

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

Jim Rushton
October 7th
Chris Osborn
October 15th
William Ray Garrett
October 17th
Michael Plum
October 19th
Emily Jernigan
October 22nd
Dean Cheatham
October 26th
Patricia Dunigan Postma
October 26th
Sherrie Fairchild-Keys
October 27th
David L. Coffey
October 30th

Years of Service

Henry Perry
10-27-2004
17 Years
Anthony Wright
10-16-2013
8 Years
Chris Osborn

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 October 6, 2021

Our program this week will be presented by James Michel (son of members Jim and Sheila!) - "What It's Like To Be A Highschooler" in 2021." James is a Guidance Counselor at Farragut High School in Knoxville. Should be a great program!

Our October 13 program will be presented by District 6780 Governor Cindy Gammons.

We received a Thank You Note this week from Becky Hook and Theresa McKennick with the ADFAC School Supply Program. Because of our help, ADFAC could serve **3,703 students** in Anderson, Campbell, and Morgan Counties.

Thanks to **ALL CLUB MEMBERS** who helped make this a success!!

See you and Zoom you on Wednesday!

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

Topic: ORBRC Zoom Hybrid Meeting - Wednesday October 6, 2021
Time: Oct 6, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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

Meeting ID: 995 917 8452

Proposed for Membership

The ORBRC Board has approved the membership proposal for John Roberts (sponsored by Bonnie Carroll). John is a financial professional with Waypoint Financial Partners. His wife, Amber, is an Assistant Principal at ORHS and serves as CO-Chair (Altrussa) of the Luncheon for Literacy.

Please contact President Tony or another Board member, prior to October 12, 2021, if you have any concerns or objections.

END POLIO NOW!

PURPLE PINKIE DAY this year will be on **OCTOBER 20!**

Thanks to David Olsen and the Club Rotary Foundation team for working to organize it this year for us.
See Brenda Thornburgh to make a contribution towards providing Purple Pinkie Donuts to local non-profits.



PURPLE PINKIE DAY

WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24TH

10-26-2016
5 Years

Peter Bancroft
10-14-2018
3 Years

Ellen Smith
10-14-2018
3 Years

Phillip D. Fairchild
10-23-2019
2 Years

Meeting Notes for September 29, 2021



Notes for Rotary Meeting September 29, 2021

Submitted by Beth Shea

Guests: We had several visitors and guests this week:

- Jack Bailey was visiting from the Oak Ridge Rotary Club.
- Laura Hofman, guest of Lydia Birk, for her third visit
- John Roberts, guest of Bonnie Carroll, proposed for membership
- Sam Turner, our speaker

Announcements:

President Tony Wright thanked David Olsen and the Rotary Foundation team for organizing Purple Pinkie Day set for October 20. Brenda Thornburgh explained the meaning of the Purple Pinkie (children immunized for polio get their pinkie finger painted purple). A box of Purple Pinkie donuts is \$25. You can pre-order. The Foundation will deliver them to charities in Oak Ridge. Your donation can be matched 7.5:1.

President Tony asked for coffee volunteers. A sign-up sheet was sent around. The Club now pays by the month so volunteers no longer need to pay and be reimbursed.

Jim Ruston shared that the dictionaries have been ordered. Donations to the Foundation to help with this project are appreciated. Dictionaries will be delivered to the door again this year because of COVID-19.

President Tony went over our programs for October. Programs are scheduled through the end of 2021!

Beth Shea had the winning ticket for the Joker Draw. She drew the Ace of spades. Maybe we ♠ will have a winner next week.

Rooster:

Rooster Brenda Thornburgh fined members who did not attend one of the Secret City Festival Concerts. Coffee drinkers were fined as National Coffee Day is October 1. She thanked Bonnie Carroll for the Smokies ticket money and will put remaining money towards Purple Pinkie Day.

Happy Dollars:

Stuart Clark gave \$2 for his and his wife's booster shots; Mike Morris gave a Happy Dollar because he and his teacher daughter are traveling to Croatia via Italy and need to be COVID tested - he is hoping for negative tests; Lou Dunlap is happy to be back and thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes; On Zoom, Pat Postma gave \$50 for her successful occupational therapy; Pete Peterson was happy for his booster and flu shots; James Wilson gave \$20 he is going to France, he met the mom of his named scholarship recipient, and he talked about end of year fundraising for the club. Jim Palmer gave \$10 in honor of Judi Gray and her hard work on the Secret City Festival. Judi (on Zoom) thanked Jim and gave kudos to the City for their help with the Festival.

Program:

President Tony introduced today's speaker, Sam Turner, a former National Champion and All American 400m hurdler and descendent of two members of the Clinton 12. Sam talked about his family and its role in the integration of Clinton High School. His grandmother never talked about it and it wasn't until he was asked about the Clinton 12 that he began to explore his family's legacy. His grandmother filed a lawsuit in 1950 so her children, who attended Austin East, could be educated in Clinton. In 1956, the Clinton 12, including his two aunts, were the first students to integrate Clinton High School. His grandmother is depicted in several museum exhibits. Because of the violence after integration, his grandmother moved her family to Los Angeles, which Sam said destroyed the family due to drugs and violence. She always encouraged him to achieve his destiny. Sam's roots are here and he has always felt welcomed. He bought the family property and eventually moved here with his second wife. His running career, which was inspired by the 1968 Olympics and included running for Cal State Los Angeles, took him all over the world. He spoke to us about his visit to Hiroshima, and how he was perceived abroad as an African American (there were issues with him as an American, not as a person of color). Sam is currently the manager of the Food City in Clinton and talked about his commitment to mentoring young employees and keeping the shelves stocked for the community. He and his wife are very happy in Clinton.

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.)
* * * * *