

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

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Birthdays

Bonnie C. Carroll
October 4th

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October 7th

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October 15th

William Ray Garrett
October 17th

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October 19th

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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 September 29, 2021

Our program this week will be presented by **Sam Turner** - a former national champion and All American in the 400 meter hurdles, and a descendent of two members of the "Clinton 12." Thanks Ray Smith for suggesting Sam share His Story with our club!

Our October 6 program will be presented by **James Michel** (son of members Jim and Sheila!) - who will talk about "What it's like to be a high schooler in 2021."

See you and Zoom you this Wednesday!

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

Topic: ORBRC Zoom Hybrid Meeting - September 29, 2021
Time: Sep 29, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 995 917 8452

Volunteers Needed!

Thanks, Jim Palmer, who will pick up the coffee for our September 29 meeting!

WE **NEED** Volunteers to pick up the coffee from Bud's Farmhouse Coffee for our October 6, 13, and 20 meetings. If you can help, email President Tony at AWright201@gmail.com.



October 22nd
Dean Cheatham
October 26th
Patricia Dunigan Postma
October 26th
Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes
October 27th

Years of Service

Robert A. Weir Jr.
09-19-2001
20 Years
Emily Mitchell
09-03-2008
13 Years

Meeting Notes September 22, 2021

ORBRC Meeting Notes September 22, 2021 Submitted by Kelly Callison

New Member:

- Tony Garton sponsored by Jim Michel was introduced. He provided us with very extensive information about his background. Will be a great addition to the club.

Guests and Visitors:

- Bonnie Carroll introduced her guest (virtually) John Roberts a Financial Advisor.
- Jim Hynes, our speaker, was also a guest today.

Announcements:

We need volunteers to pick up coffee at Bud's Farmhouse Coffee at 7:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning. A coffee delivery/pickup signup list was circulated. It appears that the pickup person will not have to pay for the pickup.

Jerry Young was presented with his Rotary Pin + 3 (online).

We were reminded that Purple Pinkie Day - World Polio Day is October 24th.

Rooster and Happy Dollars:

Madam Rooster - Brenda donated \$72.00 in memory of Pat Imprado. She also told a funny story about Chili Poppers.

Emily talked about the Peace Bell celebration which had great representation from ORBRC members.

Dean donated \$21 for peace day remembering his father-in-law

Tom Lakers talked about the history of the Rooster.

Jim donated for 3 events - India Club - Hope after Fire, Tony Garten joining ORBRC and his new Grandson.

Presentation:

We closed the meeting with a musical presentation by Jim Hynes - owner of Bud's Farmhouse Coffee. He is a very very talented professional trumpet player who regaled us with music and stories about playing on Broadway and other New York venues. He attended the Eastman School of Music. He talked about several factors that make you successful in the industry - show up on time, be prepared to play anything at all, control one's ego and several more things that contribute to success.



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District Governor's September Message



Greetings to District 6780. We are mid-way into September. That means Fall is upon us. I know that COVID has spiked in our district and around the world and I pray that all of you are staying safe during this time. I will have completed almost 50 of my club visits by the end of September. I am thoroughly enjoying all of my visits and travel around the district.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in the Rotary Year. More than 775 million people over age 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population! Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

Nearly every club in our district has at least one project each year in support of basic education and literacy, and many have several such projects. Whether it be giving dictionaries to third-graders, working with the Imagination Library, reading to children or packing food for hungry school children, we're committed to Rotary's goal.

With October coming, Rotary will celebrate **World Polio Day on October 24** and it's time to start planning for this special day. Our district's signature fundraiser, The Dunkin' Donut's Purple Pinkie Donut project has begun. John Downs, our Polio Plus Chair, has emailed information to all of the clubs. Read the story below about Dunkin' Donuts Purple Pinkie Day and plan to purchase as many boxes as you can. You pay \$25 for a box of 10 of these special purple pinkie donuts, and, with matches from Rotary and The Gates Foundation, your donation to the End Polio Now! program is \$187.50. You don't get bargains like that often! And remember, if you don't want to eat the donuts, many of the clubs donate their boxes to local police, firefighters, hospitals and other organizations that we want to thank and they love them. Our goal is to raise one million dollars. I know District 6780 is up to the challenge. No matter what you do, find a way to celebrate all that Rotary has done with eradicating Polio.

