

## The Funriser

Sep 2, 2024

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

“The Magic of 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

**Tulsa Foundation for Architecture, Amber Litwack**  
RoD: Bill Bowen

### Future Programs

**Sep 11: Tonquest Reception.** RoD: Bobby Schultz

**Sep 18: The Demand Project. Jamie Miller.**

RoD: Reilly O'Hara.

**Sep 25: Donor Advised Funds, Jon Care.** RoD: Joy Ondracek

### Our Speaker This Week

Amber Litwack, PhD has served as the Executive Director of Tulsa Foundation for Architecture (TFA) since August 2021. Prior to joining TFA, Litwack served as Director of Education and Exhibitions at ahha Tulsa (formerly the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa) for over a decade. As part of ahha's Executive Leadership Team, she developed and oversaw key organizational initiatives, including THE EXPERIENCE, a large-scale immersive exhibition, THE STUDIO, a fine arts focused maker space, and Any Given Child-Tulsa, a national partnership among the John F. Kennedy Center in D.C., The City of Tulsa, Tulsa Public Schools, and 14 Tulsa arts and cultural institutions. Litwack brings to this role over 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and has extensive



experience in program development and evaluation, community partnerships, fundraising, strategic planning, and public presentation.

Additionally, Litwack serves as an Adjunct Professor in The Graduate School of Museum Studies at The University of Tulsa.

Litwack is an active member of the Tulsa community. She has served on a variety of nonprofit boards and committees and has held various volunteer jobs. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors for 108 Contemporary, Goff Fest, and serves as a city Commissioner on Tulsa's Route 66 Commission. At the state level, Litwack served on the Oklahoma Arts and Education Task Force and has acted as a grant review panelist for The Oklahoma Arts Council for the past eight years.

Litwack has been recognized extensively for her work. Highlights include being named as a "Woman of Distinction" by *Tulsa Business and Legal News*, being named a "Change Maker" by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, and being recognized by *Oklahoma Magazine* as a "Top 40 Under 40" young professional in Oklahoma.

Additionally, two Programs directed by Litwack have won Oklahoma Governor's Arts Awards.

Litwack holds a BFA in Graphic Design and a BA in Art History from The University of Tulsa, a MA in Arts Education from The University of Tulsa and a PhD in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Research, Evaluation, Measurement, and Statistics from Oklahoma State University. In 2015, she completed a Project Zero Fellowship at The Harvard Graduate School of Education. A lifelong learner, Litwack recently completed Oklahoma Center for Community Justice's Inclusive Leadership Institute, and Nonprofit Management Certification through the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits.

Litwack proudly resides in an historic home in one of Tulsa's oldest neighborhoods with her husband, Zach, an Emmy Award winning filmmaker, and her rescue Boston Terrier, Monroe. In her free time, Litwack enjoys traveling, creating art in a variety of mediums, reading, and searching vintage stores for one-of-a-kind treasures from decades past.

### This week's RoD: Bill Bowen

Classification: Emergency Medical Physician. Bill was raised in Tulsa, an Edison HS and OSU grad. He graduated from medical school from the university of Oklahoma. He did post graduate training at North Carolina Baptist hospital in North Carolina He has worked his entire career in Emergency medicine and recently retired from the ER and is working at urgent care in Tulsa He and his wife Karen have 3 grown daughters and recently welcomed their first grandchild.



### Ongoing Monthly Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday: Club Board Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Foundation Board Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: Jenks Food Bank.

### Other Upcoming Events

- Sep 19 - (tentative) – Board retreat
- Sep 21 – Walk to End Alzheimer's. See 8/18 blast for details.
- Oct, date tba – Pencil Box

### From the Podium

- Martha told us of lots of community service opportunities – LemonAid this weekend (last day as you read this), Walk to End Alzheimer's (9/21), and Pencil Box coming in October.
- Jeff reminded us about the Board Meeting tomorrow evening.

### Last Week's Program

Our own Larry Babb told us about the importance of planning ahead for your own demise, to ease the burden on those you leave behind. He also explained ways to potentially save some money with advance funeral planning.

### Pot of Gold

Barbara had the ticket alright, but that slippery joker got away again. The pot is pushing \$500!

### Birthdays & Anniversaries this week

**Birthdays:** Tamara (9/2)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Rich & Bev Orvis (9/4, 53 yrs)

**Rotary Anniversaries:** None this week

### Lemon-Aid Sunrise Volunteers by Martha Lowe

What a fun time to be a Rotarian as we put Service Above Self volunteering at The Lemon-Aid Project. We sold lemonade and told folks about the children all over Tulsa selling lemonade to help women with children who were once homeless and now are at Lindsay House where they receive guidance and support.

Club President Jeff Roberts, Youth Services Director Jessy Poole, and Community Services Director Martha Lowe crossed paths at the Kick-off of The Lemon Project at Mother Load Market Friday. We drank lemonade, had a glass of a special lemonade drink offered at the market, played punch board, and won some fun prizes! Here is Martha with Katie Eller Murray, The Lemon-Aid project Founder, and happy volunteers, and Jeff, Jessy, and Martha enjoying lemonade!

On Labor Day Linda Ortega, Joy Ondracek, and Martha Lowe met at Southwood Garden Center, helped run the lemonade stand and share the word about The Lemonade Project. Here they are with Katie and her 5 year old daughter, Adira who actually ran the stand all by herself!







### On a More Serious Note, We Were This Close

*By Jeff Roberts*

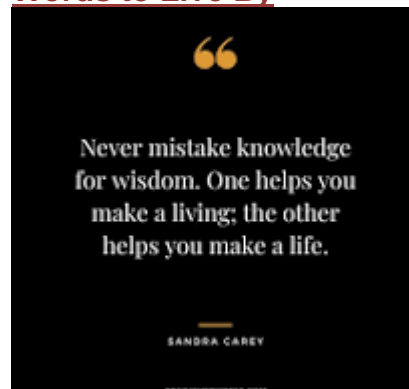
Key word here: “were”. Unfortunately, with the ongoing war in Gaza, a case of polio has been discovered and experts worry that hundreds more may have been infected but aren't yet showing symptoms.

The UN plan to vaccinate Gaza's young against polio: 3 days, 640,000 children, 1.3M doses.

[https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-gaza-polio-who-vaccinations-3acaa0dcf9744810c51032f45e609a2f?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=share](https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-gaza-polio-who-vaccinations-3acaa0dcf9744810c51032f45e609a2f?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=share)



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President Lincoln was approached by a woman after a political speech... If you were my husband I would poison your tea. Lincoln replied...if you were my wife I'll gladly drink it.

What do you call a dog with no legs?  
It doesn't matter, he's not going to come anyway.

Working in a mirror factory is something I can totally see myself doing.

#### **2024-25 Sunrise Foundation Board Members**

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(unless change notified)  
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3rd Thurs ea month, 6:30P  
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**Meeting ID:** 884 2780 8006  
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#### **2024-25 Sunrise Committee Chairs**

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1<sup>st</sup> Tues ea month  
Watch for location(s)