



### 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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### THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



### Special Announcements



#### Emory Valley Holiday Project

This year we will again be donating presents to family members within the Emory Valley Center system.

Use [this link](#) to view the list of items and to sign up for what you would like to bring.

\* Note: Please bring the donated items to wrap in-meeting on Dec 5th. If you can not make the meeting, please contact Emily or another Board Member to make arrangements to get your item(s) to the meeting. **Be sure you tell whoever is bringing your item(s) the family name, and age of your child.**

#### Tabitha's Second Update

<https://exploringthethaiway.wordpress.com/2024/11/11/october-third-month/>

Read about Tabitha's incredible adventures in Thailand by clicking the above link.



**David Rankin**  
Club Youth  
Exchange Officer



**Curtis Scott Jamison**  
iPast President



## This Week's Program

### Chief Petty Officer Ryan Nicholls: Wreaths Across America/JROTC

## Invocation Schedule

**November 14th** Stella Schramm

**November 21st** Ron Shelton

**November 28th** Happy Thanksgiving

**December 5th** Scott Smith

**December 12th** Andy Spellman

**December 19th** Nancy Stanley

## Upcoming Meetings

November 14th

**Wreaths Across America**

**Speaker:** Chief Ryan Nicholls

November 21st

**Club Friendsgiving**

**Speaker:** NA

November 28th

**No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Speaker:** NA

December 5th

**Emory Valley Center In-Meeting Holiday Gift Project**

**Speaker:** NA

December 12th

**Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee**

**Speaker:** Paula Ellis

December 19th

**Secret City Festival Revival**

**Speaker:** John Hetrick

Chief Petty Officer Ryan Nicholls is a native of Marion, IL. He began his naval service June 1, 1988. He was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in 2004. Chief Nicholls retired from the Navy on June 30, 2009.

His sea duty assignments included the USS Orion (AS 18), USS Wasp (LHD 1), USS Lake Erie (CG 70) pre-commissioning crew and USS Vicksburg (CG 69). His shore duty tours include Navy Recruiting District Indianapolis, Navy Recruiting District St. Louis, Naval Air Station Whiting Field (Milton, FL) and Commander Naval Forces Europe/Commander Sixth Fleet (Naples, Italy). He has served in the Mediterranean Sea, Western Pacific and Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm, Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, as well as the Global War on Terrorism. Chief Nicholls has been married to the love of his life (Tiffany) for nearly 32 years; they have 2 adult children, Megan and Jacob, and a beautiful granddaughter named Harper.



## Upcoming Events

### Club Events

- **December 5th:** EVC Holiday Gift Project

### District Events

- **November 15th:** Foundation Dinner



## Birthdays

J. Fred Heitman

November 14th

Jennifer Enderson

November 16th

John E Gunning

November 17th

## 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



## Anniversaries

Wendie Aurin  
11-15-2018  
6 Years  
Maria Catron  
11-14-2019  
5 Years

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. **Please enter the purpose in the transaction description field, as you will see in the below link.**

[Make a payment here.](#)

### This Month's Rotary Theme

A poster for Rotary International's October theme. On the left, the text "OCTOBER IS" is written vertically in large blue letters. In the center, there is a black and white photograph of a woman sitting at a sewing machine, working on a piece of fabric. A large yellow gear with the Rotary International logo is overlaid on the top left of the photo. Below the photo, the text "ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH" is written in yellow and white. At the bottom of the photo, a quote reads: "To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world." followed by "Dr. Seuss". At the bottom left of the poster, the word "Rotary" is written in white next to the Rotary International logo. At the bottom right, the website "www.rotary.org" is written in white.