



Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise



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The Funriser

May 30, 2022

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



“Serve to Change Lives”



Weekly meetings at 7A, Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott, 71st/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=MRGZFZ1RDZTUzR3VjBrcU42cC9Ddz09>

Or Phone in: (346) 248-7799

Either way, Meeting ID: 890 3547 6180

Passcode: 359431

This Week’s Program & RoD

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

Future Programs

Jun 8: Jim Blackburn; **What Farming is Today**

RoD: Barney Tonquest

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

Jun 22: Robert Pickens: **“Mr. Murph Resurrection”** RoD: Jeff Roberts

Program Preview

David Spicer joined the staff of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the fall of 2020 as a Policy Advisor in the Department of Migration and Refugee Services. In this role, Spicer provides the Conference and the Bishops with policy analysis and recommendations on immigration issues, represents the Conference in coalition work and at national and international meetings on these subjects, and, as required, delivers congressional testimony, reports, advocacy papers, backgrounders, and action alerts.

Since assuming his position, Spicer has overseen two amicus briefs. The first, *Trump v. New York*, involved the Trump Administration's

stated policy of excluding undocumented persons from the decennial census data used for congressional apportionment. The second brief was for *Pekoske v. Innovation Law Lab* (formerly *Wolf v. Innovation Law Lab*), which hinged on the legality of the Migration Protection Protocols (MPP).

Spicer was awarded a summer fellowship opportunity from the Notre Dame Program on Church, State & Society while a student.

"Notre Dame's Catholic character was always my primary motivation when it came to where I would attend law school. Any school can produce competent lawyers, but very few institutions see the law as a solemn vocation and cultivate that view in the minds and hearts of those they serve. This is what sets Notre Dame apart from its peers, and it's what allows ambitious enterprises, such as the Program on Church, State & Society, to thrive. I'm indebted to the Program—and its generous benefactors—for the opportunity to work at the USCCB while in law school. Otherwise, I never would have made the lasting connections and gained the valuable experience necessary to secure such an impactful position," said Spicer.

Rotarian of the Day



Gifty Benson is a retired Pediatric Dentist and teaches college courses part time on Human Anatomy, Human Physiology and Biology in Oklahoma. She is also the head and founder a nonprofit group *African Hospitals Foundation*, which

is 501c3 accredited. Their mission is to build and refurbish clinics in the rural areas of Ghana, West Africa to reduce morbidity and mortality.

Gifty became a Rotarian because I want to be relevant and serve her local and international communities. She has a black belt in karate and enjoys going to the gym. She attends Christ Presbyterian in Tulsa.

Gifty's contributions to the club and the world in her capacity as Sunrise's sitting International Services Director cannot be overstated – she is helping to accomplish so much good!

Your Part

- **Save that date and tell your friends: Appetizers for Autism will take place on August 11.**
- **Every Rotarian Every Year – Please go on MyRotary before June 30 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** - 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 (This Saturday!): Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch, 9 - 11 or 12.** Lunch sometimes.
- **3rd Thursday of each month: Sunrise Rotary Foundation Board** monthly meetings via Zoom at 6:30P. Zoom only until further notice.

Club Presidents Common Email Practice

Our Club Presidents probably have more Rotary email traffic than anyone else in Sunrise. Obviously they have personal lives, and unless retired they have business lives too. Lots of priorities and communications to juggle.

Some choose to establish a specific Rotary email address to keep Rotary biz separate from everything else. Incoming Prez Martha has done exactly that, and asks that ONLY the following address be used please. Delete any other email addresses you have on file for her. Thank you.

mlowe.sunrise2022@gmail.com

Help Create Funriser Content by Jessy Poole

Kit and Jessy paired up to bring you this content week in and week out for nearly 50 editions now. Kit's always on top of his end with formatting and distributing the newsletter, including comics, and

putting out e-blasts. Jessy is spread thin and this leads to numerous gaps in reporting. For example, no update on the pot o' gold has made it in for some time...Birthdays, anniversaries, hello!?! We need some guest editors or beat reporters for the upcoming Rotary year. Rotary projects are always more fun, and function better the more people get involved. Reach out to Jessy if you're interested. We can talk about a once-monthly commitment that would keep members well informed without asking the world of any one person. Jessyipool@gmail.com.

Update on the Editorship by Kit Sprague

This amends Jessy's article above. I have learned that there is another Sunriser who likes to write and who'd be happy to actually have Jessy's job as Editor. Will that person officially ask Club Service for the position? Will Jessy let it go? Or will Jessy just "hire" the volunteer for some part-time work? Tune in again next week to see what happens!

What You Missed Last Week

- We had a very interesting **program about Route 66**, nationwide efforts to restore its heritage, and its landmarks. Fascinating!



***Bobby Schultz** might have set a record for shortest turnaround from new Sunriser to Paul Harris Fellow!*



James Elridge, proposed by David McCollum, became our newest Sunriser.

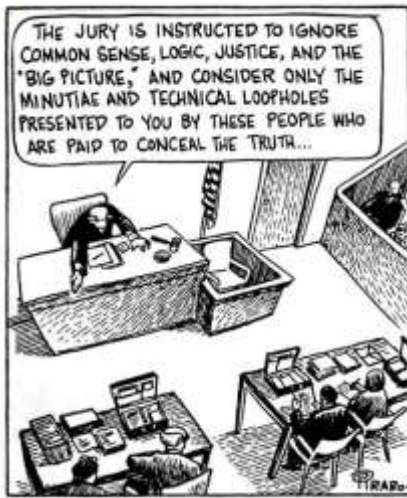
Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays: None this week

Wedding Anniversaries: Steve & Jan Care (5/30, 47 yrs); Carolyn & Jim McGhay (6/5, ? yrs)

Rotary Anniversaries: Scott (5/31, 22yrs); Alex (6/2, 1 yr); Tamara (6/5, 20 yrs)

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Another



And...



More?

You never appreciate something until it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

Last One

And just like that, 1969 and Woodstock were over 50 years ago.

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
- Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Foundation, Inc.
- PO Box 701391
- Tulsa, OK 74170-1391

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- 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 McGhay
- Secretary Attendance Kit Sprague
- Membership: Jessy Poole
- Funriser Editor: Jessy Poole
- Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)
- 2ndTue ea month, 6P, Marriott & virtual