



“Where you can catch that Southside Spirit!”

Events

Club Level:

Superbowl Squares

On sale Thursday!
Bring Cash!

M.A.D. Experience

January 19th @ 6p
January 26th @ 5:30p
Club Review Feb 2nd
Meeting

SCRYE

January 27th - 29th

District Level:

District Happy Hour

Jan 17th
5:30p
via Zoom

Club Leaders



Jack H. Wills III
President



Parker Ray Smith
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Maria Mercedes Abalos
President-Nominee



Bob Sullivan
President-Nominee Nominee



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Kathryn Diane Boyer
Club Membership Co-Chair



Larry A. Boyer
Club Membership Co-Chair



Jon H Heaps
iPast President

Laura Tapp

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 is IN PERSON

Join us
at

**Tandy YMCA
5005 S Darlington Ave.,
Tulsa OK 74135**

Thursday at 11:45 AM



Program: Aaron "AJ" Johnson - Oasis Fresh Market

Aaron "AJ" Johnson is the Founder and CEO of Oasis Fresh Markets, the first full-service grocery store in 14 years in North Tulsa's predominantly Black neighborhood near Historic Greenwood's Black Wall Street district. Even as a young boy growing up in Milwaukee, Johnson saw the tremendous differences between resourced and underserved communities.



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Birthdays

Craig Stanley
January 21st
Julia Richards Bishop
February 4th
Penny Horton
February 6th

Years of Service

Donald R. den Daas
02-01-1986
37 Years
Larry A. Boyer
02-01-1992
31 Years
Steve Haas
01-13-2005
18 Years
Robert L. Triplett Jr.
01-20-2011
12 Years

After moving to Oklahoma, he learned that residents in North Tulsa neighborhoods have a life expectancy 11 years shorter than those living in other Tulsa communities. Whether it was the school systems, playgrounds, or even access to grocery stores, many North Tulsa residents had to travel for miles to enjoy the same resources that non-distressed communities have readily available. Johnson also launched a nonprofit called The Oasis Projects to provide wrap-around services including rental and utility assistance, support for single parents, banking, workforce training, and health-related educational classes. Johnson believes the Oasis model provides a blueprint for underserved communities by equipping people for every aspect of a healthy life.

ROD: Norene Heaps

Norene is from Adel, Iowa, a small town outside of Des Moines. She has 4 older brothers. To keep up with her brothers she had to learn to play baseball, football, basketball and run because she always had to keep up with them. You see they are much older than her. This proved to be very beneficial as she was an all-state 2nd baseman, all state forward on her basketball team, and all state hurdler. She then went on to play college basketball at the University of Nebraska – Omaha on a full ride scholarship as a power forward. She played in the NCAA tournament.

Norene then went on to have a career as the Wellness Director for the phone company (USWEST). She was there for 8 years. Then transferred to their wireless phone division and stayed in that field for 15 years in various jobs as retail manager, area sales manager, and manager of the 3rd party vendors. She worked for USWEST, SPRINT, and ATT.

In 1988 while working as the wellness director she would meet her husband, Jon Heaps. They met in April of 1988 and were married July 1st 1988. They have one daughter KyLee and grandson Kooper. She is also a wicked step mom to Lori and Brandi and step NeNe to Montana, Tyrell, and Teagan.

After many years in management. In 2021 Norene took early retirement to travel with Jon and help take care of Kooper.

Norene was an honorary Rotarian when Jon joined. She helped with fellowship events and enjoyed the whole Rotarian experience. She became a member of Southside in April of 2018. She knew the service before self was a way of life and enjoyed being a part of the Rotary family. She is currently the chair of the fellowship committee.

Norene enjoys traveling, golfing, and cheering for the Iowa Hawkeyes. Family is important and she gets together with them as often as possible.

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

PICTURES!

Our very own Caleb Guerrero has generously agreed to lend his expertise to the club at Thursday's meeting and will be taking photos of any members who either need a photo for their profile or wish to update their photo! Please speak with Caleb tomorrow at the meeting if you are interested.

