



# The Funriser

March 18, 2024

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays – Tandy YMCA, 51<sup>st</sup> and Yale  
“Create Hope in the World”

**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=MlRGZFZ1RDZTUzR3VjBrcU42cC9Ddz09>  
Or phone in: (346) 248-7799. **Either way**, Meeting ID:  
890 3547 6180 Passcode: 359431

**This Week’s Program**

James Randall **AARP**. RoD: Carolyn McGhay

**Future Programs**

**March 27:** Bob McKenzie and Kent Matzler, **Polio – National Status**. RoD: Gifty Benson

**Apr 3:** **A4A Fall Fundraiser planning**. RoD: Jeff Roberts

**Apr 10:** Prof. Sandip Sen, **Introduction to AI**. RoD: Bill Bowen

**Our Program This Week**

James Randall serves as Oklahoma AARP State President. AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to the more than 100 million Americans 50-plus and their families: health



security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also works for individuals in the marketplace by sparking new solutions and allowing carefully chosen, high-quality products and services to carry the AARP name. As a trusted source for news and information, AARP produces the nation’s largest circulation

publications, AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin.

**This Week’s RoD** *(edited from Dacdb)*

Carolyn is a devoted wife to Jim McGhay (a hard-working Geologist), mother of Stephanie, Suzanne and Shannon, and a stepmom to Jake and Katie. She is called “Nana” by her 15 grandchildren. After Bishop Kelley High School, Carolyn moved to Stillwater to attend OSU for two years. For the next 10 years she took off for Dallas, Chicago and again back to Tulsa while enjoying a career with American Airlines. Once all the kids were in school, she began a new career in medical insurance. When her employer moved, Carolyn spent the next 10 years in End-of-Life-Care leadership roles with Vista Care and Grace Hospice. It was during this career path that Carolyn discovered the power and reward of volunteering to make a real difference. She joined Tulsa Sunrise Rotary in 2004, where new friends and REAL volunteering began. Carolyn chairs a monthly legislative committee with INCOG Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council since 2005 and is finishing a 3rd appointed three-year term serving on the Oklahoma State Council on Aging. As a lifetime member of the Oklahoma Silver Haired Legislature Alumni Assoc., Carolyn is now the association secretary where she monitors the Oklahoma Legislative sessions and advocates, with the Oklahoma Aging Partnerships. Always taking time out for friends and fun, Carolyn plays American Mah Jongg, USTA tennis, pickleball, golf and enjoys hiking the New Mexico Enchanted Circle trails while spending time with wildlife & family in Angel Fire NM. Carolyn loves her life with family, friends and especially Jim.



## Upcoming Events & Activities

**Thurs, Mar 21** - Foundation Board Meeting

## Ongoing Monthly Events

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday: Club Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Foundation Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Jenks Food Bank.**

## From the Podium by Mike Bibby

- Lots of Zoomers this week: Jim Conner, Bob Archibald, Mark Welty, David Francis, Gifty Benson, Bobby Schultz and Joan Freeman.
- We had a visitor, Kwashie, a member of the Rotary Club of Accra-Labone
- We had a vote at the meeting and adopted newly revised bylaws.
- In the first induction ceremony in some time, we welcomed Katherine Getchell and Stacy Grimes. Welcome aboard, ladies!



## Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Last week's program speaker was Shevaun Etier, the Executive Director of Town and Country School. She was accompanied by Shelley Holmes. She has been with T&C 23 years, first as a high school teacher, then as principal and now as director. The Town and Country School mission is to improve the lives of students with learning difficulties by providing a nurturing environment for academic, social and personal growth.

T&C School serves 2<sup>nd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. All the students have ADHD, autism, Tourette's or another learning problem. All the students have struggled in an earlier school situation. Some have been bullied and have low self-esteem.

The school is very successful and has a high graduation rate. The class sizes average 13 students with one certified teacher and one assistant.

## Family of Rotary

- Jeff Roberts is out with COVID.
- Mike Bibby was involved in a car accident last week. In his own words: "I was hit in my car last night by a person fleeing the police. He slid into the left rear of my car. The driver's side airbag deployed and cut my left arm in the process. The police that were chasing the car later apprehended them. I went to the hospital ER for an exam. I'm fine except my arm is very sore. Thank goodness for airbags. It prevented my head from hitting the window glass." Mike later added he expects his car will be totaled by his insurance company, and "Got up this morning and the arm feels normal. Looks terrible, but mostly normal."

## Pot O'Gold by Mike Bibby

Tim Holder had the winning Pot of Gold ticket but did not find the joker.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

**Birthdays, Wedding and Rotary anniversaries: Zip!**

## Wanna Play the MATCH Game?



For just \$500 of your \$, we have members willing to "match" that and make you a Paul Harris Fellow! If you have already paid in some \$ to Rotary International toward a PH, complete the \$500 and we'll match you up to \$500!

If you're new to Rotary (or need a reminder), a Paul Harris Fellow is a person that has donated \$1000 to one of the best organizations in the World, Rotary International Foundation. They have one of the highest ratings on Charity Navigator – which means more of your donation goes directly to the cause rather than administrative expenses and all causes are legit and worthy!

Send me a text (918) 519-0355 or an email [lindao@austral.com](mailto:lindao@austral.com) if you have questions!

**Create Hope in the World!**

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Words to Live By



Comic Corner

I'm afraid of elevators, so I take steps to avoid them.

If you arrest a mime, do you have to tell him he has the right to remain silent?

What do you get when you cross a polar bear with a seal? A polar bear.

**2023-24 Sunrise Club Board  
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**RI Foundation Chair:** Linda Ortega  
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**Board Meetings:**  
(unless change notified)  
Virtual via ZOOM  
3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88427808006?pwd=VytNVUh6Q3QwU3cwWS9QaFprdW5kUT09>  
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