



## The Funriser

Apr 21, 2025

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays – Tandy YMCA, 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale

### “The Magic of Rotary”

#### Weekly meetings: Wed at 6:45 AM Tandy YMCA at 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale & Zoom

Zoom Meeting Specs:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89035476180?pwd=MI RGZFZ1RDZTUzR3VjBrcU42cC9Ddz09>

Or phone in: (346) 248-7799. **Either way**, Meeting ID: 890 3547 6180 Passcode: 359431

#### This Week's Speaker & Program

**Challenge Air**, Alexis Higgins, CEO, **Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust**. RoD: Barbara Smallwood

#### Future Programs

**Apr 30: Big Brothers & Sisters**, Cindy ?. RoD: Mark Welty

**May 7: Program TBA**. RoD: Joy Ondracek

**May 14: Program** and RoD tba.

#### Speaker/Program Preview



Alexis Higgins is the Chief Executive Officer of Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust, an organization that oversees Tulsa International Airport and Tulsa Riverside Airport.

At Tulsa International, she leads an airport with over 3.2 million passengers annually that is home to 127 companies employing over 13,500 area residents. Tulsa Riverside airport is one of the top 10

busiest general aviation airports in the United States, with over 265,000 annual flight operations.

Ms. Higgins holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Tulsa, where she minored in marketing and Russian language.

She currently serves on the board of Airports Council International and leads donor funding for Challenge Air's Tulsa Fly Day event, an organization that inspires special needs children to dream big through the excitement of sitting as co-pilot on a flight.

#### This week's RoD: Barbara Smallwood

Barbara would love to be called a Baby Boomer, but is

officially a War Baby, as she was born during the war when her father was stationed in Santa Barbara, California.

(Thus her name....) Her parents were both Okies so after the war they moved back to OK, where he earned his Architectural degree. Tulsa has been her home for over 70 years, with occasional stints in South Dakota, Minneapolis,

Kansas City, and Arkansas. She started her college career at OU and finished at TU with a B.S. in Business. ORU and Bank of OK were her employers until she joined IBM, where she spent over 27 years in sales and international marketing. She retired from IBM in 2007 as a Senior Marketing Consultant. She has traveled to Asia, Australia, Latin America and Europe many times with IBM. After retirement, she knew that she needed to get involved in the community. Her efforts have been focused on three key nonprofits: Tulsa Air and Space Museum, Tulsa Historical Society, and the Tulsa Botanic Garden. She was with the Tulsa Preservation Commission for 8 years and also served on the Boards of KIPP and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma. She is a past-president of the National American Lawyers Auxiliary, and was President of the Tulsa Historical Society in 2014. She is an inactive member of the DAR. Her children gave her a refrigerator magnet that says 'Stop me before I volunteer again'.



Her husband, Allen, a local criminal defense attorney, has been in private practice in Tulsa for 40 years. They have been married for 34 years and have two children and 4 grandchildren. Son, David Collins, is an owner in the engineering firm Darr Collins in OKC; he and his wife April have two children, Rachel and Michael. Daughter, Rebecca Woodrum, works as an Oil and Gas Analyst; she has two daughters, Chelsie and Khloe.

Barbara is active in civic boards with a list that includes KIPP, Girl Scouts, Tulsa Preservation Commission, Tulsa Air and Space Museum, Tulsa Botanic Garden, Tulsa Historical Society and the National American Lawyers Alliance. Barbara is a 20+ year member of Tulsa Sunrise.

### Ongoing Monthly Events

- **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (5/6): Club Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (5/15): Foundation Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (5/17): Jenks Food Bank.**

### Other Upcoming Events

- **Apr 23: Administrative Professionals Day.** Thank our secretaries for their silent services!
- **Apr 26: Workday at Animal Aid of Tulsa.** Contact Martha for details
- **Jun 7: MSNI work day**
- **Jun 26: Change of Ducks**

### Area Rotary Doin's from ADG Suzy Morgan

\*Housing is needed for one man of the Chilean delegation that will be here April 21-27. He speaks English fairly well, but would need transportation to some of his engagements. You may contact Trish Kerkstra or Lisa Engel if you or someone you know might be able to assist.

\*North Tulsa is hosting Investing in Tomorrow on April 22 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Hutcherson Y. The cost is \$50 which is used for scholarships. Contact Trish for more information or you can register on the North Tulsa website.

\*Skiatook Rotary Club is hosting their Sasquatch Shootout on Saturday, April 26 at 5:00 pm. More information can be found on their Facebook page under posts. The prizes at this event are quite coveted.

\*Will Rogers Club is holding Pins for Polio on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 at Andy B's. \$40 will cover 1 game of bowling, shoes, light refreshments, non-alcoholic drinks and prizes.

\*The downtown Rotary Club will hold their Above and Beyond Awards at noon on Wednesday, May 7 at their regular meeting at First Methodist Church. There is no cost, but need to register so they will know how much food to have.