Superbowl Squares!

It's back! Jon Heaps will be selling squares this Thursday for the annual superbowl game that's definitely all skill and not at all luck, no sir. So much skill.

Please pester Jon for details because he has not chosen to enlighten me as to the process and I've forgotten despite having gone through 3 years of this tradition.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE Experience

Please sign up and join the Members of the Rotary Club Southside Tulsa in the **Make a Difference Experience**. We are requesting that all the members of the club participate in the program this month. Some members completed the process in early December.

Southside Tulsa has been given a unique opportunity to be a part of a BETA test by **Gateway for Good** for a proposed Rotary platform which is designed to help club members determine their philanthropic pathway to providing service in the local community and world wide, and assess the talents that members bring to the table to help execute the "service" identified. This will also be a consensus building process, as we learn more deeply about what matters to the members of this club. Rotarians around the country are becoming involved in this process. Some of our club

members have already completed the process and believe it will be of great value to us.

We will have a Club meeting February 2, 2023, to discuss what we learned and begin the next steps of working out the consensus for your club moving forward. You won't want to miss that either.

Spots are limited (but over three sessions is enough for everyone) and we have secured three dates this month through Signup Genius. You can participate on any one of the below dates:

January 10, at 5:30 pm we have 25 spots,
January 19, at 6:00 pm we have 20 spots, and,
January 26, at 5:30 pm we have 25 spots.
There are three steps:

1. Sign up on the Signup Genius below, and then register with the zoom link when you receive it;
1. Take the MAD – Experience (Make A Difference Experience) Survey that takes about 10-15 minutes. Link will be in the email;
1. Register and attend one of the three zoom sessions with your survey results.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054aa8ac22aafb6- madmake1#/>

SCRYE

???????The South Central Rotary Youth Exchange group is back in action and have requested our help for their annual program happening later this month! They need host families as well as chaperones for the overnight lock-in at Tandy YMCA.

Please go to the sign-up genius Brett setup for more information and to volunteer for one or more of the opportunities. These kids are really amazing, so please consider donating some of your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054AA8AC22AAF66-scrye>

CUT THE ACE

Buy those tickets!! The pot currently stands at \$1,790!

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

January 14th
January 21st
March 4th

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!**

Springdale Elementary School - Christmas 2022



Several Rotarians appeared today to help Santa with the annual Holiday gift bag give away. For nearly 30 years, The Rotary Club of Southside Tulsa has been a Partner in Education with Springdale Elementary. Southside Tulsa Rotary provides every student a book, some fruit, and candy in a holiday bag. [Read More](#)

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.

The Board has approved the publishing of the following Membership Application:

Fred Ames - Retired Lt Colonel with Air Force

Sponsored by Norene Heaps

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.

5-Jan	Kathy Boyer		Ron Harris
12-Jan	Norene Heaps	Oasis Fresh Market	Aaron Johnson
19-Jan	Parker Smith		Knarig Alajaji
26-Jan	Mike Buchert		Lydia Gray
2-Feb	Club Assembly - Make a Difference Experience Discussion		
9-Feb	Don den Daas	The Rotary Foundation	Ed Hardesty
16-Feb	Jon Heaps	Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma	Hillary Sutton
23-Feb	John Haley	Miss Oklahoma: Wife, Mom, Personal Chef	Charlotte Shores

2-Mar	Hannah Craver		
9-Mar	Robert Triplett	CPRP Exec Director River Parks Authority	Jeff Edwards
16-Mar	Cathy Bryant	Oklahoma Aeronautic Commission	Grayson Gardies
23-Mar	Daniel Horton		
30-Mar	Scott Gaffen		
6-Apr	Maria Mercedes Abalos		
13-Apr	Club Assembly		
20-Apr	Scott Robinson		
27-Apr	Evan Rush		
4-May	John Daries		
11-May	Julia Richards Bishop		

Club Meeting

Tulsa Southside
 Meets at This week's meeting is at The Tandy YMCA!
 5005 S Darlington Ave
 Tulsa, OK 74135
 Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM