

# 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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**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

### Club Officers



Curtis Scott Jamison  
President



J.R. Hertwig  
President-Elect  
Club Membership  
Chair



Emily Rice  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Webmaster



Cynthia S. Jeffers  
Treasurer



Janice Sue Melcher  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair



Maria Catron  
Club Service Chair  
Community Service  
Chair



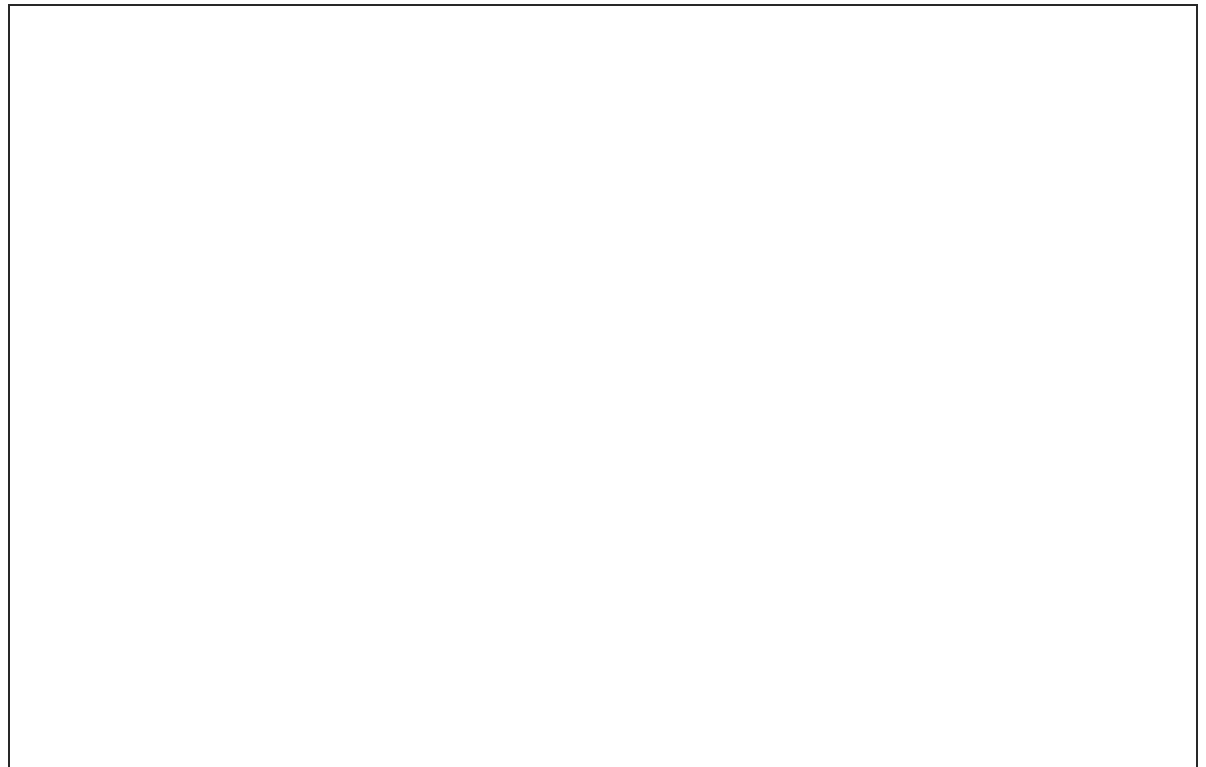
Todd W. Bergener  
Vocational Service  
Chair

Brent Rankin  
Club Youth

### THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



### Special Announcements





Exchange Officer  
Club Youth Services  
Chair



[Robert Scott Smith](#)  
iPast President

### Invocation Schedule

**July 27th** Leonard Martin

**August 3rd** Connor Matthews

**August 10th** Tim McKamey

**August 17th** Ann Mostoller

**August 24th** Jim Normand

**August 31st** Robert Patrick

### Upcoming Meetings

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

Lawrence A. Hahn

July 28th

Patricia Loch Shelton

August 2nd

### Anniversaries

Leonard Martin, a local dentist and



### 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](http://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*.



### Vibrant Club Workshop

The District 6780 training event, "Vibrant Clubs Workshop" concentrating on Membership, Public Image, Youth Service, Service Projects, and The Rotary Foundation will be held from 8:00 am to 12 pm on Saturday, August 5th at Pellissippi State Community College, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville, TN 37932. RSVP: <https://ismyrotaryclub.com/RSVP/Index.cfm?EventID=77686005>.

### This Week's Program

#### Leonard Martin: Barkley Marathon

Mandy Colburn  
07-30-2020  
3 Years  
Teresa Sherrill Duncan  
07-30-2020  
3 Years

Rotarian, will be our speaker this week. Leonard will talk about his experience running the Barkley Marathon, an extremely challenging 100 mile race. There is also a section of the race named after him, Leonard's Butt Slide.

The Barkley Marathon starts any time from midnight to noon on race day, with one hour until the race starts signaled by blowing a conch.

In addition to running, competitors must find between 9 and 14 books along the course (the exact number varies each year) and remove the page corresponding to the runner's race number from each book as proof of completion. Because of this, competitors are only issued odd numbers. Competitors get a new race number, and thus a new page requirement, at the start of each lap.



## Last Week's Program

### Niki Nicholas 3 National Parks in Our Backyard

Niki Nicholas was our guest speaker this week and she is the Superintendent for Big South Fork National Park, the Manhattan Project National Historical Park and the Obed Wild and Scenic River Park. Niki said there is no difference between a National Park, National Historical Park and a Wild and Scenic River Park. Niki stated the Obed Wild and Scenic River Park is all natural except for a boardwalk to protect some endangered species. Niki spoke about the free rock-climbing class taught the first Saturday of each month. Unfortunately, Niki said vandalism is a common occurrence in the park system. The good thing is vandalism has dropped over 75% since Niki arrived 11 years ago. The Big South Fork is the 5th largest park in the Eastern half of the United States. There are wagon rides, horseback riding, kayaking, hiking and several other activities available in the parks. There is a wilderness lodge in the Obed Wild and Scenic River Park that has great food and hot water but you must hike to it. When Howard Baker came to Big South Fork, he successfully eliminated the dam plans (no pun intended) and pushed for the land to be a National Park. Niki said local support is essential to the success of the National Parks. National Parks are created in two ways. First, congress can vote for a National Park and secondly by a Presidential declaration. However, the



President can only allocate a small parcel of land as a national park. Niki said the National Parks were created to preserve the land for future generations. If this sounds like a fun time, you can go to the website and learn more about what services the park service offers.

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## Virtual Meeting Information

### Virtual Meeting Information

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/86242538108>

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

Phone Number: (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: **862 4253 8108**

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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

**AUGUST DESIGNATION IS**



**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