



Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise



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The Funriser

May 15, 2023

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

“Imagine Rotary”

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

Upcoming Events

- June 22 – Change of Ducks

Ongoing Events

• **Third Saturday: Jenks Food Bank.**

• **3rd Thursday of each month: Sunrise Foundation Board Meeting**

To all Sunrise Rotary Club members:

The Sunrise Rotary Foundation Board holds our monthly meetings via Zoom on the **3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88427808006?pwd=Vyt NVUh6Q3QwU3cwWS9QaFprdW5kUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2780 8006 Passcode: 441273

This Week's Program & RoD

May 17: V.J. Lively, **What's Up @ MNSI 2023**

RoD: Ellie Tonquest

Future Programs

May 24: Dennis Glascock, **Frankoma Pottery**
RoD: TBD

May 31: Mike Melega, **Tulsa Drillers**

RoD: Bobby Schultz

June 7: **Appetizers for Autism**

Jeff Roberts/Reilly O'Hara

June 14: Judith Nole, **Public Radio Tulsa**

RoD: Martha Lowe

Rotarian of the Day



World Traveler **Ellie Tonquest** will serve as the Rotarian of the Day this week. Pic taken in Kinderdijk, The Netherlands, last September.

Ellie was born in Lancaster, PA and raised in suburban Chicago with 8 brothers and 2 sisters. She escaped to college in Kansas, where over 57 years ago, she met Barney on a blind date. Two years later they married, and over time produced 4 daughters and 2 sons, co-produced 13 grandchildren, and co-co-produced twin great-granddaughters and a great-grandson.

Ellie has been involved in many volunteer opportunities, including over 20 years as a Master Gardener. Since joining Rotary in 2009, she has truly found her niche as a Sunrise Rotarian. She has volunteered and served with Be Wise Immunize, Tulsa Community Food Bank, Jenks Food Bank, Laura Dester Shelter, Salvation Army Bellringing, Coffee Bunker, Rebuilding Together Tulsa, Honor Flights, wheelchair distribution in Mexico, Shoes for Orphan Souls, Dictionaries for 3rd graders, Lobster Fest, Appetizers for Autism, Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch, Medical Supplies Network, and Joy in the Cause.

Within Sunrise, she has served as Community Service Director and Club President. She helped rewrite the Club Bylaws and co-created a Manual of Procedure to facilitate club operations. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society Member, an MSNI Ambassador, and a Major Donor.

This Week's Program Preview

V. J. Lively will present an update on the operation of MSNI in Tulsa. MSNI's mission is to provide free medical equipment and supplies for those in need both locally and throughout the world.

MSNI operates a simple program:

- Solicit donations of new or used medical equipment and supplies.
- Sort, organize, identify and store materials in a central warehouse in Tulsa.
- Match the inventory to the growing number of requests worldwide submitted by Rotarians from developing countries.
- Arrange international shipping through a variety of free, government and/or non-profit resources.
- Pack and ship cargo to medical facilities around the world.

This is sure to be a great program. Do not miss out on the opportunity to learn more about MSNI at our meeting this Wednesday.

Last Week's Meeting Recap

Bill Lawson served as Rotarian of the Day. He introduced **Monique Scrapper**, Executive Director of Pathways Adult Learning Center. The mission of the organization is to provide a unique Christian program dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Pathways assists each individual in achieving emotional, cognitive, physical, social, and spiritual growth to their fullest potential.

Pathways serves 95 clients with a staff of 11 teachers, a program director and an assistant program director. Their biggest need is to volunteer mentors. For more information, please visit their website at: <https://pathwaysok.org>

Joy Ondracek announced that \$7,500 had been collected in memorial gifts for Jim Blackburn. She urged club members who wish to contribute to send their gifts soon.

Jeff Roberts informed the club that Appetizers for Autism is being rescheduled from August to early November. There is a strong need for additional help to make the event a success. Please consider volunteering for this important cause.

