



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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Club Officers

-  **Curtis Scott Jamison**
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-  **J.R. Hertwig**
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Club Membership
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-  **Emily Rice**
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Chair
-  **Brent Rankin**
Club Youth
Exchange Officer
Club Youth Services
Chair
-  **Robert Scott Smith**
iPast President

Invocation Schedule

- February 22nd David Bradshaw
- February 29th 5th Thursday
- March 7th Elaine Bunick
- March 14th Jenifer Campbell
- March 21st David Carr

Upcoming Meetings

- February 22nd
Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Sheila Arnold
Subject: Storyteller - Scarboro 85
- February 29th
Fifth Thursday - There Will Be A Regular Meeting
Speaker: Megan King
Subject: Special Individual Club Visioning Session
- March 7th
Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Julie Forkner
Subject: Oak Ridge Public Library
- March 14th
Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting
Speaker: Charlotte Bowers and Cindy Ross
Subject: Habitat for Humanity service project

Birthdays

Charles M Jones
February 25th

Anniversaries

No Years Of Service this Week

THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



Special Announcements

Upcoming Rotary Events

Upcoming Club Initiatives

February 29 - **There will be a noon meeting!** Megan King will speak about Club Visioning.
February, March â€” Club â€” Habitat for Humanity House â€” to be scheduled
March â€” Club â€” Spring clean up for Scarboro Community Garden, Crossroads Center of Hope apartment furnishings â€” to be scheduled
March 28 â€” Club Membership Event

Training & Leadership Opportunities

February 24 â€” District Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI I, II, III and Graduate courses) at UT 8:00-3:30, 402 Communications Building [Register NOW](#)
April 20 â€” District Club Leaders Training Assembly â€” Stone Memorial High School, Crossville (Registration not yet available)
April 27 â€” District RLI I-III and Graduate â€” Cleveland, TN (Registration not yet available)

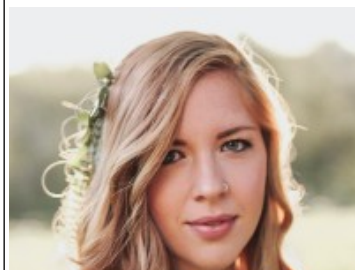
Important Dates for Rotary Board/Committees

March 15 â€” District Awards Applications Due
March 15-16 â€” District Mid-South Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Last Week's Program

Hayley Griffith: Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Last week we heard from Hayley Griffith with the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT). Based in Knoxville, the CCAHT serves 33 counties of East Tennessee, serving as the single point of contact Tennessee Counter-Trafficking Alliance (TCTA) partner for the East Tennessee region. Hayley shared a lot of valuable information about just what human trafficking looks like and how prevalent it is, not just in other areas of the world or our country, but right here in East Tennessee. She opened our eyes that the most common forms of human trafficking are not sex-based crimes when someone is forced to have sex against their will, but also more commonly when someone is forced to work. Most often, human-trafficking victims are trafficked by someone they know, such as a family member or romantic partner. It can be because a parent is in a tough financial situation or because someone is predatorily looking for individuals who are vulnerable because they lack stability in housing or employment or are emotionally unsteady. The best thing that we can do as concerned citizens is to raise



...the best thing that we can do as consumers is to raise awareness of this issue and to report the situation any time we might become aware. In addition to state and federal grant funding, a large portion of CCAHT's budget comes from donations, and unrestricted funds are especially helpful and appreciated. Those wanting more information can visit www.growfreetn.org.



This Week's Program

Sheila Arnold: Masterful Storyteller - Scarboro 85

Sheila Arnold has been a full-time storyteller since 2003, traveling throughout the country sharing her stories and songs, historical character presentations, Christian monologs, and professional development for educators. Known for her interactive style which often incorporates song, Arnold's™s been featured at multiple festivals across the U.S. She has produced two CDs and two books including a picture book, *Weeping Willow or, Why the Leaves Change their Colors*. At her core, Ms. Sheila, as she is commonly called, is a professional imaginator with a passion, vision, and ministry of healing hearts, unifying communities, and reminding people to share their stories. In 2021 Sheila was commissioned to craft and perform the story of the Scarboro 85 detailing the integration of the Oak Ridge Schools in 1955. Sheila crafted a moving and engaging performance which was premiered as the featured story of the 2022 Flatwater Tales Storytelling Festival in Oak Ridge, TN.



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>

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



FEBRUARY

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



TAKE ACTION: Engage Rotary. Change Lives