



“Where *you* can catch
that *Southside Spirit!*”

Events

Club Level:

JA In A Day
March 31st
@ Springdale Elementary

Training March 9th @ 10a
@ JA Office

MSNI with Interact
Saturday April 1st
8a-Noon

MSNI with Interact
Thursday May 4th
After School

Dolly Dixon Golf Fundraiser
May 22nd

District Level:

District Happy Hour
Mar 21st
5:30p
via Zoom

Club Leaders



Jack H. Wills III
President



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President-Elect



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President-Nominee



Tim A. Douglas
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Treasurer



Kathryn Diane Boyer
Club Membership Co-Chair



Larry A. Boyer
Club Membership Co-Chair

Jon H. Heaps
iPast President

Our Motto:

Having fun doing good in the community!

Our Mission:

Southside is home to the rowdiest Rotarians in Tulsa. We impact communities locally and around the world, provide leadership within our district, and mentor the next generation of Rotarians.

Rotary International Vision Statement 2020:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves

This Week's Meeting

Join us
at

Tandy YMCA
5005 S Darlington Ave.,
Tulsa OK 74135

Thursday at 11:45 AM



Program: Jeff Edwards - River Parks Authority

Jeff Edwards is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional with 20 years of experience in building community through parks, facilities, and programs; attracting people to impact their lives. He currently serves as the Executive Director & CEO of the River Parks Authority, after 18 years of service to the City of Sand Springs.

Jeff started his career in recreation at the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcasting and Electronic Media. Upon graduation, Jeff accepted a



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Birthdays

- Kenneth E. Osborn
March 8th
- Robert L. Triplett Jr.
March 10th
- Donald R. den Daas
March 17th
- Jordan Taylor
March 27th
- David Cobb
April 4th

Years of Service

- Donald R. den Daas
02-01-1986
38 Years
- Larry A. Boyer
02-01-1992
32 Years
- Steve Haas
01-13-2005
19 Years
- Robert L. Triplett Jr.
01-20-2011
13 Years
- Craig Stanley
01-20-2023
1 Year
- Jacob Riley Parker
01-20-2023
1 Year
- Tye Richardson
01-26-2023
1 Year
- Billy Wayne Jackson
02-02-2023
1 Year

professional position at the University's Huston Huffman Center; a 150,000-square-foot fitness and recreation venue. He launched the center's maintenance program, which prioritized the structure in the development of a clean, safe, and inviting facility for guests. Additionally, Jeff shared his expertise in construction with the development of projects spearheaded by his vision through a student-based staff.

In 2005, Jeff and his wife Laura returned to their hometown, where he accepted a position as the Superintendent of Parks for the City of Sand Springs. During his time as Superintendent, Jeff re-structured the maintenance division by encouraging a can-do attitude with measurable outcomes. He designed, managed, and constructed multiple projects including playgrounds, sports concessions, and a new Parks Maintenance Building.

In 2008, after a napkin concept of Jeff's became the reality of the Case Community Center, he transitioned to the Projects & Facilities Manager position for Sand Springs Parks to manage the day-to-day operations of the Community Center and offer management of large-scale construction projects. Jeff focused on utilizing "in-house" resources by constructing several improvements around town. Jeff led multiple efforts in saving the taxpayers over \$2 million during this tenure. In 2015, after Sand Springs suffered a tornado that funneled through River City Park, Jeff led the team that rebuilt the destroyed baseball complex. Within 6 months, the very complex Jeff played youth baseball at was restored with custom baseball-themed concrete and a professional result.

Jeff was promoted to Director of Parks & Recreation for Sand Springs in 2017 and focused on increased community engagement through public events and the completion of the largest Sand Springs' Park project to date (Case Community Park). The newest trail addition at the Keystone Ancient Forest, Falls Trail, was a direct result of Jeff's commitment to offer more in Sand Springs, elevating the platform of hiking destinations in the region. New community events like Movie in the Park, the Ancient Trail Trek, Community Block Parties, and more offered sincere citizen engagement.

In 2019, Jeff guided the department when the recently renovated Case Community Park flooded due to rising waters from the Arkansas River. The community's largest clean-up effort was led by Jeff and his team, attracting over 500 volunteers for a one-day effort to begin the restoration of the beloved 120-acre community park. Shortly thereafter, the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the nation. With Jeff at the helm, the community embraced the ever-changing world of recreation as we knew it. Trail use skyrocketed following the pandemic, which led Jeff to establish a long-range plan for the renovation of the departments aging trails network. In Jeff's final months at the City of Sand Springs, he co-chaired the GO Bond committee which successfully secured \$15 million in public improvements.

Jeff was hired in 2022 as the River Parks Authority Executive Director and CEO - the third Director appointed in the nearly 50-year history of the organization. His focus is to develop and improve the network of trails from Sand Springs, through Tulsa, to Jenks along both banks of the Arkansas River. Jeff offers leadership advice in the development of Turkey Mountain hiking and cycling trails, with these features gaining regional attention. Jeff's long-range plan is to establish a centrally based hub for park maintenance and the administrative offices for the River Parks Authority, while continuing the regional trail improvements along Tulsa's greatest natural resource.



ROD: Hannah Craver

Hannah could write an extremely verbose and impactful biography, but per her wishes she requests merely this one line:

"Hannah - Jordan's sister"

The humility, the mystery... so beautifully crafted to draw interest and leave her audience wanting more. A literary genius of our time.

