



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

Club Social Thursday, January 30th



The Rotary Club of Oak Ridge
5th Thursday Club Social
and Club
Community Fund Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025

Time: 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Place: 201 Café, 201 Jackson Square

Music: GenX 4 Fun

Please join us for fellowship, good food, and good music while we also raise funds for our club's Community Fund.

- GenX is donating their time and all tips, and encouraging non-Rotarian donations
- 201 Cafe has also promised a donation
- There is no cover charge and you can order from the menu

Please RSVP to dcjeffers1@gmail.com or sign up at club meeting on 01/16 or 01/23



[David Rankin](#)
 Club Youth
 Exchange Officer



[Curtis Scott Jamison](#)
 iPast President

Invocation Schedule

January 23rd Erin Webb

January 30th No Meeting

February 6th Carroll Welch

February 13th Judy Wilson

February 20th Wendie Aurin

February 27th Jack Bailey

Upcoming Meetings

January 30th

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

February 6th

[AMSE](#)

Speaker: Alan Lowe

Subject: AMSE

February 13th

[CyberSecurity](#)

Speaker: Chris McCarthy

Subject: CyberSecurity

Birthdays

Tracy Boatner

January 24th

Anniversaries

Alan Conner Lowe

01-26-2023

2 Years

Our American Roots Series Concert @ ORHS

The Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning and the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club are coming together to create the "Our American Roots" series. This free concert series will welcome donations and was created in hopes to help break down pervasive "us vs. them" mindsets. More information is available [here](#).

Grammy Nominee for "Black Myself" in 2020
Named to NPR's Top 50 Albums of 2021
Six-Time Performer at The Grand Ole Opry

AMYTHYST KIAH

IN A CONCERT FREE TO THE PUBLIC
Kicking off the 3rd season of *Our American Roots*



Photo by Kevin & King

On her new album *Still + Bright*, Tennessee-bred singer/songwriter Amythyst Kiah explores the vast expanse of her inner world: her deep-rooted affinity for Eastern philosophies and spiritual traditions, a near-mystical connection with the natural environment, the life lessons learned in her formative years as a self-described "anime-nerd mall goth." Kiah's second full-length for Rounder Records merges her revelatory storytelling with a darkly cinematic twist on the rootsy alt-rock of her 2021 breakthrough *Wary + Strange*—an LP that landed on Rolling Stone's list of the 25 Best Country and Americana Albums of 2021.

February 8, 2025

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Concert begins at 7 pm

Oak Ridge High School Performing Arts Center

FREE/No Reserved Seating



The "Our American Roots" Series is produced by the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning in partnership with the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club. This concert is made possible by grants from the Tennessee Arts Commission and Rotary District 6780. Periodic Tables of Oak Ridge is a sponsor.

An opportunity to donate to the Scarboro 85 project will be available as you leave the performance center.

Rotary Fellowships Appeal

Thanks once again to Tom Kale for sharing the joy of Rotary Fellowships with us! This is a great way for us to connect with one another as Rotarians, but also as individuals sharing the things we love.

I challenge each of us to review [the list of Rotary Fellowships](#) and choose one or two to join. When your "homework" is complete, share your results with the rest of the class by letting us know what fellowship you've joined with your happy dollar(s) in the coming week(s).

Can't wait to see you all again this week!

-RCOR President - J.R. Hertwig



Note from Nicole Ekert:

Bear Huggs are currently on sale. We need to sell 25 more to make our goal of 50. Cost is \$25 and for each bear purchased \$15 will go to fighting polio. Please help us reach our goal!

Upcoming Events

Club Events

- **January 30th:** 5 Thursday Social at 201 Cafe starting at 5:30
- **February 28th to March 2nd:** District Interact Conference, Ramsey's Resort and Conference Center, Pigeon Forge

- **March 21st-22nd:** Mid-South Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS), Chattanooga Convention Center (DGE, DGN, DG, PEs, AGs)

District Events

- **January 25th:** Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) I, II, III, Graduate, Knoxville
- **February 9-13:** International Assembly
- **March 2:** District Interact Conference
- **March 21-22:** Mid-South Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS), Chattanooga Convention Center



Community Events

- **February 8th:** [Our American Roots](#) - Concert with Amethyst Kiah
- **March 18:** [Lunch for Literacy](#)

Last Week's Program

Jody Hamblett: WUOT 91.9

Jody Hamblett of WUOT 91.9 FM was our guest speaker on January 16, 2025. She shared that the station has over 80,000 listeners who are mostly ages 35 and up. Knoxville is considered a medium-sized market, ranking 75th in the nation. The station has a \$2 million annual budget, and most funding is derived from University of Tennessee appropriations, and other sources of ownership, underwriting, grants and donations. In 2023, WUOT moved into the College of Communications and Information and is the only professional outlet within the college; the other media outlets are student-run. WUOT collaborates with 90.3 Rock for student training and internships. WUOT is a part of the Appalachian Mid-South Newsroom and covers southern Appalachia. They cover a patchwork of programming in addition to National Public Radio newscasts, and try to seek a balance for their listening audience. Tune in!



This Week's Program

Alan Lowe: American Museum of Science and Energy

Alan Lowe obtained his B.A. (1986) and M.A. (1988) in history at the University of Kentucky. In 1989, he joined the staff of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Los Angeles and Simi Valley, California. In 1992, he moved to the Office of Presidential Libraries at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C. During part of this time, he also served as interim Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park, New York. Alan served as the founding Executive Director of the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee. In November 2019, Alan began serving as Executive Director of the American



Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Alan and his wife Lianne live in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. His daughter, Carolyn, attends Belmont University, his stepdaughter Annie works for Bush Brothers and Company in Knoxville, and his stepson Aaron works for the State of Illinois.

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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