

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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in the **WORLD**

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Chair



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Vocational Service
Chair

[Brent Rankin](#)
Club Youth
Exchange Officer

THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



Special Announcements



Club Youth Services
Chair



[Robert Scott Smith](#)
iPast President



Invocation Schedule

July 20th Jan Melcher

July 27th Leonard Martin

August 3rd Connor Matthews

August 10th Tim McKamey

August 17th Ann Mostoller

August 24th Jim Normand

Upcoming Meetings

July 20th

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Niki Nicholas

Subject: National Park Service - Big South Fork/Manhattan Project NHP

July 27th

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Leonard Martin

Subject: Barkley Marathon

August 3rd

[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Scott Jamison

Subject: Vocational Scholarship Award

Birthdays

No Birthdays This Week

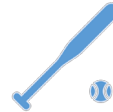
Anniversaries

Pack the Park to End Polio Now

Join Rotarians from across the district Tuesday, August 15th at 7 PM to watch the Tennessee Smokies baseball team and help to end polio now. Your \$14.00 donation gets a ticket voucher, \$6.00 in stadium credit, and lots of fun!! Additionally, \$6.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight polio.

If you can't attend the game on August 15, your ticket voucher is good for any regular-season home game for the remainder of the 2023 season. END POLIO NOW!

To order tickets, make your check payable to The Rotary Club of Oak Ridge for \$14 per ticket or pay online through our club payment portal at www.rotaryor.org (click "Contact Us", then "Make Payment to Club", then RCOR Dues/Meals. Choose check or credit card, and fill in the amount under "Other One-Time Payment". Please be sure to use the current date, then complete the rest of the form and click *submit*.



This Week's Program

Niki Nicholas Big South Fork and Manhattan Project

Niki Nicholas, who had been serving as the Chief of Resources Management and Science at Yosemite National Park in California for the past seven years, officially assumed her new duties on January 17, 2011. Prior to working at Yosemite, Niki worked at the Tennessee Valley Authority. Her

Jennifer Enderson
07-25-2013
10 Years
Alison King
07-25-2019
4 Years

last position there was as Senior Manager for Environmental Impact Reduction Technologies. Niki holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Northwestern University, a Master of Science Degree in Ecology from the University of Tennessee, and a Doctorate in Forestry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She is a member of the Ecological Society of America, Forest History Society, Society of American Foresters, and the George Wright Society. Niki has been married to Charles Patrick Nicholson for more than 15 years. They have two black Labrador retrievers and they just bought a home in Oneida, Tennessee.



Last Week's Program

Scott Jamison and the 2023-24 Board

Scott Jamison opened the meeting by getting involved, which was a theme throughout the meeting. He stated his goals as a club and what we can accomplish through the various committees.

Brent Rankin spoke next about the Youth Service Committee. The Interact group at Oak Ridge High School is still going well as the Rotaract Club at Roane State. Brent said that Alan Lowe will head the scholarships this year with JR Hertwig helping as an advisor. Brent praised Jan Melcher for all the work on the Exchange Program.

Maria Catron spoke about the Community Service Committee. Maria said there are only two months where there are no scheduled projects. She stressed the need for volunteers to help with the Street Painting Festival, Purple Pinky Day, and Flatwater Tales as well as many other projects.

Scott talked about the Vocational Service Committee for Todd Bergener who was not able to attend. This committee has three major projects; the Vocation at Work, Vocational Scholarship, and the William T. Sergeant Vocational Service Award, which is our club's highest award.

JR Hertwig spoke about membership and the Rotary College. JR stressed the need to follow-up with guests to keep them interested



in Rotary along with several other methods to grow our club. JR expressed the importance of Rotary College to retain new members.

Jan Melcher discussed the Foundation Committee and the importance to Rotary. A couple of projects are Pack the Park and donating to PolioPlus and the Rotary Foundation. Jan spoke about the importance of the District Grants and the effect they have in the community and worldwide.

Wendie Aurin spoke about the Public Image Committee. Wendie said there are three subcommittees: Oaktarian, Laptop and Owl and the Media, Facebook, and Instagram. Wendie stressed the need for a few more people to help with the setup before each meeting.

Scott closed with the motto for this year: "Create hope in the world".

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 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.




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This Month's Rotary Theme


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**MEMBERSHIP
AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"The things that are worthwhile take time, and it is not the I's of the world but the We's who achieve them."
Past RI President H.J. Brunnier 1952-53

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved