

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

Club Leaders



Anthony Wright
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Birthdays

Alan L. Liby
August 13th
Keith E Craft
August 17th
Thomas J. Lakers
August 20th
David Olsen
August 22nd
Stephen Barnes
August 26th
Wayne A Houlberg
September 1st
Davyda Hammond
September 3rd
James B Roberto
September 4th
Billy Edmonds
September 9th

Years of Service

Ray Smith
08-27-2003
18 Years
James R. Michel
08-07-2009

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 August 11, 2021



Unfortunately, we will need to delay the India "Hope After Fire" program until September 15.

However - THANKS Joe McGrory for suggesting I contact the Head Coach of Atomic Rowing - John Davis - for a future program.

Well the future is TOMORROW! John and some of his rowers will present a program tomorrow on the exciting things going in the Oak Ridge Rowing world.

Still the same ZOOM link - below...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9959178452>

Meeting ID: 995 917 8452

Join Zoom Meeting

Proposed for Membership

Sheila Michel has been proposed for membership by her husband, Jim Michel. Sheila has been a past awardee of the Service Above Self Award for her work in founding, running, and growing T.O.R.C.H. (TN Out-Reach Center for Homeless). Sheila will be our first "Family Member", which is a new membership category in Rotary.

If you have any questions, concerns, or objections to Sheila's installation as a member of ORBRC, please contact President Tony Wright or a current ORBRC Board member.

12 Years
Wayne A Houlberg
08-09-2017
4 Years



Meeting Notes August 4, 2021

Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting
August 4, 2021
Submitted by Pat Postma

Guests: We were blessed with wonderful guests today, including new members, proposed members and returning members. Former guests and now members, Janessa Abernathy and Sue Byrne welcome! Sam Basseen on leave of absence for the past COVID year, is back. Proposed members attending today included Sheila Michel, Raj Patel, Martin Grossbeck, and Will Thompson.

Announcements:

Brenda Thornburgh announced that Pack the Park for Polio tickets are now available for the Smokies game on August 17. ORBRC will sell you a ticket for \$12 which includes \$6 of food or drink. Make your check out to ORBRC and they will sent the money to RI for Polio, She surprised us all by telling us that there had not been a single case of Polio anywhere in the world for the last 6 months.

Lydia passed around a sheet for all of us to sign up for a Wednesday to pick up the coffee at Bud's Farmhouse Coffee.

Pat Postma reminded us that Friday from 5 to 7 PM we need to be at a great event planned to announce the Request for Proposals that will now go out to invite prospective developers to submit plans for developing our new downtown along Wilson Street.

The Joker Draw

We did it, but to no avail. James Wilson got to draw from the deck, but it was only the 9 of ??.

Membership Message

Pat Postma shared information about the Rotary task force that was established in 2018-2019 to express RI goals for Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness. She presented the Code of Conduct that was developed from that and encouraged us to think about those perspectives as we grow our membership. While many Clubs around the world still do not admit women, the goal of RI this year is 30% of club membership be women. She was delighted to say we are already at that point and proposed we aim for 50%!

The New Rooster

Brenda recognized the birthdays of Jim Michel and Tony Wright this week.

Happy Dollars:

We are a Happy Group. Jim Michel was happy the Methodist Church is sponsoring a mission to rebuild houses after the hurricane. Mike Morris is happy because his family is coming for a visit. John Glowienka is happy that Canada is allowing US citizens across its borders because they are making a trip to the family cabin in Canada. Ellen is happy because she found her missing name badge. Our guest Raj Patel gave a happy dollar for being at our meeting.

Sherrie had happy dollars and a BIG surprise, because she has a new job. She is leaving as the Principal of Willow Brook and has accepted a job with the National Institute for Excellence Teaching (NIET). We are overjoyed because she will NOT be leaving Oak Ridge and will keep on rooting for Willow Brook.

Program:

Rotarians Ray Smith and Judi Gray did a great job of whetting our appetite for the new version of our Secret City Festival that will be from September 24-26 this year. Ray pointed out that the origins of this were in 1982 when it was a one-day Azalea Festival. It became Party in the Park and then, in 2003 became the Secret City Festival. Have you wondered how the Oak Ridge Boys got tied into this? Really early! In the 1940s, the band called the Georgia Clodhoppers performed at the Grove Theater on their way to Nashville. They decided they needed a better name and adopted us for the new name.

Judi explained that the one main reason to have the festival was to bring in tourists and have them spend hotel nights in Oak Ridge. We need more people to appreciate what's in Oak Ridge. Another important objective is to provide a good time and happy diversion for people who could use something special in their lives.

This year's festival will present a lot about our history, including lectures in the Library. There will be a real hutment that will permanently reside at the Children's Museum. There will be a technical village that includes education and robotics. And arts and crafts in the gym A number of free concerts will run throughout the festival and a big concert by the orchestra. Friday is dedicated to veterans and Friday night Jimmy Allen, an up and coming country music performer will be the major attraction. Saturday night be there for the fireworks.

