Miracles,"** Saturday, July 31, 10:00 AM.

How sharing the stories of the impact of our projects in a media campaign can foster both giving to the Foundation and attracting new members to expand our reach.

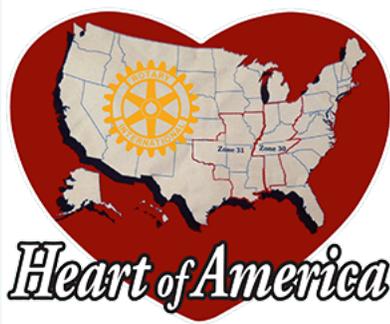
- **Session 3: "Enhancing Members' Experience,"** Wednesday, August 4, 7:00 PM. Creating experiences and fostering environments in which members and prospective members feel welcomed and

- engaged to enhance participant engagement.
- **Session 4: "Innovative New Club Fair,"** Saturday, August 7, 10:00 AM. A networking opportunity to share district and club successes of innovative new club models to expand our reach and enhance participant engagement.

Each seminar is 90 minutes long, and registration for each is required to receive the Zoom link. Recordings of the seminars will be posted on the Zones 30-31 website.

Register at this website: <https://www.rizones30-31.org/events/virtual-summer-leadership-seminars/>.

## They're Saving a Seat for You in Rotary's Future



Get ready for a Rotary homecoming with current and future district and club leaders from 13 states and 31 districts! Reconnect with old friends and meet new people - the friends of your future. Generate new ideas in new ways in an environment that encourages open-minded-thinking!

All this at the 2021 Zone Conference: "Pathways to the Future" set for September 30-October 3 at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

An outstanding lineup of speakers promises to provide lots of information and food for thought. They include Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ, Zone 30-31 Director Elizabeth Usovicz, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" William Kamkwamba, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Human Rights Advocate Jody Williams, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Stephanie Sinclair.

For the complete program schedule along with information about speakers, the venue, and accommodations, go to the Zone 30-31 website at [www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-summit-2021/](http://www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-summit-2021/). You may also register at the website.

## "Serve to Change Lives" Is 2021-22 Rotary Theme



**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

Each year the incoming Rotary International President announces the theme for the next Rotary year at the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming leaders. President-Elect Shekhar Mehta unveiled the annual Presidential theme for the Rotary year 2021/22 during the first ever virtual International Assembly. "Serve to Change Lives" highlights the central motivation of Rotarians to make a difference through their service.

Announcing the Presidential Theme of "**Serve to Change Lives**", President-Elect Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, demonstrated the strong history and sense of service that he personally brings to the role, which reflects the extent to which service is a key motivator for the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world. He cited moving stories of how people's lives have been changed by Rotary.

Presenting the theme, President-Elect Shekhar said that Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth. His initiatives to Grow More to Do More and the membership drive of Each One Bring One all align with Rotary's action plan and goals.

If you would like to see how you can serve to change lives, contact [service@rotary.org.mt](mailto:service@rotary.org.mt). As President-Elect Shekhar says, the more we are, the more we can do.