

### Club Meeting

Oak Ridge  
Meets at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
215 S. Illinois Avenue  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
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### Invocation Schedule

**May 19th**  
Invocation: Jennifer Anderson

**May 26th**  
Invocation: Leslie England

**June 2nd**  
Invocation: Charlie Hensley

**June 9th**  
Invocation: JR Hertwig

**June 16th**  
Invocation: Scott Jamison

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Invocation: Cyndi Jeffers

### Upcoming Meetings

### THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



### District News & Events

As of May 5, there have been 3 confirmed cases of polio in 2022. The first occurred in Afghanistan on January 14, the last two in Pakistan on April 9 and April 14. At this point last year there had been 2 cases, so we've fallen a bit behind. The total for all of 2021 stands at 6 (4 in Afghanistan, 1 in Pakistan and 1 in Malawi).

Our **District Golf Tournament** was held on April 21 at the Indian Hills Golf Course in Murfreesboro and **raised \$9,000 for PolioPlus**. Many thanks to Chair David Sergeant and to all who helped with, sponsored, or participated in this annual event.

Our 2021-22 District Conference "Together Again" was a big success, and it was great to see so many of you there. The **Silent Auction raised \$6,000 for PolioPlus**. Thanks again to all who contributed baskets or other items, and also to those who purchased these items. Finally, a special thanks to Brenda Thornburg and Tammy Saylor for all their help during the District Conference.

Our 12th annual **"Pack the Park to End Polio Now!"** is set for August 9 at Smokies Stadium in Kodak, TN. details to follow.

### Special Announcements

#### William T. Sergeant Vocational Service Award

The William T. Sergeant Vocational Service Award is the highest honor our Rotary Club presents each year. It is time to begin accepting nominations for the 2022 award, and we hope you will thoughtfully consider nominating a deserving candidate. The award will be presented during the Club meeting on June 16, 2022, so submit your nominations ASAP!

Please use this link to submit nominations to the committee:

<https://forms.gle/bAXdCAMQcoKiHdca9>.

Below is the purpose and criteria for the award.

Purpose: To recognize a person who has enriched our community through exemplary service within and/or through that person's vocation.

- 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 his/her vocational peers.
- The recipient's vocational service must have enhanced Oak Ridge or the broader community (nation or world).
- The recipient may be a Rotarian or a non-Rotarian, and the award may be presented posthumously.

May 19th  
**Stroke Signs & Symptoms**  
Speaker: Tracy Dwight  
RN/Allyson Holt RN  
May 26th  
**ORNL Summer Sessions**  
Speaker: Colin Anderson  
June 2nd  
**College Founders & Brad Sturm Memorial Scholarships**  
Speaker: J.R. Hertwig  
June 9th  
**Fun with Foundation!**  
Speaker: Cyndi Jeffers

## 75 for the 75th Update

Last week at the May 12 meeting, the following community advocates were honored as Paul Harris Fellows:  
Cindy Boshears  
Carolyn Dipboye  
Nancy Kile  
Don Carlson



## Birthdays

Jeff Phillips  
May 23rd  
Shannon Ochiltree  
May 25th

## Anniversaries

Robert Scott Smith  
05-21-2015  
7 Years  
Emily Rice  
05-23-2019  
3 Years

### A note about Don Carlson from Cyndi Jeffers-

Don Carlson was sponsored for PHF recognition by Tom & Pat Row. He has served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity, Montessori Center of Oak Ridge and Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge. He was also involved with the Willowbrook Elementary PTO, Boys & Girls Club, AYSO, and Business Networking International. He was a volunteer at the Cedar Hill Playground rebuild project. Don owned and operated Carlson's Clock Repair, and retired into substitute teaching in Oak Ridge Schools, where he was known as the "Singing Sub". Don, Tom Row and I worked together on the Habitat board and on several builds, so I know first-hand what a genuinely compassionate person he is. He is a four-time cancer survivor and is currently recovering from a stroke, so it was my pleasure to personally present him with his PHF honors on May 3. Congratulations, Don!

## Upcoming Club Events

### Flatwater Tales Tickets Now Available

Discounted early bird tickets for the Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival, featuring three world renowned storytellers, are now available for the June 4 afternoon and evening performances. This popular annual event will return live at the Historic Grove Theater in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The two-day event will feature storytellers [Sheila Arnold](#), [Bil Lepp](#) and [Kim Weitkamp](#) known to audiences nationwide for their wit, wisdom and abilities to make audiences laugh, cry and reminisce. A workshop by [Bil Lepp](#) has been added on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Highlighting the Friday night performance will be acclaimed storyteller [Sheila Arnold](#) who will tell the story of the Scarboro 85, the 85 brave young people from Oak Ridge who were the first to desegregate a school district in the South. Few people know of this 1955 milestone event that took place in Oak Ridge. Sheila will honor the Scarboro 85 with her story "The Secret City's Secret City: Scarboro." Storytellers [Bil Lepp](#) and [Kim Weitkamp](#) will also perform Friday evening.

A first-time special event has been added to this year's Flatwater Tales. Oak Ridge Historian Ray Smith will lead a tour of some historic Oak Ridge sites on Friday, June 3 at 1 p.m. Tickets for this free tour are available on [Eventbrite](#). The event is FREE but registration is required. Learn the history of Oak Ridge by spending the afternoon with Ray.

Please visit the [Eventbrite ticket page](#) for show times and details!

The Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival is led by volunteers from all three Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs.



## This Week's Program

### Stroke Signs and Symptoms

Stroke is the leading cause of disability and the 5th leading cause of death in the U.S. In this week's presentation, Laurel Bivens, NP, will discuss the types of stroke more closely. She will discuss what can be done to help prevent a stroke and review warning signs of stroke.

Laurel Bivens is a board certified nurse practitioner who earned her initial nursing degree from Roane State Community College. She then went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees from King University in Bristol, Tennessee. She has worked as a registered nurse in the neuro-critical care unit, the operating room, and the emergency room prior to becoming a nurse practitioner.

As a nurse practitioner, Mrs. Bivens trained with a hospitalist and critical care group serving patients at Parkwest Medical Center and Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. She then trained with the exceptional group of neurologists at Fort Sanders Comprehensive Stroke Center for over 2 and half years. She worked closely with critical care neurologists, neurosurgeons, and neuro-interventional radiologists to provide acute and critical care to patients with stroke and various other neurologic disorders. Mrs. Bivens recently accepted a position at Methodist Medical Center as a neuro-hospitalist nurse practitioner. She still maintains a close working relationship with the team at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center.

When Mrs. Bivens is not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband and their fur babies, family, and friends. She enjoys the many walking and hiking trails the Oak Ridge area has to offer as well as those throughout East Tennessee. She also enjoys antiques and woodworking.

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## Virtual Meeting Information

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We are still offering our meetings virtually, but we would still love to see everyone in person if you are able to join us!

### Using Zoom

To join by Zoom, just click the link below from your phone or computer. This will prompt you to download the appropriate software if you don't yet have it, and then automatically open the virtual meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4420698223>

To call-in by phone only or to use your phone's audio, call:

Phone Number: (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: **442 069 8223**

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## Giving Happy Dollars



The link below can be used for all Happy Dollars.

<https://portal.icheckgateway.com/Gen/Default.aspx?p=3c1ba22f5c54422bbeac>

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## This Month's Rotary Theme

