

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

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Birthdays

Andy Boyer
November 21st

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 November 17, 2021

Below is the Zoom sign-in link for our November 17 meeting.

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

Topic: ORBRC Zoom Hybrid Meeting - Wednesday Nov. 17, 2021
Time: Nov 17, 2021 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 995 917 8452

REMEMBER no club meeting on November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving!

Proposed for Membership!

Bailey Norman - Priest - In-Charge of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - has been proposed for club membership by Joe McGrory!

All members have one week to provide to President Tony any comments on his membership. Assuming all is OK, he will be inducted into club membership at our meeting on December 1.

ORBRC Christmas Angels Service Project



Please see Tammy Saylor if you would like to select an Angel or make a donation of \$125 or any amount. December 18 is delivery day and she will need helpers. Tammy is a super shopper and getting great deals on children's coats and other items. Please bring your presents by December 10.

Volunteers are needed to wrap presents for our Angels! The gift wrapping party will take place at Brenda Thornburgh's house on Friday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to deliver gifts to our Angel families on Saturday, December 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Brenda Thornburgh's house. Please let Tammy know if you can help deliver gifts.

Alan Tatum
November 22nd
Jana Brayton
November 23rd
Brian Buuck
November 25th
James R. Palmer
November 26th
Marian H Wildgruber
November 29th
Michael I Morris
November 30th
V. Louise Mixon
December 1st
Judi Gray
December 9th
Lucky Vogt
December 10th
Sanjiv (Sam) Basseen
December 13th

Years of Service

Lynn J. Cardwell
11-01-1993
28 Years
James B Roberto
11-07-2001
20 Years
Patricia Dunigan Postma
11-05-2005
16 Years
Jim Rushton
11-22-2006
15 Years
Stephen Barnes
11-01-2015
6 Years
John C Glowienka
11-08-2017
4 Years

Meeting Notes for November 10, 2021

Notes for Rotary Meeting November 10, 2021

Submitted by Beth Shea

Guests: Emily Jernigan introduced our guests and visitors: Laurel Patrick, guest of Emily; Bailey Norman, guest of Joe McGrory; and our speaker Christine Michaels, CEO and President of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

Announcements:

President Tony Wright gently reminded us to wear our face masks. This is a church rule.

Matt Brayton (on Zoom) announced that planning is underway for our holiday fundraiser to be held on December 15. Think about things you might be able to donate (wine, holiday decor, etc.). Everyone is welcome to bring a spouse or significant other. There are three levels of tickets: \$100 gives you first pick on 2 items; \$50 gives you first pick on 1 item; and \$10 choose one item from whatever is left. December 8 will be the day when we auction off Herman Postma's bottle of cognac, which has been in the care of Ben Redmond. Mike Morris' ham will be auctioned off that day too.

President Tony Wright reminded us that all proceeds from the auction go to the Club Foundation.

Tammy Saylor announced that it is Christmas Angel time again. Please see her if you would like to select an Angel or make a donation of \$125 or any amount. December 18 is delivery day and she will need helpers. Tammy is a super shopper and getting great deals on children's coats and other items. Please bring your presents by December 10.

Stuart was back and did the Joker Draw: Pat Postma had the winning ticket but the Joker was AWOL. We'll try again next week.

Rooster

Madam Rooster Brenda Thornburgh shared that the world is so close to being polio free! We are almost one year out from the last wild virus cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Madam Rooster outdid herself with a donut hole putting challenge to celebrate President Tony's recent hold in one on the links. He was able to repeat that performance with a donut hole. Madam Rooster did too but she was closer to the plastic cup. (It was too funny to convey properly in these notes! ~ Beth). She fined us to give \$1 for polio, \$1 for golfers, and \$2 for non-golfers.

Happy Dollars:

Emily as happy for her guest, Laurel Patrick and to get her home Internet back today; James Wilson gave \$154 to the dictionary project to honor his and his wife's 77th birthdays; Pat Postma was happy for Laurel Patrick and her work on downtown; Ellen Smith was happy that her husband will be going back to the Brazilian rainforest for his research thanks to a grant from Great Britain; Ben Redmond gave \$500 for his birthday and Happy Dollars for being a golfer and just being happy; Sheila Michel gave \$16 in honor of the amazing 16 year old homeless girl who is speaking at an upcoming TORCH event.

President Tony said we are blessed to have family memberships and also he hopes that Ellen's husband can speak to the club someday.

Program:

President Tony introduced today's speaker, Christine Michaels, President and CEO of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce. Christine is a native of upstate New York and has led Chambers in several states. She is active in animal rescues, and enjoys estate sales and history. Christine shared that she just celebrated her one year anniversary in Oak Ridge and what a challenge it was to come here during the pandemic. She led us through the history of our Chamber, which began in 1949. The Chamber was instrumental in getting land released from DOE for businesses to own. She talked about new small business networking program, the Advocacy Committee, legislative agendas (local to state), Prime Time (just held at Jackson Square), and their upcoming Gala and awards ceremony to be held in the gym of the Children's Museum. Nominations are open.

Christine talked about Oak Ridge's housing situation people come to the Chamber every day asking about housing. Our rental market has a very high occupancy rate. The new Lofts at Main Street will help. The Chamber also does a lot of work on economic development, trying to get businesses and industry to locate here. The Chamber is also concerned with workforce development and has a new committee to address this. We want our new graduates and young people to stay. Lastly, Christine shared that the Chamber shares its building space with Explore Oak Ridge and the TN Small Business Development Center.

The question and answers included: how Oak Ridge compares to other cities that Christine has worked in (smaller but has great community unity); and about lab spinoffs (the Chamber is very interested but has to find private incentives, and keep businesses who are involved in the Innovation Crossroads at the lab here after the three year program is over).

President Tony thanked Christine for being our speaker.

Here is the link to the video recording of Christine Michael's presentation about Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce activities. Hope you enjoy it and share with anyone you think will benefit from it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEBQ9isEr9Q>

