



The Funriser

Memorial Day, May 29, 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=MLRGZFZ1RDZTUzR3VjBrcU42cC9Ddz09>

Or Phone in: (346) 248-7799

Either way, Meeting ID: 890 3547 6180
Passcode: 359431

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88427808006?pwd=VytNVUh6Q3QwU3cwWS9QaFprdW5kUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 2780 8006 Passcode: 441273

This Week's Program & RoD

May 31: Mike Melega, Tulsa Drillers
RoD: Bobby Schultz

Future Programs

June 7: Appetizers for Autism
Jeff Roberts/Reilly O'Hara

June 14: Judith Nole, Public Radio Tulsa
RoD: Martha Lowe

June 21: Slave Trade in West Africa
RoD: Gifty Benson

June 28: John Fothergill, Tulsa Co. Treasurer
RoD: Bobby Schultz

Sunrise Rotary Website Q-Code

Mike Bibby suggested we add a Q-Code to allow for easier access to our club website...so here it is!



Upcoming Events

- June 10 – Sunset Social at Tulsa Drillers
- June 22 – Change of Ducks
- Nov 2 – Appetizers for Autism

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.**

This Week's Program Preview

Mike Melega joined the Tulsa Drillers front office in 1994 as an intern in the Food & Beverage Department after working the 1993 season with the Erie Sailors baseball club, of the New York – Penn League in Erie, PA. He was hired on full time prior to the 1995 season and held Director level roles in F & B, Group Sales, Promotions and Sales & Marketing.



In 1999, Mike was promoted to Assistant General Manager and then to General Manager in 2006 and remains in that position today. The title of Team President was added in 2011. Mike won the Texas League Executive of the Year Award in 2012. The Drillers organization has won Texas League Organization of the Year in 2013, 2014, 2017 & 2020. They have also won the Bob Freitas Award for best organization in Double-A baseball four times, most recently in 2019.

In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Drillers organization and ONEOK Field, Mike was instrumental in bringing professional soccer back to Tulsa when the Drillers organization purchased an expansion franchise in the United Soccer League and began play in 2015 as Tulsa Roughnecks FC. Mike also oversaw the Drillers' change in affiliation from the Colorado Rockies to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 2015.

Last Week's Meeting Recap

Dennis Glasscock gave a presentation on **Frankoma Pottery**. Mr. Glasscock purchased Frankoma after retiring from Phillips 66 as a Chemical Engineer. Since Frankoma's rebirth, the company has focused on safety of employees, paying tribute to their rich history, and developing new and innovative items.

The new showroom, office and facilities are located at 171st and Highway 75 in Glenpool. He invited club members to tour the facility. Hours are 10:30 am – 4:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Monday. They are also open from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm on Sundays.

To view some of their available items, or learn more about the company, please visit [Home - Frankoma Pottery Company](#)



Barney Tonquest shared this example of a Sunrise Rotary coffee mug produced by Frankoma Pottery.

Sunrise Foundation Board Election

Sunrise will elect the Foundation member-at-large at this week's (May 31) Sunrise Rotary Club meeting.

Based on Foundation Bylaws, a committee of past presidents has nominated two candidates. Nominees are Scott Cyrus and Randy Coffman. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Voting will be by paper ballot. Those attending the meeting via Zoom can cast ballots by texting their vote to (918) 527-3973 no later than 7:30 am. On May 31.

Corrections



Occasionally even the Funniser editor can make mistakes. Here are two corrections from past newsletters...

- 1) It was erroneously reported that **Carolyn McGhay** volunteers weekly with MSNI. She let me know that it is actually **Ellie Tonquest** who volunteers weekly.
- 2) It was also reported that **V.J. Lively** is a Grand Champion Ballroom dancer. That is incorrect. He is, in fact, a champion *Country and Western* dancer. Either way, that's impressive!

Club 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 for the club 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.

Upcoming Sunset Social



SUNSET SOCIAL
JUNE 10 Rotary Tulsa Sunrise **6:30P**
JOIN US AT THE BALLPARK
TULSA DRILLERS
TICKETS \$35/PERSON
Tickets Include:
Riverspirit Party Platform Seats,
Ballpark Dinner Buffet, and
Discounted Draft Beer
Sign Up with Reilly O'Hara

Sign up here:

[Sunset Social: Tulsa Drillers Game \(google.com\)](#)

Computer for Sale

It is not too late to purchase the club's laptop for only \$250. The computer is in good shape but doesn't handle Zoom satisfactorily for our needs. It is an ASUS model X55I 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. To purchase, or if you have questions, please contact **Mike Bibby**, at hogfanman@cox.net

Message from Dr. Komi Folly

Dear Rotarians,

It has been a long time since I have been away from you, and I miss you so much. I would like to share with you some of the good things that happened in Togo during the medical mission.

