



The Funriser

April 15, 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

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

Future Programs

Apr 24 (CHANGE): Club Visioning II. RoD: Jeff Roberts

May 1: Dr Stan Grogg, **Polio – International Status**
RoD: Gifty Benson

May 8: Dustin Reed, **Introduction to Electric Automobiles**. RoD: Mike Bibby

Our Program This Week

Goodwill Industries International Inc., simply known as Goodwill, is an American nonprofit 501 organization that provides job training, employment placement services and other community-based programs for people who face barriers in their employment.

Julie Rettinger joined Goodwill Industries of Tulsa as the nonprofit's Chief Marketing & Development Officer in spring 2022. In her current role, she is responsible for marketing and messaging as well as fundraising from individuals and institutions. While she is relatively new to Tulsa, prior to this position she worked for nearly ten years with Goodwill in Virginia. In her previous professional lives, she raised funds and friends for two historic sites in Virginia (the Montpelier Foundation and The George Washington Foundation) and spent a



decade working in finance in New York and London. She holds an A.B. from Harvard University in East Asian Studies (modern Japanese literature) and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Julie was born in Hong Kong and raised in Virginia. When not at work, she loves travel, books, vintage jewelry, circuses, and exploring Tulsa with her husband (a college professor) and her fifteen-year-old daughter. She has been a Rotarian since 2009 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a former member of the Rappahannock Rotary Club of Fredericksburg, Va., and a past president of the Rotary Club of Orange, Va. She currently belongs to the Rotary Club of Tulsa and serves as the head of the board of the Route 66 Historical Village.

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

Jessy has no bio listed in Dacdb, but perhaps he'll give us more information on Wednesday morning.



Ongoing Monthly Events

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

From the Podium *by Mike Bibby*

- Lots of Zoomers again this week: Joan Freeman, Jim Conner, Tamara Miller and her father Don Braden.
- We now have to pay the YMCA \$32 a week for the meeting room. The board has decided to increase the meeting charge to \$7 a week beginning in July to pay this obligation.
- Pres Megan will bring signup lists for club Visioning committees next week.
- Our April 24th meeting will include fundraiser planning.

- Change of Ducks will be at the Philbrook this year. Date TBA.
- Jenks Food Bank needs volunteers for April 20th.
- With Janet Cheek moving to OKC, the position of Community Service Director is open. Anyone willing to serve in that position until the end of June should let Pres Megan know.
- David Francis had rotator cuff surgery on the 10th.

Last Week's Program by Mike Bibby

Our program was brought to us by Professor Sandip Sen from the University of Tulsa. His topic was Artificial Intelligence. He said Large Language Models can automate many mundane tasks. It has great potential in education, healthcare, technology and writing. He brought four students along who described Human AI Teams, Generative AI, Cybersecurity and Ethics topics.

Their presentation pdf file is attached.

Will We Ever Get it Right?

Last week, we published a correction to the first name of our biking speaker two weeks ago. Trouble is, since then we've learned we had the last name wrong too! Oh my, pretty poor treatment of a fellow Rotarian. So, one last time (I hope): Thank you to **KURT MATZLER** for his efforts for End Polio Now. You are a great spokesperson. (Hey, I passed up two previous opportunities for that line.)

Visioning Committee Signups

I hope you noticed the program change for Apr 24. This will be a follow-up to the Visioning Program Megan presented to us recently, which was not merely a look into the ol' crystal ball. Club management will be making strategic action plans for the next several years based on our Visioning results. Following through on those plans requires all of us, and to that end, we'll all be on committees to git 'er done. So when the opportunity to sign up for a committee presents itself soon, it would be a good idea to choose one (or more) to your liking. Because if you wait, your choices will narrow, and you'll risk being assigned rather than making your own choice. 'Nuff said.

An Offer from RI Foundation:

From April 1 to April 30 we will match in Foundation Recognition Points the amount that will be earned in one year for Rotarians who sign up for Rotary Direct and designate Annual Fund Share. For example, if you sign up for \$10 a month, they will immediately transfer 120 recognition points. This offer is good for up to 500 recognition points per Rotarian. Sign up online at [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org). Simply log in with your Rotary Direct account, click Donate, and follow the prompts.

Questions can be directed to Foundation Chair Ed Hardesty at edwinh1313@me.com.

An Invitation from Newbie Stacey Grimes

I have 2 open spots at my table April 24th for the **Pathways Dream Maker Luncheon** to benefit Pathways Adult Learning Center.

The luncheon event is free to attend and starts promptly at 12pm and ends around 1pm. This year it is at Tulsa Country Club.

There will be a donation ask near the end of the event but it is not required to donate.

Joy will be one of my guests there, and I would greatly appreciate it if anyone else could attend! **RSVP to sgrimes@cricpa.com**

And one from Fostering Connections

I hope you are doing great. I am reaching out because it is that time of year! Our annual fundraiser, **Treasures of Tulsa**, is Saturday, May 4th, and we would LOVE to have Sunrise Rotary Involved again this year.

Here is the link to sign up a team for the scavenger hunt --> <https://forms.gle/x4ifoj7XD8eGFWaCA>

This year, our fundraiser will take place in the Kendall Whittier District. I hope you all have been well and hope to see you on May 4th. (Flier attached) Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you, Amy Jenson 918-720-4449

ajenson@fosteringconnectionsok.org

RYLA Staff Help Signup

Adult applications to help with camp are due May 1.

Pot O'Gold by Mike Bibby

Kay, after searching her tickets, found she had the winner. But good luck was not in the cards for her.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

Birthdays: Madame President Megan (4/15)

Wedding anniversaries: None

Rotary anniversaries: None

Words to Live By

"You have within you, right now, everything you need to deal with whatever the world can throw at you."

Comic Corner

A friend suggested putting horse manure on my strawberries. I'm never doing that again. Going back to whipped cream.



The difference between booze and weed? Five drunk people will start a fight. Five stoned people will start a band.

2023-24 Sunrise Foundation Board Members

President: Mark Welty
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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>
 Meeting ID: 884 2780 8006
 Passcode: 441273

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- Foundation Banquet honoring John & Connie Williams
- Top Golf on Friday Afternoon
- Rotary Youth Exchange Students
- Four-Way Test Speech Competition
- Kids at Conference
- And much more!