

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge Celebrating 75 Years

Club Meeting

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

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Special Announcements

Remote Area Medical Volunteers Needed

"Over the past 35 years, Remote Area Medical has provided free medical, dental, vision, and veterinary care to hundreds of thousands of people through the operation of pop-up clinics. RAM operates its clinics in communities large and small, both in the United States and abroad. We have a clinic happening here in Oak Ridge and they have asked for volunteers." (taken directly from RAM website)

You do NOT have to be in the medical field to volunteer.

- To volunteer go to: www.ramusa.org
- Then click on the RED volunteer button in the upper right corner on the website.
- Follow the instructions and fill out the online form.
 - You will fill out the form and choose the event: Event Location: Oak Ridge Civic Center 1403 Oak Ridge Turnpike Oak Ridge, TN Feb. 17th, Feb. 18th, Feb 19th. (Times will vary based on what assignment you choose.)

After you fill out the form, you will receive an email from RAM that states they will



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send you more information as well as the following instructions:
“You will be receiving more information as the clinic approaches. Please remember to add volunteers@ramusa.org to your safe senders list to avoid missing any correspondence. Also, please add the number (865) 238-4342 to your contact list if you selected texting as a communication option.”

PolioPlus Update

At a recent WHO Executive Board meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, WHO Director-General Ghebreyesus noted that there have been no wild poliovirus cases anywhere since September 2022. He commended support for global efforts, including the US \$2 billion pledge last October. Experts noted that this is a unique window of opportunity, making 2023 the target year for stopping all remaining poliovirus transmission globally. The goal in the first half of 2023 is to reach the remaining zero-dose children in the most important geographies by adapting operations to each of their settings. The Board commended local public health authorities who successfully managed the re-emergence of polio in their previously polio-free areas, pointing out that those events are a stark reminder of what will occur if we do not achieve global eradication. Rotarians have a major role – please make your annual donation to PolioPlus today!
<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

Per Lt. Governor McNally:

"Happy to report my pacemaker surgery went smoothly. Currently in recovery and resting comfortably. Thank you to friends, family, colleagues and citizens across the state for your messages, prayers and support. Looking forward to getting back to work!"

This Week's Program

Dr. Marecelo Urias, Oak Ridge Philharmonia

A gifted concert pianist and renowned conductor, Dr. Marcelo Urias enjoyed a rich cultural upbringing in Curitiba, Southern Brazil, filled with classical music of all periods. The grandson of German immigrants, Marcelo always loved the piano, playing recitals and successful concerts with orchestras. His conducting career has taken him to lead choir and orchestras internationally. A consummate musician, he is comfortable with vast choral, orchestra and operatic repertoire. In September 2015, Marcelo re-joined the Oak Ridge Philharmonia as Artistic Director and Conductor after a hiatus of four years, in which he completed his Doctor of Music degree at Indiana University. Dr. Urias is also a choral conductor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Knoxville and owner of Emmy Piano.



Last Week's Program

Jim Palmer, Roots of America

Jim Palmer spoke to our club about the Roots of America series being presented locally. The series consists of four programs designed to help us listen

Invocation Schedule

February 16th David Bradshaw

February 23rd No Meeting

March 2nd Maria Catron

March 9th Jenifer Campbell

March 16th Jim Charles

March 23rd Mandy Colburn

Upcoming Meetings

February 16th

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Dr. Marcelo Urias
Subject: Oak Ridge Philharmonia

February 23rd

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: No Meeting
Subject: No Meeting

March 9th

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ann Mostoller
Subject: Legal Update for Wills, POA, Trusts and More

March 16th

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Mark and Susan Mobley
Subject: Mobley Engineering Water Sanitation

March 23rd

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Elaine Bunick
Subject: Climate Change and Health

Birthdays

Cecil W. Smith
February 18th

Thomas Tuck
February 19th

Carol King
February 21st

Alan Conner Lowe
February 21st

Anniversaries

and learn about others' perspectives to help accomplish the Rotary goal of pursuing peace and understanding. The program is sponsored by the Breakfast Rotary, Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning, a Rotary grant and several other local entities and individuals. Authorities in their field will speak in their own words during each program. The first program, Roots of American Black Music, was well attended last Friday and led by a founder of the National Museum of African American Music in Nashville, Dr. John Fleming. The next program, Roots of Indigenous Heritage, will be on March 9 with speaker Lavita Hill of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to discuss the renaming of Clingman's Dome to Kuwchoi. The third program will be Roots of Hate Crimes in America on April 20 with Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agent Martha Manuel focusing on ethnic and religious persecution. After this session, we are invited to participate in a Periodic Tables small group discussion and a light meal to be led by David Allred. Lastly, the final program will be Roots of Immigration with a panel discussion on current local and national immigration issues moderated by former Mayor of Knoxville Madeline Rogero on May 23. All of the remaining programs will be at 5 pm at Pollard Auditorium, and light refreshments will be served. Rotarians and friends and neighbors are encouraged to participate in each of these sessions. Jim left us with a concluding thought:

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- Accessibility is being able to get in the building.
- Diversity is getting invited to the table.
- Inclusion is having a voice at the table.
- Belonging is having your voice heard at the table.

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://us06web.zoom.us/j/>

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

Phone Number: (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: **862 4253 8108**

Giving Happy Dollars


The link below can be used for all Happy Dollars.

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



This Month's Rotary Theme


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FEBRUARY IS

PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/ RESOLUTION MONTH

"Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence." Dorothy Thompson

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TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary, Change Lives