24 Rotarians attended in person. Another 7 attended virtually.

Rotary Dues to Increase

The club board has found it necessary to increase our semi-annual dues to \$150 (from \$130). This is necessary because expenses have exceeded income for the past several years. It bears noticing that the dues have remained the same for at least ten years.

Several things have caused this. First, Rotary International dues have gone up \$660 per year. District 6110 dues have gone up \$1,013 per year. Our PO Box rental has gone up \$84 per year. Leaving the Marriott made it necessary to rent a storage unit for \$612 per year. Just these four items have increased our per member costs by almost \$53 per year.

Remember, most of our charitable giving and scholarships are done by our foundation from our annual fundraiser proceeds, not dues.



African Hospitals Foundation is having a Garage Sale to raise money to build clinics in rural areas of Ghana.

Saturday, June 3rd
3017 East 87th Street
Tulsa, OK 74137

Many items are for sale including African Bolga baskets, pottery, picture frames, handmade stools, pictures, picture frames, curtains, queen size bed, nightstands, cabinets, bookcases, rocking chair, clothing and many more.

Please come and browse and let us raise money for good cause.

Computer for Sale

As announced at the 3/1/2023 meeting, the club has a laptop PC for sale. We replaced it because it did not handle Zoom satisfactorily. It is an ASUS model X551 SonicMaster. 16" screen – not touchscreen - with 6 GB RAM and 1 TB hard drive. It uses an Intel Core i7 processor at 2.4 GHZ. Power cord but no accessories. The

computer was purchased around 2017. Has Microsoft Office and Google Chrome browser.

First \$250 buys it, as is. Contact Mike Bibby, Treasurer at hogfanman@cox.net

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Nothing happened this week, believe it or don't!

Volunteerism in Action



Barney Tonquest and **Barbara Smallwood** admire stuffed animals while volunteering with **Joy in the Cause**.

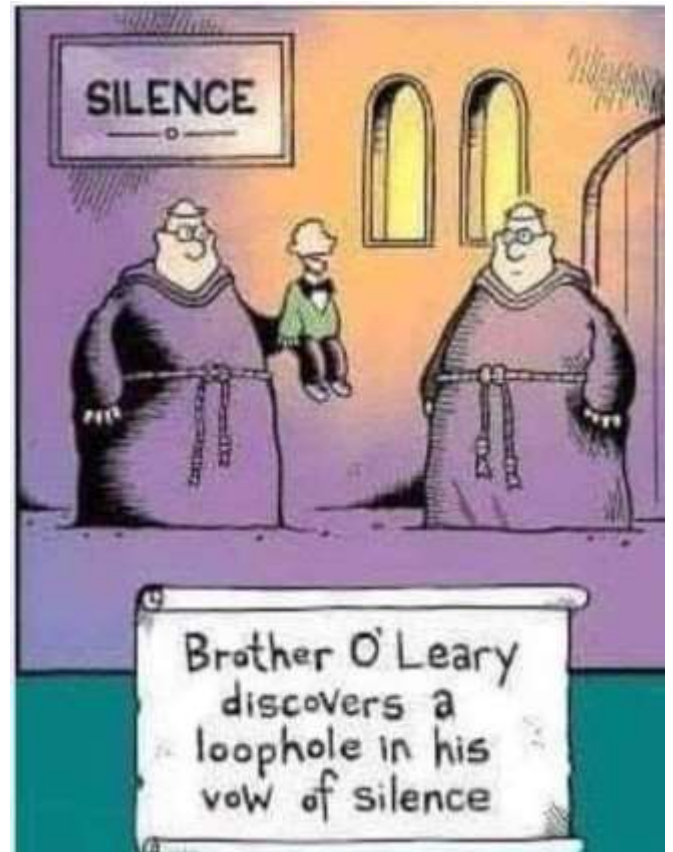
Words to Live By



Thoughts to Ponder



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President: David Francis
Vice President: Don Wasson
Secretary: Mark Welty
Treasurer: Joy Ondracek
Past President: Barney Tonquest
Board Member: Rich Orvis
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(unless change notified)
Virtual via ZOOM
3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P
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