"Really powerful stuff, looking forward to not knowing what I'm doing tomorrow" - Jack Wills III, President

"A poignant lesson in brevity" - Laura Tapp, Editor

NOTE: Please review the ROD list at the bottom of the Bulletin to see when you are

scheduled and start thinking about who you want to invite as speaker!

Laura needs YOUR biography, the SPEAKER'S biography, and the SPEAKER'S photo TWO WEEKS before you are ROD!

She will sic David Hughes on you if you do not!!

CLUB NEWS

"JA In A Day!"



Monte McNutt has worked to get us an opportunity to work with Junior Achievement!

We will be teaching a Junior Achievement program to 3 second grade classes all at the same time!

**Friday, March 31st
at Springdale Elementary**

Training for the event will be held on March 9th at 10am
at the Junior Achievement Office (41st and HWY 169)

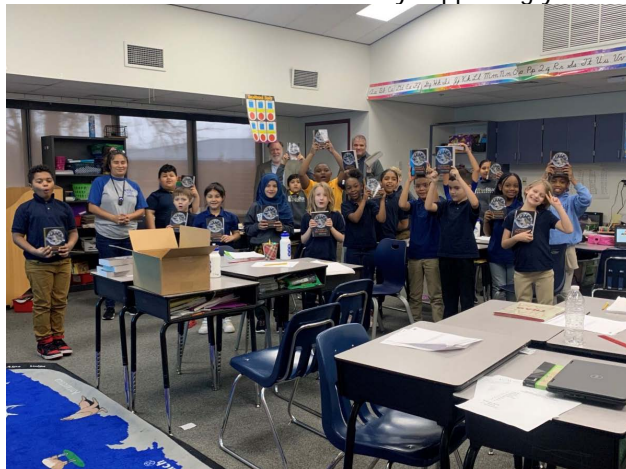
The Dolly Dixon Golf Fundraiser officially has a date!



Meet us for a great game of golf on **Monday, May 22nd!**
More details to come.

DICTIONARIES!

Southsiders have been out in our community supporting youth education!





Major thanks to everyone who has participated! And a huge round of applause to Monte for making this project the success that it is!

CUT THE ACE

The pot has begun anew! Buy those tickets and let's get this going!
The current moolah raised is ~\$341

Come out to the Spotlight Theater
and support our very own
Scott Gaffen for his performances in *The Drunkard!*

March 4th
March 18th
April 22nd
April 29th

The Drunkard is the oldest

It began on Nov. 14, 1953 and has never stopped! That's how *The Drunkard* became America's longest-running play. More than 3,000 Tulsans have participated on or offstage. More than a quarter-million have seen the show, making it a laughter-filled Tulsa tradition in which temperance triumphs and evildoers receive their merited fates. There are even tomatoes to throw at the villain!

The director is Tony-nominated writer-actor Joe Sears of Greater Tuna fame! "Today the play is performed in historical form as it was in the early days but with added salt and pepper fun for modern audiences to enjoy," Mr. Sears says.

Doors open at 7 p.m. A singalong of old-time popular songs begins at 7:15. The show starts at 7:30 with the Olio: dancers, musicians, jugglers, magicians, or comedians. The play begins at 8 p.m. and concludes around 10 p.m. with the audience and cast singing *God Bless America*

The auditorium is set up like a beer garden. Audience members are seated at private tables, which is why reservations are so important. During intermissions our serving crew will bring your order of made-to-order sandwiches, chips, beer, wine, coffee, and soft drinks.

The Official Southside Social Calendar for the Year 2023 Events Coming Soon!

Reach Out to the Members We Miss:

They love hearing from you!

Call Jerry Ramey! [918-855-7188](tel:918-855-7188)

Call Ray Orf! [918-344-1685](tel:918-344-1685)

Potential New Members

Any objection to the proposal stating the reasons must be sent to the President of the Club within

seven (7) days following publication.

Please turn in your proposals for membership to Secretary Laura Tapp.

Upcoming RODs

If you are the ROD, you need to:

1) Send YOUR BIO and YOUR SPEAKER'S BIO WITH PHOTOS to Laura THE FRIDAY TWO WEEKS BEFORE you are ROD. If you do not have it turned in on the Monday of by 10am, John Haley has volunteered to write a bio for you, or you will not have a bio attached to your name.

2) Select someone to do the pledge and the prayer. Please let President Jack know who you've chosen in advance of the meeting.

Date	ROD	Program	Speaker
2-Mar	John Daries	Tulsa Growth with Economic Executive Director	Kian Kimas
9-Mar	Hannah Craver	CPRP Exec Director River Parks Authority	Jeff Edwards
16-Mar	Michael Skates	Oklahoma Aeronautic Commission	Grayson Gardies
23-Mar	Daniel Horton	RYLA Students!	
30-Mar	Scott Gaffen	BREAKOUT @ Meals on Wheels	Scott Copeland
6-Apr	Maria Mercedes Abalos	George Kaiser Family Foundation	Josh Miller
13-Apr	Lynn Fesperman	Former Mayor and Dean of TU Business School	Kathy Taylor
20-Apr	Scott Robinson	Tulsa Drillers Assistant General Manager	Justin Gorski
27-Apr	Evan Rush	Rotary Medical Supplies Network	VJ Lively
4-May	Club Assembly		
11-May	Julia Richards Bishop		

Club Meeting

Tulsa Southside
Meets at This week's meeting is at The Tandy YMCA!
5005 S Darlington Ave
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Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM