

Rotary



Club of Oak Ridge
Celebrating 75 Years

Club Meeting

Oak Ridge Rotary Meets at
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
215 S. Illinois Avenue
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Thursdays 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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in the **WORLD**

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Invocation Schedule

April 11th Tom Connolly

April 18th Chris Copelan

Upcoming Meetings

April 11th
[Oak Ridge Weekly Club
Meeting](#)

THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



Special Announcements

Club Visitor Event April 25th



A special visitor's day will be held April 25th to invite visitors to learn more about Rotary and its impact in our community and across the globe. Attendees will be invited to join local leaders in both

Speaker: Joe Jarret
Subject: Artificial Intelligence

April 18th
[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jay Mullis
Subject: DOE Environmental Management

April 25th
[Special Visitor's Day Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Various Club Members
Subject: Sharing what Rotary is all about and showcasing what the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge has done for this community and communities across the globe. Bring a visitor and share "The Magic of Rotary".

May 2nd
[Oak Ridge Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ray Smith
Subject: Oak Ridge Historian

Birthdays

J Robert Hightower
April 9th
Cynthia S. Jeffers
April 12th
Linda S. Cloutier
April 13th

Anniversaries

Jenifer Yaggi Campbell
04-09-1998
26 Years
Jeffrey S. Cheek
04-05-2012
12 Years
Gail Walker
04-07-2022
2 Years
Carol King
04-06-2023
1 Year



Rotary License Plate

All members are asked to please consider getting this license plate promoting peace. All money raised will support Rotary Districts in Tennessee. The first 1,000 plates ordered will have the \$35 fee covered by the District for the first year. Sign up at: <http://www.us-ppf.org/>

Editor's note: I have reserved two plates and challenge you to do the same and support Rotary and promote peace each and every day you are out on the road.



invited to join local leaders in both fellowship and service. **Membership is the lifeblood of the club. ALL club members are asked to bring ONE guest to this event.**

Who will you bring?

Please RSVP all invited guests using this link: [Visitor's Day RSVP](#)

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Club Initiatives

- **April 17th 5:30-7:30 - Visioning Action Plan** - Now that the club has spoken on what they want to see come about in the next three years, it's up to our incoming leadership team to create a how-to action plan that will flesh out the steps needed, define goals, and create a timeline to action. Any members who would like to take part are welcome to attend. Please [RSVP here](#)
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Upcoming District Initiatives

- **May 16th - 2024 District Golf Tournament** will be held at the White Plains Golf Course in Cookeville. Check-in will be at 10 a.m. CDT and a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. CDT. [Check the flyer for more details.](#)
- **May 17th - 18th - District 6780 Conference** - A chance for our district to get together to celebrate our accomplishments, share ideas and create lasting friendships and memories. This year's conference will be in

Cookeville. [More details and registration here.](#)

Training & Leadership Opportunities

- **April 27** – **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 1, 2, 3 and Graduate** – Cleveland, TN. RLI courses are \$60 to attend. These fees are reimbursable by the club. This is THE BEST way to learn more about Rotary. [Register Now](#)

Important Dates for Rotary Board/Committees

- **April 20** – **District Club Leaders Training Assembly** Stone Memorial High School in Crossville. **Calling all incoming board members!** This should be attended by all incoming board members. [Register NOW](#)
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Last Week's Program

James Schindler - Methodist Medical Family Medicine Residency

Dr. James Schindler is the founder of Methodist Medical's Family Medicine Residency program based in Oak Ridge. Dr. Schindler shared with us about the history of medical training in the U.S. He told us how Family Medicine became a recognized specialty and talked about factors that have contributed to the decline in the number of Family Medicine doctors. The Association of American Medical Colleges projects that we will be short as many as 124,000 physicians by 2034 with more than a third of those being primary care providers. Given this shortfall, programs like the one Dr. Schindler is building within the Covenant system seem critical to the future of American healthcare.

The new program will embrace both in-person and telehealth provider measures as part of a strategy to broaden the ability to care for more individuals, particularly in rural locations. The program will host eight physicians per class, with a total maximum capacity to serve 24 residents by the third year of the program. After that, a new class will come in and the program should continue to operate at that capacity.

Dr. Schindler shared information about the incoming class and explained how the process of resident matching is done. He seemed quite proud of the incoming class and excited to see how they will continue to develop and what they might bring to the communities they will serve.



This Week's Program

Dr. Joe Jarret, PhD. - Artificial Intelligence

Joe Jarret is a long-time Rotarian and a past-president of the Knoxville Breakfast Club, and a founding/ charter member of the Hardee County, Florida Rotary Club. He is an attorney and a federal and state mediator who has been practicing law for over 27 years. He has practiced law before the Tennessee Supreme Court, and lower state and federal courts and before the Florida Governor and his Cabinet. He has served three different government entities as chief legal counsel, the most recent being Knox County, Tennessee.

He is a former active duty United States Army Armored Cavalry Officer and paratrooper, and a former United States Air Force Special Agent with service overseas.

Joe lectures full-time for the University of Tennessee, where he teaches undergraduate, graduate and law courses.

Joe is an award-winning writer who has published over 85 articles in various professional journals and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree, a Masters in Public Administration degree, a Juris Doctor degree and a Ph.D. in educational leadership at UT.

Joe is the recent recipient of the Association of Counties' "Gordon Johnston Award" for the Ethical and Professional Practice of Local Government Law.



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**

This Month's Rotary Theme



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APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"What is the value of the life of one child saved? No one will ever know, but if the child were our own, the price tag would be marked: Not for sale - this life is invaluable." 1979-80 James L. Bomar Jr

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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project