



Club Leaders



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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
Thomas J. Lakers
August 20th
David Olsen
August 22nd
Stephen Barnes
August 26th

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

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

Meeting Program for July 28, 2021

Our program this week will be presented by Sherry Burchfield, about an exciting possible 3-Club Project - "Oak Ridge Inclusive Playground." Hope to see many of you this Wednesday.

The Zoom link is listed below.

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DUES ARE DUE BY THE END OF JULY!

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There are two new Club Member Proposals for club members to act on - for Sue Byrne and for Jenessa Abernathy. There will be an announcement in this week's bulletin and at the Wednesday meeting.

A little background on Sue and Jenessa is provided below...

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Club members have one week to contact me or any club board member if they have objections to their membership. If there are no objections they will become club members.

ORBRC Club 3878 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: ORBRC Wednesday Meeting July 28, 2021 Zoom Link
Time: Jul 28, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9959178452>

Meeting ID: 995 917 8452

Toast the Town

For more than a year now, a lot of us in this town have quietly talked, pushed, pulled, cheered and celebrated the possibility of a new, mixed-use, multi-story down town gathering place, cafe and residential area. There are a lot of details to be shared but we are now at a milestone moment and we would love it if you can be there to get this going.

We are, in fact, getting started! On **Friday afternoon August 6, from 5 to 7 PM**, the Land Bank will hold an event on Wilson Street to officially announce Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting development proposals for the 5 parcels already under Land Bank ownership. This will be in the form of another ♦Toast the Town♦ like those organized last summer, during the height of the pandemic. Once the Land Bank issues this RFP, developers will have 60 days to submit proposals that will meet the criteria for the downtown vision. Sixty days is October. Wouldn't it be great to see some land being moved this Fall?

We want to see a huge crowd on August the 6th. Would you personally send this email invitation to as many passionate Oak Ridgers as you can think of? Mark your calendar now so you don't forget it and could you personally bring one or more people with you? Come and celebrate a great Friday with us!



TOAST THE TOWN

COME AND CELEBRATE THE FUTURE OF
DOWNTOWN OAK RIDGE

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2021

5 - 7 PM | FRIDAY
WILSON STREET
NEAR RICE ROAD

SEE YOU THERE!

Meeting Notes July 21, 2021

Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting
July 21, 2021
Submitted by Beth Shea

Guests: Keys Fillauer (guest of Mike Morris), Martin Grossbeck (guest of Jim Palmer), Sue Byrne and Will Thompson (guests of Martha Hobson), Pat Lakers (guest of Tom Lakers), Jerry Cunningham (on Zoom, guest of Charlotte Bowers Cunningham), and Janessa Abernathy.

New Members: Billy Edmonds received his name badge today. Congratulations Billy!

Announcements:

President Tony Wright shared that Jana and Matt Brayton have agreed to continue to chair the Fellowship Committee. He is still looking for a monthly program coordinator and a chair for Lunch for Literacy. Also, please share your program ideas with Tony. Tony also thanked everyone for doing such a great job recruiting prospective members.

Joker Draw: Ben Redmond had the ticket. No winner this week so the pot will continue to grow!

Rooster:

Our Rooster Brenda Thornburgh is on travel this week but she asked Tom Lakers to fill in as Guest Rooster. As always, we had fun with his fines.

Happy Dollars ♦ Beth Shea was happy that her daughter is back after being away all summer, Joe McGrory was happy about his 64th anniversary; Charles Crowe gave \$100 Happy Dollars for his birthday, his 44th anniversary, and getting to spend time with his grandchildren; Mike Morris has tickets for sale for the Boys and Girls Club raffle; Henry Perry is happy that he closed on his house; Stephen Barnes shared about the upcoming free back to school haircut program; and Tom Lakers gave \$61 for his 61st wedding anniversary.

Program:

Tony introduced our speaker, Reggie Law, who since 1999 has served as the Executive Director of the Oak Ridge Playhouse. His talk, ♦Intermission is Over and We ♦re Still Here, ♦ was an overview of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the playhouse and the many things the playhouse did to weather the storm. People did not understand that the operating expenses continue even if there are no performances. Revenue from tickets sales is an important part of their budget. Donor support, an online fundraiser, online performances, PPP loans, and grants - including a shuttered venue grant - all helped keep the Playhouse solvent. No staff were cut.

Reggie talked about the performance schedule for the year, which kicks off with Nunsense on July 31, and will continue with The Sound of Music, Driving Miss Daisy, and The Diary of Anne Frank. COVID precautions will be taken and the COVID situation will continue to be assessed. He invited everyone to come out.

Questions were asked about the Playhouse's annual budget (\$400,000 ♦ 25% from donations, 50% from ticket sales, and 25% from grants) and if they were concerned about their older audience and if they were reaching out to attract younger patrons. Reggie said they are doing things to reach both audiences, and talked about the Junior Playhouse program to involved children and their parents.

Proposed for Membership

The following community members have been proposed for membership! Their membership has been approved by the ORBRC Board. Please contact President, Tony Wright, or any ORBRC Board member if you have any objections to their membership approval.

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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 11th 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 with any questions.

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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 Usovich, "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/. You may also register at the website.

Rotary International Issues Updated Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Last month Rotary International issued the following updated statement, which strengthens our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better. ♦

"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. As President-Elect Shekhar says, ♦the more we are, the more we can do ♦.