

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge Celebrating 75 Years

Club Meeting

Oak Ridge
Meets at DoubleTree by Hilton
Hotel
215 S. Illinois Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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Special Announcements

Community Service Project Needs Your Help:

The Community Service team has a timeline to comply with, and the funding requires us to complete this service project by June 15th.

We need individuals with skills in landscaping and closet shelving which can be separate or scheduled at separate times. Once Ada gets some people who are interested, she can reach out and get things rolling.

Service Project: We have been connected with a woman who is having a home built through Habitat for Humanity. She will be helping us design, and we will be shopping for some plants and doing the landscaping. It was recommended that we visit Willow Ridge to get their expertise, so we will make a trip there and then have a Saturday work day to do the landscaping work.

We may be able to do the shelving all on the same day, but that might require another trip and a new work day to complete the installation.

Right Now We Need: People that are interested in getting involved. You will get an email for sign-up opportunity and select the best dates to do the work.

Ada's cell phone is honestly the best way to reach her - better if it is a text as she answers those very quickly at 423-384-8232. But email and phone calls work too.

Urgent Need!!

For the next Rotary year, the club is searching for someone to be the Community Service Director. Wendie is currently the Director and has offered to assist as needed. If you are interested, give JR your name, 865 384 7049.

William T. Sergeant Vocational Services Award

Attached please find the application for the William T. Sergeant Vocational Services Award as well as the list of prior recipients. This is the most prestigious award this club presents each year. The purpose of the award is to recognize a person who has enriched our community through exemplary service within and/or through that person's vocation.

Below are the suggested requirements:

- The recipient must be a person whose vocational service has been exemplary; whose talents have been used for the good of the community, the region or society, beyond normal expectations; and whose work has been recognized as substantial.
- The recipient must be highly respected and must have been so recognized by vocational peers.
- The recipient's vocational service must have enhanced the Oak Ridge community. Although the recipient is normally of the Oak Ridge professional community, this criterion does not preclude making this award to a



[David Rankin](#)
Club Youth
Exchange Officer



[Curtis Scott Jamison](#)
iPast President

person whose professional activities have been elsewhere as well as in Oak Ridge.

- The recipient may be a Rotarian or a non-Rotarian, and the award can be presented posthumously.

We kindly request members to submit the enclosed **form to JR Hertwig in-person or via e-mail at JRHertwig@gmail.com NO LATER THAN May 30th.**

[Form for William T Sergeant Vocational Service Award](#)

[Past Receiptants](#)

Invocation Schedule

May 8th Nicole Eckert

May 15th Jennifer Anderson

May 22nd Leslie England

May 29th Fifth Thursday

June 5th John Gunning

June 12th Davis Hendricks

Upcoming Meetings

May 8th

[How to Make AI Work for You](#)

Speaker: Andrew Ditmer

Subject: How to Make AI Work for You

May 15th

[Oak Ridge Interact](#)

Speaker: Oak Ridge Interact Students

Subject: Oak Ridge Interact

May 22nd

[TBA](#)

Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA

May 29th

[5th Thursday No Meeting](#)

June 5th

[TBA](#)

Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA

June 12th

[TBA](#)

Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA

Birthdays

Jack L. Bailey Jr.

May 8th

Anniversaries

[No Years Of Service this Week](#)

This Week's Program

Andrew Ditmer: How to Make AI Work for You

Andrew is an AI Advisory Consultant at Provisions Group and a Director AI Specialist at Microsoft. Andrew has leveraged his 14 plus years of experience in the tech industry to provide innovative solutions for various clients. Andrew has a strong background in computer science and military science, which enables him to understand the complex needs of diverse organizations. His skills include generative AI, Microsoft Azure, and advisory, which is used to develop and implement cutting-edge AI projects. Andrew is passionate about applying AI to solve real-world problems and create value for businesses and society.



Last Week's Program

Beth Hickman: What You Thought You Knew about Parliamentary Procedure

As Clerk for the City of Oak Ridge, Beth Hickman maintains legislative records, oversees the processing and maintenance of ordinances, and ensures all laws of the city are current. This work fosters community engagement and accountability in city processes. The records are very important. For example, sometimes it is necessary to go to older records to determine why certain decisions were made before moving forward to new business.

Hickman discussed Parliamentary Procedure as described in Robert's Rules of Order. She told the group that Parliamentary Procedure helps make meetings more organized; promotes cooperation and harmony; ensures members have equal rights, privileges, and obligations; and facilitates the efficient transaction of business. The Principles of Parliamentary Procedure include: discussing only one subject at a time, allowing full and free discussion of each idea presented (including possible amendments), treating all members with justice and courtesy, carrying out the rules of the majority while respecting the rights of the minority.

Hickman is a registered Parliamentarian and works with a number of organizations to help them



perform more efficiently. She provided a “cheat sheet.” She volunteered to help organizations. Her email address is: bethhickman301@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Club Events

- **May 29th:** Fifth Thursday Social @ 201 Cafe w. GenX4Fun

District Events

- **May 17th** - Club Leadership Learning Assembly - Location TBA

Community Events

- TBA



This Month's Rotary Theme

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YOUTH
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"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." - PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99

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