



### 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



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Club Youth

### THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



### Special Announcement

**Note:** Effective January 1, 2025, there will be no more Zoom casts for any future meetings.

### Tabitha Dukes December District Report from Thailand

Please see our exchange student Tabitha's latest report. You may notice a lot of eating and several local trips!

<https://exploringthethaiway.wordpress.com/2025/01/05/december-2024-fifth-month/>



### Upcoming Events



Exchange Officer



[Curtis Scott Jamison](#)  
iPast President

## Club Events

- **January 30th:** 5 Thursday Social at 201 Cafe starting at 5;30

## District Events

- **January 14th - 22nd:** Heart 2 Heart Trip to Mexico



## Invocation Schedule

**January 9th** Tom Tuck

**January 16th** Mark Watson

**January 23rd** Erin Webb

**January 30th** No Meeting

**February 6th** Carrol Welch

**February 13th** Judy Wilson

**February 20th** Wendie Aurin

## Upcoming Meetings

January 9th

[Fellowships / Disaster Relief](#)

**Speaker:** Tom Kale

**Subject:** Fellowships / Disaster Relief

January 16th

[General Manager of WUOT/91.9 FM](#)

**Speaker:** Jody Hamblett

**Subject:** WUOT/91.9 FM

January 23rd

[OR Planning & Development Director](#)

**Speaker:** Wayne Blasius

**Subject:** OR Planning & Development

January 30th

[5th Thursday - 201 Cafe Fundraiser](#)

February 6th

[AMSE](#)

**Speaker:** Alan Lowe

**Subject:** AMSE

## Birthdays

No Birthdays this Week

## Anniversaries

Erin S. Webb

01-11-2024

1 Year

## This Week's Program

### Tom Kale: Fellowships / Disaster Relief

Tom Kale grew up in Chattanooga and attended Baylor School before attending Duke University. At Duke, he earned his degree in History and began laying the foundation for his future in service and leadership. Tom is a Charter Member of the Chattanooga Breakfast Rotary Club, where he is a past president and is currently the projects logistics chair. Tom is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation, and is a member of the Paul Harris Society, Polio Plus Society, and the Bequest Society. During his 23 years in Rotary, he has served in various district leadership roles, including past Assistant District Governor, who currently chairs the District Rotary Fellowships Committee, the Disaster Response Committee, and serves on the District Conference Committee. He has attended 5 International Conventions, and will be riding his Harley-Davidson to Calgary for this year's event as a member of the Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians and as an associate member of the Rotary Club of Motorcycling Rotarians E-Club! His dedication to Rotary is matched by his wife and partner in life, Jane, who is also a committed Rotarian in the Chattanooga Breakfast Rotary Club.



Tom has been a commercial real estate broker for almost 35 years and has owned his own firm, Commercial Associates, for 17 years.

## This Month's Rotary Theme

JANUARY IS



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

*"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."*  
Carlos Frum, PDG D6440



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