



# The Funriser

Aug 28, 2023

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

“Imagine Rotary”

## Weekly meetings: Wed at 6:45 AM Tandy YMCA at 51<sup>st</sup> 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

## This Week's Program

**What's Up in District 2**, County Commissioner  
Karen Keith. RoD: Bill Lawson

## Future Programs

**Sep 6: RI Foundation**, Linda Ortega, who is also  
our RoD.

**Sep 13: Appetizers for Autism (Planning and  
Organization)**, Jeff Roberts & Reilly O'Hara (Also  
our RoDs)

## Upcoming Events

- **Aug 15-30 Foundation fundraiser via Pampered Chef** (See attached flier)
- **Aug 31 – Pencil Box**
- **Sep 10 – Coffee Bunker 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** (See attached flier)
- **Sep 21 – Junior Achievement Blood Drive.** (See attached flier.)
- **Sep 23, Oct 25, Dec 13 – Membership Days (Watch this space)**
- **Oct 9 – RYLA apps due**
- **Nov 2 – Appetizers for Autism**
- **Nov 11 – MSNI Workday**

## Ongoing Monthly Events

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday: Club Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday\*: Foundation Board Meeting**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Jenks Food Bank.**

## This Week's Program:

**Karen Keith** has been serving as Tulsa County Commissioner for District 2 since 2008 and is currently serving her 4th four-year term. Karen grew up in Muskogee where she was active in 4-H and graduated Muskogee High School in 1972. She put herself through college with scholarships and a variety of jobs, graduating in 1976 from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Radio, TV-News and Public Affairs.



Prior to her public service work, Karen spent 26 years in broadcasting, with 21 years at KJRH as an anchor, reporter, executive producer and host of "Oklahoma Living." In 2002, Karen became Director of Community Relations and Vision implementation for Tulsa Mayor Bill LaFortune. Following her service at City Hall, Keith worked for the Tulsa Metro Chamber of Commerce as the Director of Partnership Development for the Tulsa Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Karen is married to Patrick Malloy, a Tulsa attorney, and as a member of the Rotary Club of Tulsa, she served as its 100th president in 2013-2014.

On August 13, Karen announced that she is running for Mayor of Tulsa. The election will take place in August, 2024.

## From the Podium

- Megan presented Linda Ortega with her Paul Harris+8 Pin –Congratulations, Linda!



- Jeff said the *Appetizers for Autism* “Save the Date” postcards are here & ready for you to mail to your prospective guests and sponsors. Our A4A Fundraiser is only about two months away – Thursday, November 2nd!
- Papmpered Chef Fundraiser: We are currently at a donation of \$222 to the Foundation and we did reach 30% donation of all products bought! Orders are due this Wednesday.



- Scott Cyrus showed photo of Dr. Stan Grogg proudly modeling his new OSU Med Center t-shirt.
- Megan reminded everyone about the Pencil Box Volunteer opportunity this Thursday, August 31st – 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

She says it's a relaxed event.

- The Coffee Bunker's annual fundraiser is Sunday, September 10th, from 1-4 pm.
- Sunrise received a thank-you letter from the Lemon-Aid Project for our donation of \$1,000 from our Sunrise Foundation.

### Pot O'Gold

Well, we all knew that sooner or later, Bill Lawson would pull the Joker and win the Pot O'Gold. Last Wednesday, he did! All \$230 of it! Congratulations, Bill.

### Last Week's Program by Barney Tonquest Assistance League of Tulsa

Last week's guest speaker was **Marianne Pickering**, who chairs *Operation School Bell*, a project of Tulsa's Assistance League (ALT). She noted that ALT is a 501(c)3 non-profit volunteer organization having about 270 members who have given nearly 35,000 hours of service to the Tulsa community.

Founded in 1967, ALT is an all-volunteer organization whose goal is to put caring and

commitment into action. Marianne emphasized that with so many people today struggling to feed their families or just make ends meet, the need is greater than ever.



### *Operation School Bell* is ALT's

signature philanthropic project, helping Tulsa County public school-age children. In all cases, school counselors identify families who need assistance.

- Elementary school students and parents in need can go to the ALT building (on 31st Street, just east of Yale) and select two new school uniforms, including shoes. They can also shop for a casual outfit, including shoes, socks, underwear, coat & gloves, hygiene kits and books. In special cases, ALT volunteers can meet needy students with their parents or guardians at an area WalMart to obtain other budgeted items they need.
- High School & Middle School counselors at qualified schools maintain an on-campus “clothes closet,” supplied by ALT, which provides students in need with clothing and other necessities.
- More than 23,000 students are helped by *Operation School Bell*, indicating its impact on lives of Tulsa area students.

ALT receives no funding from federal, state or local government agencies and is not a United Way Agency. *Operation School Bell* and their other philanthropic programs are funded through grants, individual donations and proceeds received from ALT's 31st Street *Bargains Thrift Shop*, which Marianne said is full of unexpected treasures. The Thrift Shop welcomes gently used clothing, jewelry, linens, antiques, books and furniture, with new merchandise being “put on the floor every day and priced to sell.” Donations are accepted during store hours (Tues., Thurs. & Sat. from 10 am to 2 pm) and all are tax deductible.

Whether you shop, donate, or do both, you are helping to make a difference in the lives of school children in need.

### **2023 RYLA**

October 2023 RYLA Volunteer Positions are officially open for staff and chaperones. Apply via the links below. Please share with your tribe members from the spring asap. Have an awesome day!

CIT, Chief, Leadership, and Media Staff

<https://forms.gle/BhQ2eDxCakMJDw6h6>

Chaperones

<https://forms.gle/x1toiR7dGbTref2EA>

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays:** Tamara (9/2); Carol (8/30)

### **Sunrise Rotary Website Q-Code**

For easy access to our website, simply use this handy Q-Code.



### **2023-24 Sunrise Club Board Members**

**President:** Megan Korn

**Vice Pres:** Jeff Roberts

**Past President:** Martha Lowe

**Secretary:** Bill Lawson

**Treasurer:** Kit Sprague & Randy Coffman

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Jessy Poole & Steve Care

**Dir Club Svc:** Maggie Brown & Ellie Tonquest

**Dir, Community Service:** Janet Cheek

**Dir, Vocational Service:** Tim Holder

**Dir, Int'l Service:** Gifty Benson

**Dir, Youth Service:** Reilly O'Hara

**Other Club Appointees:**

**RI Foundation Chair:** Linda Ortega

**Speaker Coordination:** Bob Archibald

**Webmaster:** Carolyn McGhay

**Secretary Engagement:** Carolyn McGhay

**Membership:** Barbara Smallwood

**Funriser Editor:** Bobby Schultz

### **2023-24 Sunrise Foundation Board Members**

**President:** Mark Welty

**Vice President:** Rich Orvis

**Secretary:** Carolyn McGhay

**Treasurer:** Joy Ondracek

**Past President:** David Francis

**Board Member:** Scott Cyrus

**Club Liaison:** Jeff Roberts

**Board Meetings:**

(unless change notified)

Virtual via ZOOM

3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P

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