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# The Funriser

May 23, 2022

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays – Marriott Southern Hills, 71<sup>st</sup>/Lewis

“Serve to Change Lives”

### Weekly meetings at 7A, Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott, 71<sup>st</sup>/Lewis

We will still continue to do the Zoom thing for those who do not attend in person.

### 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 & RoD

Ken Busby, **The Past, Present and Exciting Future of Route 66.** RoD: Andy Leithner

### Future Programs

**Jun 1:** David Spicer, **International Refugee Resettlement.** RoD: Gifty Benson

**Jun 8:** Jim Blackburn; **What Farming is Today** RoD: Barney Tonquest

**Jun 15:** Jennifer Deal; **Brown-Kimbrough Center for the Arts** RoD: Bob Archibald

### Program Preview

**Ken Busby** serves as Executive Director & CEO of the Route 66 Alliance, and Chair of the Route 66 Commission in Tulsa.

The Route 66 Alliance, based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and enhancement of historic Route 66 – past, present, and future.

One key initiative the organization is working toward is the Route 66 Initiative, to once again make the road a main thoroughfare that can meet the means and needs of transportation through the coming century. From the organization’s website.

The Route 66 highway is literally the backbone of what can be a dynamic economic driver for a diverse cross-section of the nation. In this case, stretching from the northern Midwest to the West

coast, it is a ribbon connecting large cities and vast rural areas; areas of wealth and areas of urban and rural abject poverty; a broad multi-cultural constituency; a diverse political constituency; and an historic, even iconic symbol of American achievement and opportunity.

Such a Federal infrastructure investment can then provide the impetus for state and local investment and supporting private sector development that can be sustainable and significant. While the project began looking at the prodigious impact of tourism, the contribution to transportation, communication, commerce, and development are immediately obvious. The results of such an initiative can be visualized and realized quickly, even though the dendritic growth will take longer.

Highway development is the key, and Route 66 is the metaphor. Improvements to roads, bridges, signage, safety infrastructure, and communication infrastructure have always brought development and economic stimulus. Promoting this effort thematically across a vital national artery presents a unique opportunity to build consensus and achieve real results.

### Rotarian of the Day



**Andy Leithner**...do we all remember the time Andy surprised the club this past winter, singing an opening number before a performance of The Drunkard? Doesn’t he have the nicest smile? Isn’t it great what an example he sets by turning up (attending, not, to the Funriser’s knowledge, “turning up”

as the kids mean it these days) at most volunteer and community events Sunrise puts on? Andy is a

photographer by trade, known for doing portraits of influential people.

### Your Part

- **Save that date and tell your friends: Appetizers for Autism will take place on August 11.**
- **Every Rotarian Every Year** – There are only ~6 weeks left in the fiscal year. Please go on MyRotary and make your \$25 contribution so that we can have 100% participation.

### Upcoming Events

- **Change of Ducks will be June 30.**
- **Lip-Synch Battle for Autism** - If you missed the PieceWalk: you still have opportunities to help build collaboration organizations that support people on the autism spectrum. Pathways Adult Learning Center - one of the exhibitors at the PieceWalk - is holding a lip-synch battle on June 19. Admission is \$5 per person and the event will be held at the Kirk in the Hills Evangelical Presbyterian Church south of Tulsa.

### Ongoing Events

- **Third Saturday of every month: Jenks Food Bank.**
- **First Saturday each month: Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch, 9 - 11 or 12.** Lunch sometimes.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month: Sunrise Rotary Foundation Board** monthly meetings via Zoom at 6:30P. Zoom only until further notice.

### What You Missed Last Week



*Good visit from the D.A. last week!  
Pic courtesy of Steve Care.*

### Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

**Birthdays: David McCollum (5/23)**  
**Wedding Anniversaries: Bill L and Greta (5/29, 12 yrs); Barney and Ellie (5/27, 55 yrs)**  
**Rotary Anniversaries: Linda (5/29, 9 yrs)**

### Laffs R Us

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 19 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

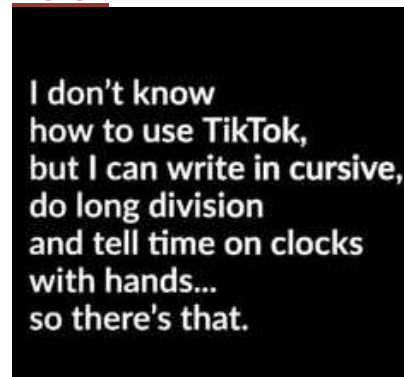
### Another

Sorry I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

### And...



### More?



### I Can't Stop

Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle...  
It was an ether/oar situation.

### Last One

God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round...and laughed and laughed and laughed.

## **2021-22 Sunrise Club Board Members**

**President: Bill Bowen**  
**Vice Pres: Martha Lowe**  
**Past President: Barbara Smallwood**  
**Secretary: Bill Lawson**  
**Treasurer: Mike Bibby**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms: David McCollum**  
**Dir, Club Service: Megan Korn**  
**Dir, Community Service: Janet Cheek**  
**Dir, Vocational Service: Martha Lowe**  
**Dir, Int'l Service: Gifty Benson and  
Komi Folly**  
**Dir, Youth Service: Laura Garrett**  
**Other Club Appointees:**  
**RI Foundation Chair Linda Ortega**  
**Webmaster Carolyn McGray**  
**Secretary Attendance Kit Sprague**  
**Membership: Jessy Poole**  
***Funriser* Editor: Jessy Poole**  
**Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)**  
**2ndTue ea month, 6P, Marriott &  
virtual**

## **2021-22 Sunrise Foundation Board Members**

**President: Barney Tonquest**  
**Vice President: David Francis**  
**Secretary: Don Wasson**  
**Treasurer: Joy Ondracek**  
**Past President: Andy Leithner**  
**Board Member: Mark Welty**  
**Club Liaison: Matha Lowe**  
**Board Meetings:**  
**(unless change notified)**  
**Virtual via ZOOM**  
**3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P**  
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