



The Funriser

April 1, 2024

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

Weekly meetings: Wed at 6:45 AM Tandy YMCA at 51st 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

Visioning results, and **A4A Fall Fundraiser planning**.

RoD: Jeff Roberts

Future Programs

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

Apr 17: Julie Retinger, **Goodwill Industries**. RoD: Jessy Poole

Apr 24: Chuck Madden, subject and RoD tba.

Our Program This Week

Our official program schedule says this meeting is about A4A planning, but announcements the last couple of weeks have said it will be about our recent visioning efforts for the next few years. I suspect we'll be hearing about both of these important matters. Your in-person attendance is *strongly* requested.

This Week's RoD (edited from Dacdb)

VP/Pres-Elect Jeff is our RoD, but unfortunately Dacdb does not show any bio information for him. Perhaps we can get him to tell a story or two about himself on Wednesday.

Ongoing Monthly Events

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

BREAKING NEWS: DG PLANS TO MERGE SUNRISE WITH 2 OTHER LOCAL CLUBS

Recent Rotary statistics show that the average club size worldwide has been on the decline for several years now, and the more limited ability of smaller clubs to serve is making Rotary less effective overall. In a late afternoon meeting day before yesterday, our District Governor and her assistant District Governors, in consultation with Past District Governors and RI, decided to merge Sunrise Rotary with Southside and Southeast. It was thought that due to decreased membership and participation, the three clubs could accomplish more as one. This is a move that is also being made by several other districts, and is expected to affect many clubs all over the world. When similar mergers have been executed in other districts, the resulting larger club has attracted new members at a faster rate than the separate clubs before the merger. (Continued on page 2)

From the Podium by Mike Bibby

- Lots of Zoomers again this week: Leithner, Bartels, Freeman, Cyrus, Sprague, Brown, Schultz, Conner and O'Hara. Our speakers, Bob McKenzie and Kurt Matzier, also Zoomed in.
- Reilly announced RYLA will be October 17th. They are looking for chaperones.
- Megan announced our foundation approved three requests for funds. They approved \$1250 for Autism OK for the Autism Walk fundraiser, \$2,000 for Reading Partners for their summer reading program, and \$300 to buy student dictionaries for KIPP school students.
- The Apr 3 meeting will cover the results of our Visioning process. We need everyone possible to attend in person.
- Megan announced the Center For Creativity will have a trivia night Tuesday, April 2nd. Call Megan if you would like to be part of our team.

Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Our program was introduced by Gifty Benson. Bob McKenzie and Kirk Matzier attended by Zoom. Bob introduced Kirk to talk about the Race Across America. Metzler is from Innsbruck Austria. He said they have raised in excess of over \$4.2 million for the End Polio Now campaign. Kirk talked about the race in 2022 that started in California and ended up at Annapolis. 34 racers started and 13 finished. He showed pictures from Monument Valley, the Rocky Mountains, Wolf Creek Pass, the Great Plains and the last stage. He finished 6th and was pleased with his result. He explained that riders need something like 15,000 calories per day and they get a bottle of high calorie drink every few minutes. He explained that they didn't get but a few minutes of sleep a day. They rode for about 20 hours a day. Sleep deprivation was a real problem. He said many riders get knee pain and saddle sores. His last stage was 200 miles. His next race will be around Poland in 2024 for about 2,000 miles.

Advice from Kirk:

1. When things are difficult, remind yourself the reason for doing it,
2. Those who have a why to live can bear almost any how, and
3. Hire for attitude, not just skills.

Kirk said it takes about 4 weeks to fully recover from a ride like this.

Pot O'Gold by Mike Bibby

Your reporter, Mike Bibby, had the winning Pot of Gold ticket but did not find the joker. The payout grows.

April: National Volunteer Appreciation Month

Sometimes I think we Rotarians forget how much we are valued for our service locally and around the world. Apparently this month is devoted to people like us, so pattybacks al around, kids. We're making a difference!

Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

As you surely know, as club members we are all Sunrise Foundation members too. And that means you are entitled to see Board Minutes any time you want to. They are posted in Dacdb. Path: Log in to DaCdb – Select My Club - Club Files – Secure Files – 2023/24 Foundation Meeting Minutes.

A Humble Retraction from your Editor

Last week, I wrote a message accompanying the *Funriser* saying that we wanted to publish program previews rather than speaker bios. One Sunriser pointed out that they like to share *Funrisers* with other clubs for the purpose of giving them information about

speakers we have had. Good idea, and the bios are helpful to that end. So, we will continue to publish bios when received, though they may be edited down a bit when lengthy. Program previews will also be included when available.

See? I can change. =:o)

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Birthdays: Herb Orr (4/5)

Wedding anniversaries: None

Rotary anniversaries: David McCollum (4/4, 12 yrs); Carolyn McGhay (4/6, 19 yrs)

(Continued from p.1, Club merger)

In anticipation of the reaction by members of the three clubs, a special meeting of the three presidents is being arranged to discuss plans for the merger, when and where weekly meetings will be, consolidation of Bylaws and Constitutions, even what the newly merged club will be called. Still reading? Do you know what day this is? Look at the calendar. Happy April Fools' Day! And a shoutout to Steve Care for the story concept and editing collaboration.

Words to Live By

"Take care of your words and the words will take care of you." — Amit Ray

Comic Corner

What did the pirate say when he turned 80?
Aye matey.

Why do French people eat snails?
They don't like fast food.

If Adam and Eve were Cajuns they would have eaten the snake instead of the apple and saved us all a lot of trouble.



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