

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge Sunset

Club Meeting

Oak Ridge Sunset
Meets at Emory Valley
Center
723 Emory Valley Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Time: Monday at 05:30 AM

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Meetings & Events

November 16th
**Oak Ridge Sunset
Weekly Club Meeting**
Speaker: President Becky
Dodson
Subject: Club Social /
Board Meeting

Speakers

November 16, 2020
President Becky Dodson
Club Social / Board
Meeting

Member Birthdays

Roger B. Petrie
November 13th
Chase Brown
November 26th

Member Anniversaries

James Dodson
11-18-2013
7 Years

Club Leaders

Announcements

Club Meetings:

We will be both in person and using Zoom again this week. The code for EVC is **00890**. The connection information for Zoom will be the same as for the previous ZOOM meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/3905750583?pwd=WjdyOU9uQlArOFdJRnVyVGIPeW5tZz09>

Meeting ID: 390 575 0583
Password: 121262

Winter Clothes

David Stanley asked for donations of any men's winter clothes for the rehab center. They will also take board games, books, and musical instruments.

Basket For Seniors

We will be meeting at the ORUD facility on Monday, December 14, to assemble the Christmas Baskets for Seniors. For more information on the items needed and to sign up please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4ba5ad2ca57-christmas>.

Emory Valley Center Literacy Project

The Club will be reading to the Emory Valley Center preschoolers again during the month of December. To sign up for one of the days to read go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4ba5ad2ca57-emory1>.

Membership

The service projects are opportunities to invite others to experience how Rotary serves our community. If you know of someone with good moral character and a passion for serving others, invite them to join us on a project or for a meeting, online or in person. Together we can make a difference.

A fillable PDF version of the [membership proposal form](#) has been uploaded to the Club's public share in DACDB.

Would you like an announcement in the *Sunsetter*?

If you have pictures, information, or announcements that you'd like to share with the rest of the club, please email them to **Devrin Kuipers** at devrin@devrin.com.

Duty Roster

Becky Dodson

President

Emily DeJarnett

President-Elect

Sasha Benjamin

Secretary

Chase Brown

Vice President

Maria Calcagno

Treasurer

David L Mason

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James Dodson

Club Admin Chair

Addison Koella

Rotary Foundation Chair

John A Mullis II

Membership Chair

Monique Wesh

Service Projects Chair

Malcolm Stocks

iPast President

Debbie D. Farmer

Assistant District Governor

November 16, 2020

Invocation: Syd Ball

Greeter: Monique Wesh

Snacks: BYOB

Rotary Youth Exchange Builds Goodwill and Better Friendships

By Bill Nichols, District Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Chair

The Rotary Youth Exchange programs does exactly what our maxim says: Outbound Exchange students from District 6780 do a make a positive impression in foreign countries in which they reside for 10 months.

The proof is in the ♦Service Above Self♦ as expressed by these high school students♦ actions. Besides learning a new language, these high school students learn about new culture in the Host Rotary Country. For example, one student stated I learned to be of service when I saw a need for a clothing pantry for the needy in the community in which I lived. I got the help and support of the local Rotary Club to start a clothing pantry. Other students talk about going into the interior of the Amazon and painting and repairing a school for the indigenous children in the Amazon while living on a houseboat.

Parents are constantly telling the members of the District Youth Exchange committee how their son or daughter made positive changes in their lives while being an Exchange student. One parent told us about their introverted son who was a shy, non-athletic high school student here at home. Now the parent says he is so outgoing that they cannot stop him from talking since his return from his Exchange. He took up competitive ping pong and became a member of his high school cultural dance team while in Japan. One former Exchange student to France related to the Committee that it was a dream come true to be walking the streets of Lyon drinking hot chocolate while Christmas shopping for presents for her Host family. Another Exchange student talked about learning to cook crepes and wanted to start a crepe pastry store in her hometown. Another student said he spent his free time visiting over 50 museums and art galleries when living in Brussels as well as learning to speak German, French and Flemish, the languages of Belgium, in his Exchange year.

These and many similar stories by Exchange students tell us that their lives have changed and this experience has impacted them forever. We hear them say: ♦ I know that I can make my own positive decisions without my parents help♦; ♦I can make a public speech in a foreign language♦; ♦I have friends from all over the world that I communicate with regularly and I have been invited to visit them in their home♦; and finally I love this one ♦, I so miss the fresh baked bread and croissant♦s with butter and jam for breakfast♦.

It is the hope of the District Youth Exchange Committee that each Rotary Club President in District 6780 will designate a Youth Service Officer, who will promote all the Youth Service programs whether it be the Long Term (10 months) or the Short-Term Summer (28 days) Exchange program or RYLA or the Interact program.

If the Youth Service Officer will take just 30 minutes of their time and speak to high school administrators, teachers, counselors as well as students about the Rotary Youth Exchange programs, you may make a big difference in a student♦s life. Just think of the great personal reward you will have in knowing that you helped a high school student to make a significant and dynamic change in his or her life.

If you have additional questions about the Rotary Youth Exchange program, please feel free to contact me directly.

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District Leaders



Ronald E. Appuhn
District Governor



Cindy A. Gammons
DG-Elect



Alan N. Clark
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