We have some great training opportunities coming up. The **Vibrant Clubs Workshop** was postponed due to the rise in COVID. The workshop is now virtual. It is Tuesday, October 5, and Thursday, October 7, in the evening. Registration is open in DACdb. Mark your calendars for these great events.

Our **District Conference** will be held in Murfreesboro this year on April 21-24. The theme will be **Together Again**. I hope all of you mark your calendars for this great event. It will be a time for our district to finally be together once again so that we can fellowship and celebrate all that we have done this year.



As we enter October, I want to remind everyone of our three initiatives from President Shekhar: Membership, Empowering Girls, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Let's all join together as Changemakers as we Serve to Change Lives.

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October 20 is Dunkin' Donuts Purple Pinkie Day



In celebration of World Polio Day October 24 Rotary and Dunkin' Donuts partner to End Polio Now! with the Purple Pinkie Donut Day fundraiser. On October 20 each Dunkin' Donuts location will offer special Purple Pinkie donuts.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 for End Polio Now! - \$600,000 of that from District 6780!

This year we welcome Northern Missouri District 6040 as we expand the project to cover all of Tennessee, Alabama, Northern Mississippi, and now the Kansas City, Missouri area.

Why 'Purple Pinkie'? In countries where the threat of polio remains high, every child under age 5 receives polio vaccine by mouth twice per year during events called National Immunization Days.



When vaccinating millions of children in a short period of time it is impossible to document which child has received the vaccine, so every child vaccinated has the little finger (pinkie) nail of their left hand painted purple with

marker that doesn't wash off for about a month. Local communities recognize that children with purple pinkies will never get polio which is cause for great celebration.

Over time the Purple Pinkie has become an international symbol of a polio free world. As of September, only two cases of wild polio have been reported in 2021, compared to 102 cases by September 2020. Thanks to the work Rotary has done, supported by generous donations from people like you, we will eradicate polio!

On October 20 each Dunkin' Donuts location will have a limited quantity of Purple Pinkie Donuts available for walk-up customers to purchase either individually or in boxes. However, to ensure an adequate supply with minimal waste, we encourage Rotarians, friends, and families to pre-order, and we've made that easy to do.

For every \$2.50 donated to End Polio Now! through the Purple Pinkie Donut Fundraiser, participants will receive a free Purple Pinkie Donut—a glazed donut stick, topped with a dab of purple icing—as a thank you. Through generous matching funds from Rotary districts and The Gates Foundation, each \$2.50 donation becomes a total donation of \$18.75 to help eradicate polio.

Success of the program is driven by Rotarians who pre-order 10-count boxes of Pinkies for a \$25 donation, generating \$187.50 in donations per box! In the first three years, the Purple Pinkie Donut Project has generated more than \$2,000,000 in donations to End Polio Now! Our goal for 2021 is to raise another million.

The Purple Pinkie Donut Project Pre-Orders will be accepted through Wednesday, October 13. Your club may submit a bulk order, or you may place your own order at www.purplepinkies.org. For every \$25 donation, you will receive one box of 10 purple pinkie donuts and, thanks to all the matching funds, \$187.50 will be donated to End Polio Now! Watch your donation multiply by a factor of 7.5 and make a huge impact in the fight to eradicate polio.

To receive Paul Harris credit for your donation, include the name of your club and your Rotary ID number with your order. You can find your ID number on the address label of your *Rotarian* magazine.

Your Club President had additional ordering and reporting information, or you may submit questions to purplepinkies@bluemontgroup.net.

Want to contribute but don't want donuts? Rotary has created a new platform called Raise for Rotary where anyone can donate (even non-Rotarians). Use the email address where you receive Rotary communications to receive Paul Harris credit and include your Club and District in the comments of your donations. You may also mail a check payable to The Rotary Foundation to Bluemont Group, ATTN Purple Pinkies, PO Box 32675, Knoxville, TN 37930. (Do not mail directly to The Rotary Foundation.)

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COVID Forces Cancellation of RYLA for Second Year



On September 3 District Governor Cindy Gammons notified District 6780 Rotary clubs that a ♦not easy decision♦ had been made to cancel the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event scheduled for September 25 of this year. She added that although RYLA ♦is such a wonderful opportunity for the students in so many ways, with COVID on the rise, we did not have a choice in our decision.♦