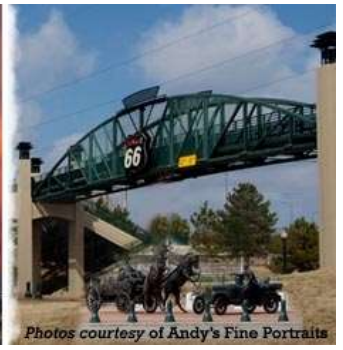




Rotary Club of Tulsa Sunrise



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The Funriser

July 25, 2022

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

"Imagine Rotary"

Weekly meetings at 7A, Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott, 71st/Lewis, & 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

It's All about A4A

A little ways below you will find information on this week's exciting Sunrise meeting program, but first, we are pleased to feature a detailed roundup of everything you need to know about Appetizers for Autism but were afraid to ask, or simply might not have caught previously.

A4A: All the Info You Need in One Location

By Barney Tonquest

Well then, here we are, less than three weeks from **Appetizers for Autism**, our first fundraiser in nearly three years. Just to make sure we have all the info we need to help others make an informed decision on whether to be a sponsor or buy tickets and bring a few friends, here are the questions one might ask about our event:

Who? Sunrise Rotarians and our guests, all of whom want to lessen autism's impact on families and individuals.

What? Appetizers for Autism is a fundraiser to support individuals and their families on the autism spectrum.

When? August 11, 2022, Beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Where? Mike Fretz Event Center at the Home Builders Association of Tulsa
11545 East 43rd Street, Tulsa
(located just east of 43rd & S. Garnett)

Why? This is an event supporting and honoring individuals and organizations that have brought awareness and appreciation of autism to our community!

How? Sponsors and Tickets purchasers can pay by either check or credit card.

To Pay by Check:

Purchasers attach their checks to a completed Sponsor Form and either give it to the soliciting Sunriser or mail it to:

Tulsa Sunrise Rotary Foundation
P.O. Box 701391
Tulsa, OK 74170

Or, to pay by credit card:

Click on or copy the following, paste it to your web browser and follow the simple instructions:

<https://sunriserotary.schoolauction.net/appetizers4autism/homepages/show>

Conclusion? Let's close the deal and treat Sunrisers and our guests to a fun, rewarding evening!

If you have a sponsorship question, suggestion or a prospect you think our sponsor team should contact, please contact Barney Tonquest at 918-740-8885 or bgt.rotary@gmail.com

2022 AUTISM IMPACT AWARDS

Adult Achievement Award:

Anthony "Tony" Tinervia

Tony Tinervia is a Tulsan with Asperger's Syndrome. He created the "Autism Birthday Club of the World" with a dream of ensuring that children with Autism receive a birthday card on their special day each year. Since January 2018 Anthony's birthday card club has grown to reach more than 4,000 children across the globe.

Adult Achievement Award: Patrick Hamblin

Patrick is a college student on the autism spectrum. As a senior in the RiverHawks Scholar Program at Northeastern State University, he has worked incredibly hard at NSU to overcome many of the challenges of autism. Patrick lives independently on campus, has a job, and is loved and respected on campus and in the Scholar Program.

Individual Service Award: Sondia Bell

Sondia Bell is described as a mother with a vision and plan of inclusion for children with autism. She **found Jacob's Bridge to Learning, Inc., a not-for-profit organization with the mission "to enrich the lives of children and teens with Autism by linking them with a certified parishioner so they may have equal learning opportunities to attend private and public schools."** Sondia created the organization when her need for care of her son with autism affected her employment.

Organizational Service Award:

The Griffin Promise Autism Clinic

The Griffin Promise Autism Clinic's mission is to provide HOPE to individuals with social developmental disorders and their caregivers through therapy, training, summer camps, and community outreach. They focus on more than just therapy but also provide training for educators, parents, and caregivers. They offer multiple programs, including Summer Camps, educator training, food therapy, parent training and special events, such as "Quiet Trick or Treat".

Thank you for supporting Appetizers for Autism! Click [HERE](#) to buy tickets, sponsor or make donations!

