

# Rotary



# Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

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## Birthdays

## 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 13, 2021



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Welcome to our newest member John Roberts! (sponsored by Bonnie Carroll)

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Our program this week will be presented by Our Rotary District Governor Cindy Gammons! Her presentation is titled "Changemakers - Serving To Save Lives!"

Hoping to see many of you face to face at our Wednesday meeting - or by Zoom.

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

**Topic: ORBRC Zoom Hybrid Meeting - Wednesday October 13, 2021**  
**Time: Oct 13, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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

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## Meeting Notes October 6, 2021

No Birthdays Found

## Years of Service

Mary Lou Auxier

10-01-1987

34 Years

Henry Perry

10-27-2004

17 Years

Anthony Wright

10-16-2013

8 Years

Chris Osborn

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

## Account Leaders

Cindy A Gammons

District Governor

Alan N. Clark

DG-Elect

Susie Cantrell

DG-Nominee



### Notes for Rotary Meeting October 6, 2021

Submitted by Beth Shea

**Guests:** We had several guests this week: Bailey Norman was a guest of Joe McGrory; John Roberts, guest of Bonnie Carroll, who has been proposed for membership; Gary Johnson, guest of Jim Palmer; and our speaker, James Michel, son of members Jim and Sheila Michel.

### Announcements:

David Olsen invited everyone to get involved in Purple Pinkie Day and said that Brenda Thornburgh was taking orders and donations.

President Tony shared that District Governor Cindy Gammons will be with us next week. Let's have a great in-person attendance. Programs are scheduled through the end of the year with some in January. Keep making suggestions! The Club is doing great meeting its membership goals, with 7-8 new members in the first quarter. We can exceed that, though, so don't stop!

Substitute note taker Beth Shea asked for someone to fill in next week as she will be out of town. Contact President Tony if you can help.

Joe McGrory had the winning ticket for the Joker Draw but the Joker is still hiding. We'll let the jackpot grow and try again next week.

### Rooster:

Rooster Brenda Thornburgh talked about Purple Pinkie Day and also quizzed us a few things including the meaning of the number 4164 (it's the Club's P.O. Box number!) and the significance of Brazil in September, 1980 (17.5 million children were vaccinated for polio in Brazil in a single day). A little bird told the Rooster that Rooster Tom Lakers overslept last week, and she found out that Roosters can be fined; she fined him \$2. Fines of \$1 were levied on members (hopefully on Zoom) who weren't showered or dressed. She shared that Rotary clubs in Virginia (James River) and Pennsylvania (Shadybrook) have clay shooting and golf events, respectively.

### Happy Dollars:

Rooster Brenda gave happy dollars for her Hawaii trip that has been postponed to spring, and for her upcoming trip with her father to the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, and Las Vegas. President Tony and Emily Jernigan were both happy for the young golfer who stayed with the Jernigans and whose putting lesson with Tony helped his tournament performance. He (Devin) is from Galway, Ireland. Bill Edmonds gave \$2 to celebrate the opening of Free Medical Clinic's Briceville clinic. They have a new shipment of Pfizer arriving so please come over and get boosted. Louis Mixon said thank you for everyone who donated to her grandson's memorial or sent cards and well wishes. Jim Michel gave \$2 for his visit to Florida for their new grandson's one month birthday and for his son, James, who is our speaker today.

### Program:

Jim Michel introduced today's speaker, his son James Michel, who is a guidance counselor at Farragut High School and an assistant basketball coach at Webb. James is a graduate of DePaul University with a degree in marketing and the University of Tennessee - Knoxville with a Master's in counseling. We learned about the

Michel family's tradition of a big trip for getting through high school with no sex, drugs, or alcohol, and about Jim and James' father-son canoeing and hiking adventure trips!

James' talk was about being a high schooler in 2021, and how different it is from his own experiences 12 years ago because of smart phones and the social media platforms that teens use (Instagram, Snap Chat, and TikTok). The pressure to succeed is tremendous, and many teens seek validation by the number of likes they get on their social media posts and take posts down that don't get enough attention from their peers. It can be devastating when their posts are ignored, or falsely liked. James referenced a recent article that said 13% of teens said Instagram made their suicidal thoughts worse, and Brenda shared a story about an Oak Ridge HS student who committed suicide on social media last year. For girls, physical appearance is of key importance on social media (she's cute) and for guys its physical ability (he's strong). James sees teens doing social media photo shoots when he is out, and he told us about the pranks that are put out on TikTok as challenges each month that have led to school vandalism. Today's students also face tremendous pressure to succeed and get into top schools such as Vanderbilt. There is a lot of anxiety, and Farragut had 80 suicide assessments last year. While we didn't have time for questions and answers as a group, James stayed to answer members' questions. We all learned a lot.

If you were not able to see James Michel's wonderful program presentation last Wednesday, we recorded it. I believe it is important for all of us to watch.

Here is the link to this video....

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHsyLw\\_Mt\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHsyLw_Mt_o)

THANK YOU Ray Smith for helping to produce this video!

## 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](http://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](mailto: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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### 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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### Discover New Horizons at the Rotary International Convention

The 2022 Rotary International Convention will be held in Houston, Texas, June 4-8, 2022. Registration for the Convention is open, and the cost will never be less than it is today!

From now to December 15 the cost for club members

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and nonmembers over 30 years old is \$475. That cost goes up to \$575 from December 16, 2021 to March 31, 2022, and to \$675 on April 1. Members and nonmembers age 30 and under will pay \$125 until December 15, \$175 from December 16, 2021 to March 31, 2022, and \$225 after April 1.

Your in-person registration includes a full day of activities:

- Admission to the convention's opening and closing ceremonies and general sessions, where you'll hear from inspiring and entertaining speakers, including top leaders in our organization;
- Information breakout sessions to help you build your communication, leadership, and project management skills;
- Opportunities to network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship;
- Entertainment provided by local artists and musicians in the House of Friendship and at the general sessions;
- Transportation between your hotel and the convention venue when you book your hotel through Rotary's official housing partner, Maritz Global Events.

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