On Sunday there will be a special community conversation as part of a series of these which are called Oak Ridge's Periodic Tables. Several local choirs will participate as well.

Judi recognized CNS for their important sponsorship of this festival and kudos to Jon Hetrick and the recreation and Parks Department for the enormous amount of work they do to make this happen.



Meeting Notes July 28, 2021

Notes for Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting
July 28, 2021
Submitted by Beth Shea

Guests: Emily Jernigan introduced our guests, who included repeat visitors and prospective members. Our guests were Sheila Michel and Tony Garton (guests of Jim Michel), Martin Grossbeck (guest of Jim Palmer), Sue Byrne and Will Thompson (guests of Martha Hobson), Raj Patel (guest of Jana Brayton), and Sam Basseen (guest of James Wilson).

Announcements:

President Tony Wright shared some membership updates. Sue Byrne (sponsored by Martha Hobson) and Jenessa Abernathy (sponsored by Tony Wright) have been put forward for membership. Members have one week to respond. Marian Wildgruber has resigned her membership. Tony encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming August 6 (5 ♦ 7 pm) Toast of the Town event on Wilson Street. Tony presented Ruby Wilson with her Past President ♦s pin.

Lydia Burke will be subbing for Tony next week and needs someone to run the laptop for the Zoom component of our meeting. Let her know if you can help. Also, if you are on the Peace Committee, she needs to change the time of the August 17 meeting. She will email the committee.

Tony shared that programs are going well with programs scheduled through the end of September. 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 reminded us that our goal is 85 plus members and for 40% of us to bring in a new member or a visitor.

Matt Brayton, Fellowship Co-Chair with Jana, encouraged members who want to get involved to contact him.

Joker Draw: Mike Morris had the winning ticket but the Joker card was not pulled. Maybe next week!

Rooster:

Our Rooster Brenda Thornburgh went easy on us this week. She thanked Tom Lakers for filling in as Guest Rooster last week. Brenda recognized Ruby Miller ♦s birthday (July 31), and Rotary anniversaries for Jim Wilson (5 years) and Mike Plum (4 years). Brenda is creating ♦fine forgiveness ♦ business cards that members can receive for things (like, for example, attending the Toast of the Town event) and then using for their Rooster fines (or giving to others for their fines). What a great incentive for us to get more involved.

Happy Dollars ♦ Emily Jernigan gave \$5 for the Toast of the Town event and to recognize Charlie ♦s work with the Land Bank program. Martha Hobson gave \$100 in celebration of her 60th anniversary, a visit from her Long Island-based children, a successful family reunion, her granddaughter ♦s soccer team ♦s success and upcoming departure for the Honor ♦s College at the Univ. of South Carolina, and Charles Crowe ♦s election to the Berea College Board of Trustees. Jim Michel gave \$16 for his grandchildren ♦s visit and gave a plug for the Club continuing to do Zoom meetings, which made it possible for him to participate last week while out of town. Ray Garrett was happy because he got the last needed easement in order to complete the E. Fork Creek Trail, which has been several years in the making. Jim Wilson gave \$20 for his 5-year Rotary anniversary and a trip to California to visit grandkids. Bonnie Carroll (on Zoom) gave \$75 + \$1 for Roy Cooper ♦s birthday which included a visit from his brother, who lives in France.

Program:

Tony introduced our speaker, Sherry Burchfield, who is a retired science educator, mother, and grandmother. Sherry is a member of the Oak Ridge Sunset Rotary Club. Two of her grandchildren are autistic, which made her very aware of the need for an all-inclusive playground in Oak Ridge and her drive to have one built here. Tony also introduced the president of the Oak Ridge Sunset Rotary Club, Emily DeJarnette.

Sherry gave an overview of Rotary's mission statement, what an All Inclusive Playground (AIP) is, and the fact that many are sponsored by Rotary Clubs. AIPs are accessible to everyone ♦ children and adults, promote community pride, address different learning needs, and benefit a community economically. AIPs require appropriate fencing (not chain link), surfaces, and equipment. Sherry talked about AIPs in Karns, Lenoir City, Johnson City, Livingston, TN, and Sarasota and the different activities some of them have (gears, pistons, music, etc.). Some include walking perimeters. The price range varies depending on what is included and can range from \$80,000 to several thousand dollars.

Sherry introduced Emily DeJarnette, President of the Oak Ridge Sunset Rotary Club. This project would involve all three Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs, and there is a task force that needs several people from Breakfast Rotary. Emily asked our club to join the other two Oak Ridge clubs and support this project.

Questions were asked about the possible sites (the city is involved and has recommended the Melton Lake playground as this one is the next one on the city's list to be updated); if the project will apply for Rotary grants (yes, x 3, but other funds will be needed. Noon Rotary has recommended an affordable grant writer for this purpose); and when does Sunset Rotary meet (Mondays, 5:30 ♦ 6:30 pm at the Emory Valley Center and they have WINE!).

We had one closing question asking whether the Executive Committee will be reviewing our need to wear masks (yes). Tony thanked everyone for attending.

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/>.

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

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



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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