This Week's Program & RoD

Nancy Belzley – **The Pencil Box**, Tulsa
RoD: Reilly O'Hara

Future Programs

Aug 3: Club Assembly. RoD: Pres Martha Lowe

Aug 10: A4A final exam RoD: Megan Korn

Aug 17: Justin Harlan, Managing Director, Tulsa Remote RoD: Laura Garrett

Program Preview

Nancy Belzley is founder and Executive Director of The Pencil Box. Their website gives the following description of their mission and program: Every child deserves equal opportunity and access to a quality education regardless of where they were born. Our mission is to empower students, equalize the classroom, and give hope for a brighter future by offering school supplies,

educational tools, and incentive items necessary for successful learning.

According to the 2022 Oklahoma State Department of Education Low Income Report, **50% of students enrolled in Tulsa County public schools live at or below the Federal Poverty Level.** The Pencil Box Impact Survey 2021 reported 70% of students attending public schools in Tulsa County arrive on the first day of school without all the requested and necessary supplies, 78% do not have adequate school supplies at home to complete schoolwork, and 82% of the families are unable to provide replacement supplies for their children at the start of the second semester.

Tulsa County teachers report spending an average of \$500 out of pocket every year on students and classroom supplies. (Oklahoma Education Association) Working together, we can ensure all students have an equal opportunity to learn and the supplies necessary for success, while eliminating the need for teachers to spend their own money to bridge the need.

At The Pencil Box, teachers from eligible schools can select supplies specific to the needs of their students and classroom learning experiences. We provide a wide variety of supplies, including the core supplies like books, crayons, paper, scissors, pens and pencils, as well as enrichment and incentive items that teachers can use to motivate and inspire student engagement.

Rotarian of the Day

Reilly was born and raised in Plano, TX. She graduated from Hebron High School in Carrollton, TX. Reilly went on to attend Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and graduated with a B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant



Administration in 2019. After graduation, she went to work for Marriott Hotels in Houston until COVID-19 hit in March 2020. Amid the pandemic, she made her way to Tulsa. She had made a home in Tulsa and found various ways to be involved in her new community through volunteering with the Gathering Place and Reading Partners and of course, joining Sunrise Rotary!

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Appetizers for Autism: August 11, 5:30pm; Mike Fretz Event Center (Home Builder's Association).

<https://sunriserotary.schoolauction.net/appetizers4autism/homepages/show>

First Saturday each month: Tulsa Hills Youth Ranch, 9 - 11 or 12. Lunch sometimes.

Third Saturday of every month: 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.**

Coins – Good cash, or just an annoyance?

by Kit

Have you noticed in stores that keep a “penny pool” by the register there are often nickels, dimes, and even quarters in it? Apparently many people just don’t like to be bothered with change any more. Is that you? Here’s a way to do some good with those coins.

Every time you leave your home, take no coins with you. Then bring home any coins you acquire in change while shopping. Every Wednesday morning, bring those accumulated coins to our meeting and put them in the Polio Plus jar. You’re rid of all the week’s change on one trip, and you’ve gotten us a little closer to defeating polio. Win-win, right?

NEEDED: TREASURER IN TRAINING

Still Looking ...

Some one of you would make a terrific Sunrise Treasurer. Mike has done his time and then some; he deserves to retire. But there has to be a replacement up and running – he can’t just walk away from this key position. Are you up to the challenge?

For Those with Hearing Aids *by Kit*

Many Sunrisers wear hearing aids, me included. In my case, even with the aids, I often struggle to hear our announcements and program, especially when the speaker is on Zoom. Such was the case this last week, and near the end of the program, I had an idea. If your hearing aids, like mine, are Bluetoothed to your phone, why not tune in to the meeting on Zoom and listen direct in your hearing aids? It seems to me that might help even when the speaker is in the room – perhaps for the whole meeting once it starts at 7. I’m going to give that a try next meeting to see how it works out.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

Rotary Anniversaries: Gifty (7/25, 4 yrs); Maggie (7/31, 1 yr)

Words to Live By

Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Laffs R Us

Aliens probably fly by earth and lock their doors.

Another

Teach your kids about taxes. Eat 30% of their ice cream.

Last One

Remember when you could refer to your knees as right and left....instead of good and bad?

2022-23 Sunrise Club Board Members

President: Martha Lowe
Vice Pres: Megan Korn
Past President: Bill Bowen
Secretary: Bill Lawson
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Dir, Int’l Service: () & Komi Folly
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RI Foundation Chair: Linda Ortega
Webmaster Carolyn McGhay
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Membership: Jessy Poole & Reilly O’Har
Funriser Editor: Jessy Poole
Board Meetings: (unless chg notified)
2nd Tue ea month, 6P, Marriott & virtual

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