We were able to feed more than 1,000 children and provided medical and ophthalmologic treatments for them. We provided more than 2,000 baby delivery kits to pregnant women who

do not have access to the hospital and allowed them to have safe baby deliveries.

We did not forget to share the good news of the gospel with them. Many gave their lives to Jesus.

Dr. Folly



This is our medical mission team to Togo.



Some of the children they were able to feed and provide medical care.



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays: None

Rotary anniversaries: Scott (5/31, 23 yrs); Alex (6/2, 2yrs); Linda (5/29, 10 yrs)

Wedding anniversaries: Steve & Jan Care (5/30, 48 yrs); Bill Lawson & Greta Creekmore (5/29, 13 yrs)

Volunteerism in Action



Here is living proof that volunteering isn't all work and no play. There is a lot of fun to be had! Pictured are **Carolyn McGhay**, **Ellie Tonquest** and **Martha Lowe** at Joy in the Cause.



Need more proof? Here you go. **Bill**, **Janet**, **Megan**, **Jim C**, and **Joy** serving at Jenks Food Bank recently.

Words to Live By

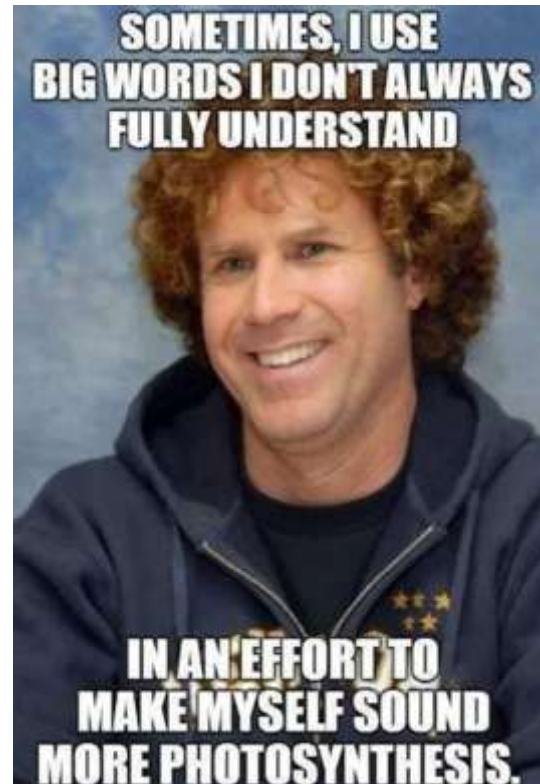
“The fewer people who know your business the better.”

-Harry Bosch

Thoughts to Ponder



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2022-23 Sunrise Club Board Members

President: Martha Lowe
Vice Pres: Megan Korn
Past President: Bill Bowen
Secretary: Bill Lawson
Treasurer: Mike Bibby
Sergeant-at-Arms: Clay Bartels
Dir Club Svc: Maggie Brown
& Alex London
Dir, Community Service: Janet Cheek
Dir, Vocational Service: Jeff Roberts
Dir, Int'l Service: Gifty Benson
& Komi Folly
Dir, Youth Service: Laura Garrett
Other Club Appointees:
RI Foundation Chair: Linda Ortega
Webmaster Carolyn McGhay
Secretary Engagement: Kit Sprague
Membership: Jessy Poole
& Reilly O'Hara
Funriser Editor: Bobby Schultz
Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)
2nd Tue ea month, 6P, 6110 ofcs &
virtual

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& Steve Care
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& Ellie Tonquest
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Dir, Vocational Service: Tim Holder
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Webmaster Carolyn McGhay
Secretary Engagement: (TBA)
Membership: Barbara Smallwood
Speaker Coordinator: Bob Archibald
Funriser Editor: Bobby Schultz
Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)
2nd Monday (beginning in July) monthly, 6P

2022-23 Sunrise Foundation Board Members

President: David Francis
Vice President: Don Wasson
Secretary: Mark Welty
Treasurer: Joy Ondracek
Past President: Barney Tonquest
Board Member: Rich Orvis
Club Liaison: Megan Korn
Board Meetings:
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Virtual via ZOOM
3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P
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