

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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District News & Events



Rotary Leadership Institute - Sept. 9th @ Pellissippi

If you have not already become a part of our Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) family, please consider joining us for RLI Part 1 on Saturday, September 9, 2023 in Crossville. And if you have begun your RLI journey already, please continue with us! RLI-II-III and the Graduate Course will be conducted.

RLI is a great learning opportunity for new members, or those who have been a member awhile but want to know more about Rotary and leadership in a volunteer organization. It's also perfect for those members who are on the track to club leadership!

Class size for each level is limited to 30, so members should register early.

Special Announcements

Invocation Schedule

A Note from Scott

August 24th Jim Normand

August 31st Robert Patrick

September 7th Brent Rankin

September 14th Jim Ratliff

September 21st Cora Rhew

Upcoming Meetings

August 31st

Fifth Thursday - No Regular Meeting

Speaker: NA

Subject: Look for a fun after-hours social event this Thursday!

Birthdays

David Rankin

August 25th

Daniel E. Conrad

August 30th

Gail Walker

August 30th

Anniversaries

No Years Of Service Found This Week

Due to questions that have been raised by club members and forwarded to Rotary International, we will delay the vote on the proposed By-Laws until September. Once answers have been received from RI regarding incorporation of the new youth protection policies into our By-Laws, we will post new announcements in the Oaktarian regarding the date for voting by the membership.

We need some members to arrange some bouncy houses for the Street Painting Festival on September 23. Please contact Andy Spellman (spellmanaj@roanestate.edu) to volunteer.

We need a member to chair the Dictionary project delivering dictionaries to 3rd graders in Oak Ridge City Schools. We have experienced volunteers willing to help, but we need a chair to coordinate the project.

Street Painting Festival - September 23

Save the Date! We'll need volunteers for that weekend to help out. We also need someone to find a company that sets up bouncy castles for the kids.

If you know how to get some bouncy houses or would like to work on getting some, please help out and send an email to [Maria Catron](mailto:maria@catron.com) or [Andy Spellman](mailto:andy@spellman.com)!



Social Meeting Next Week

PLEASE NOTE: Special After-Hours Meeting at Crafter's Brew August 31st

We will have a club social on Thursday, August 31st in lieu of the regular weekly meeting. Please show your support for the club and your fellow members by joining us at Crafter's Brew, starting around 5 PM. A Singo game with fun prizes will start at 6:30. Stay as long as you like, or until you're kicked out!

P.S. Singo is a fun version of Bingo that replaces song snippets for the usual B-I-N-G-O letters, so it's a fun time of showing off your song knowledge (or lack thereof) with your friends over an adult beverage or two.

P.P.S. This is the PERFECT opportunity to bring a friend or make a new one by inviting prospective members for the club to join us at this special event and get to know our members outside a regular club meeting. **A special prize will be awarded to the member who brings the most visitors.**



Jim Rogers: ORNL Computer Frontier

Jim Rogers is the Computing and Facilities Director for the National Center for Computational Science at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Jim has 30 years of experience in high-performance computing and has provided strategic planning, technology insertion, and integration support for multiple Federal customers. His primary responsibility is for the strategy, acquisition, delivery, integration, and transition to production for high performance computing, storage, networking, analysis systems and recurring operational activities as well as the supporting facility/infrastructure.



Last Week's Program

ADFAC

This past week, Annie Cachiero and Joey Collins of Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties shared information about the mission and works of ADFAC. This was the first time that ADFAC has presented to our club since the outbreak of COVID.

ADFAC exists to support and serve those in need by assisting them in becoming stable and self-sufficient. ADFAC fulfills its mission through three direct service programs, which Joey is responsible for as the Director of Programming. These include the Household Assistance Program, the Appalachian Housing Partners Program, and the School Supplies Program.

The Household Assistance Program helps families with short-term living needs, referrals to others agencies, budget coaching and other services. Many of these services saw an uptick in needs during COVID, as shared by Annie.

The Appalachian Housing Partners program provides home repairs to those who need basic repairs in order to stay independent in their homes for as long as possible. The program also builds some new housing for first-time homebuyers who might not otherwise be able to reach this building block of financial independence.

The Schools Supplies Program is also an ADFAC initiative that our club has helped support by providing funding and volunteers to help pack and deliver backpacks filled with school supplies for thousands of economically disadvantaged students each year.



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/86242538108>

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

A promotional graphic for Rotary International's August Designation Month. The background is a black and white photograph of an elderly woman and a younger woman sitting at a table, looking at a document. A large yellow Rotary International gear logo is overlaid on the right side. The text 'AUGUST DESIGNATION IS' is written vertically on the left. The main text reads 'MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH'. Below this is a quote from Past RI President H.J. Brunnier (1952-53): 'The things that are worthwhile take time, and it is not the I's of the world but the We's who achieve them.' At the bottom, the Rotary logo and the text 'Rotary TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved' are displayed.

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