



# The Funriser

May 19, 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 Program & RoD

Program: Unknown. RoD: Unknown

### Future Programs

May 28: Unknown (both)

Jun 4: Kent Williamson, author, *American Heat Engine*. RoD: Mike Bibby

Jun 11: Duff Weddle, Rotary Youth Exchange. RoD: Unknown

### Ongoing Monthly Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (6/3): Club Board Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (6/19): Foundation Board Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (6/21): Jenks Food Bank.

### Other Upcoming Events

- Jun 14: MSNI work day
- Jun 19: Change of Ducks

### Program Preview:

No info available.

### This week's RoD:

Be ready. You might get tapped to step and be RoD!

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

\*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 two Zoomers: Maggie Brown and Jim Conner.
- Andy Leithner auctioned a Rotary briefcase bag. Bids started at \$20 and sold for \$100.
- We had a nice induction ceremony for Martha Hauser. Her proposer was Megan Korn and she received a nice Rotary necklace in lieu of a pin.



- Our next date to work at MSNI is June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Mark your calendar: Change of Ducks is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow but it will be at the Philbrook as it was last year.

### Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Our speaker last week was Gifty Benson. She spoke first about her project in Ghana and showed us pictures of the completed clinic. The clinic is awaiting equipment and supplies from MSNI.

The main topic of her presentation was the history of the slavery trade. She said about 12.5 million persons were taken as slaves but only 40% survived to reach the Americas. Slaves were taken because of the great need for manpower.

Captured slaves walked about 300 miles barefoot in chains to reach the coast of the Atlantic. There they were held in appalling conditions in the dungeon of a castle. Many died before being put in ships for the sea voyage. In ships the slaves were stacked in cramped spaces with no opportunity to use toilets, exercise or get fresh air. This lasted up to 12 weeks.

Abolition was started in 1803, 1833 in Great Britain and 1865 in the US.

Gifty showed a video about the horrors of the sea passage.

### Pot of Gold

Last week Barbara Smallwood had the winning ticket but she only found a six. The new Pot of Gold grows. Tim Holder received a check for his \$251 win the previous week.

### Jenks Food Bank Fun by Martha Lowe

We had an amazingly good time at Jenks Food Bank on Saturday! What a group! Lots of getting to know new folks better, lots of laughter and lots of work bagging fresh fruits and vegetables, and adding bags of groceries as well for folks who depend on Jenks Food Bank to supplement the food they purchase to feed their families. It felt great serving together!!! Martha Rogne again told me before I left that we always are her "A Team."



### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

**Birthdays:** Joy Ondracek (5/22)

**Rotary anniversaries:** None this week

**Wedding anniversaries:** None this week

### Change of Ducks Update

CoD is on June 19 at the Philbrook. Cost will be \$45/person, including Sunrisers this time. The Philbrook needs a firm headcount by June 5, so look at your calendar now and decide whether or not you'll attend. You can sign up at a Wed AM meeting or on SignUp Genius (pending). Pay Randy or mail a check to our PO Box.

Of note, Barbara took on the task of project management for this when Reilly left Sunrise. Lots and lots of behind-the-scenes production tasks. If you can help, let her know.

### Coffee Bunker: Easy Project!

Martha Lowe reports that we not only met our goal of 50 food packs, we blew it away with enough for ~90 of them! Way to go Sunrisers!!!!

### Dues – Thinking You Might Resign Soon?

This weekly newsletter is supposed to be fun, but once in a while we have to publish something less positive. This is one such item. First, some background.

Like all clubs, we have to pay District and RI dues semi-annually, based on member headcount effective Jan 1 and Jul 1. No exceptions, no refunds.

A problem arises when an individual's dues remain unpaid after those dates (usually someone who's been absent for a while anyway), and when reminded, they say they need to resign. The result is that we've already paid 6110 and RI dues for that member, but with no club dues income to cover that. Bummer. So...

If you are thinking you might have to leave Sunrise soon for whatever reason, please do so before July 1, or plan to pay dues for the next semester. That has the further benefit of keeping you in good standing if you want to join another Rotary club, as we are required to report to them if you were paid up when you left us.

Enough. Back to the fun.

### 7 Words to Live By

Live, love, learn, think, give, laugh, try.

### Keep Laughing

What do you call someone who pretends to be Swedish? An artificial Swedener.

If you're asking me to take sides, I'm always gonna go for the mashed potatoes.

I ordered a white sourdough bread from the bakery,  
but they gave me a dark brown loaf instead.  
Something went a rye.

I have good problem solving skills, but my problem  
creating skills are where I really shine.

I bet barn owls were ecstatic to see pioneers come by  
and put up barns.

I didn't realize I was supposed to know everything by  
my second rodeo.

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Roster: Kit Sprague

Meeting A/V: Tim Holder

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Historian: (vacant)

MSNI: Gifty Benson

PMails (Blasts): Kit Sprague

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

President: Rich Orvis

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(unless change notified)

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3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P

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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

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