\*Two upcoming golf tournaments: June 6 the Owasso Club will host one at Bailey Ranch and on June 9, the

Southside club will host a 3 par tournament at LaFortune. More information below on the Southside event.

\*Southside is also conducting a clothing drive for Grand Mental Health. Their closet was totally empty. All sizes of clothing are needed and a member from Southside will pick up any items that anyone might have.

### From the Podium by Mike Bibby

- We had four Zoomers: Scott Cyrus, Bob Archibald, Jim Conner, and an anonymous.
- We learned from President Jeff that the word *coddwomple* is English slang, defined as "to travel in a purposeful manner towards a vague destination".
- We earned that Bill Lawson is still not going to work.
- Steve Care received a PHF+4 pin and Jeff received a PHF+3 pin.

### Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Megan Korn introduced Bill Bowen, our current Rotary Foundation chair.

The Rotary Foundation has distributed over \$3 billion to districts.

The Foundation is fighting polio and preventing disease with clean water. It is also working on prenatal care, literacy, community development and environmental action.

Our members can contribute to our club, our club foundation or the Rotary International Foundation (Annual Fund or Polio Plus).

Part of our dues go to support our district.

### Pot of Gold

Last week Tim Holder had the winning ticket, but he could not find the joker. \$217 up for grabs now.

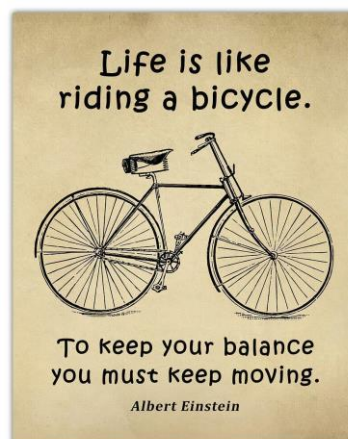
### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

**Birthdays: Larry Babb (4/25)**

**Rotary anniversaries: None**

**Wedding anniversaries: None**

### Words to Live By



## **Keep Laughing**

- Why did we name it Parmesan cheese and not spaghetti confetti?

It's like we don't even try anymore. – *Kay Hays*

- A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family of seven) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

## **Men's Rules**

1. Men are NOT mind readers.
2. Learn to work the toilet seat. You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.
3. Sunday sports. It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.
4. Crying is blackmail.
5. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work!
6. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.
7. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.
8. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become Null and void after 7 Days.
9. If you think you're fat, you probably are.
10. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other one
11. You can either ask us to do something. Or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.
12. Whenever possible, Please say whatever you have to say during commercials.
13. Christopher Columbus did NOT need directions and neither do we.
14. ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not A color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.
15. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.
16. If we ask what is wrong and you say "nothing," We will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it is just not worth the hassle.
17. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.
18. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine . . . Really.
19. Don't ask us what we're thinking about unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as football or tanks.

20. You have enough clothes.
21. You have too many shoes.
22. Every dish can be improved with bacon.
23. Do not trust a man who calls the bathroom "the little boys room."
24. Women who sound sexy on the phone weigh 350 pounds.
25. No talking at the urinal.
26. A man may own exactly one pair of holiday-themed boxers.
27. Never date a woman whose father calls her "princess."
28. A PBS tote bag does not make you an intellectual.
29. The weirder the cell phone ring, the more annoying the person.
30. Real men don't dance.

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### **2024-25 Sunrise Foundation Board Members**

**President: Rich Orvis**  
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**Secretary: Scott Cyrus**  
**Treasurer: Joy Ondracek**  
**Past President: Mark Welty**  
**Board Member: Bill Lawson**  
**Club Liaison: Bobby Schultz**

**Board Meetings:**  
**(unless change notified)**  
**Virtual via ZOOM**

**3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8842780806?pwd=VytNVUh6Q3QwU3cwWS9QaFprdW5KUT09>**

**Meeting ID: 884 2780 8006**  
**Passcode: 441273**

### **2024-25 Sunrise Committee Chairs**

**Membership:** Barbara Smallwood  
**Website:** Carolyn McGhay  
**Newsletter:** Mike Bibby & Kit Sprague  
**Family of Rotary:** Kay Hays  
**Programs & RoDs:** Maggie Brown  
**Engagement:** Bill Lawson  
**Membership:** Barbara Smallwood  
**RI Foundation:** Bill Bowen  
**Roster:** Kit Sprague  
**Meeting A/V:** Tim Holder  
**Parliamentarian:** Kit Sprague  
**Historian:** (vacant)  
**MSNI:** Gifty Benson  
**PMails (Blasts):** Kit Sprague

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**Dir, Community Service:** Martha Lowe  
**Dir, Vocational Service:** Tim Holder  
**Dir, Int'l Service:** Gifty Benson  
**Dir, Youth Service:** Jessy Poole  
**Board Meetings:**  
**5:30P 1<sup>st</sup> Tues ea month**  
**Hardesty Library**