

# Rotary



## Club of Oak Ridge Celebrating 75 Years

### Club Meeting

Oak Ridge  
Meets at DoubleTree by Hilton  
Hotel  
215 S. Illinois Avenue  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

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### Club Officers



[J.R. Hertwig](#)  
President



[Wendie Aurin](#)  
Club Membership  
Chair  
President-Elect



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President-Nominee  
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Chair



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Club Rotary  
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Club Youth Services  
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Vocational Service  
Chair

### 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](mailto: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 30th No Meeting

February 6th Carroll Welch

February 13th Judy Wilson

February 20th Wendie Aurin

February 27th Jack Bailey

March 6th Todd Bergener

**Upcoming Meetings**

January 30th

[5th Thursday - 201 Cafe](#)

February 6th

[OR Planning & Development Director](#)

**Speaker:** Wayne Blasius  
**Subject:** OR Planning & Development Director

February 13th

[CyberSecurity](#)

**Speaker:** Chris McCarthy  
**Subject:** CyberSecurity

February 20th

[Parliamentary Procedure](#)

**Speaker:** Beth Hickman  
**Subject:** Thought You Knew about Parliamentary Procedure?

February 27th

[Genealogy and the Amazing Things You Can Find](#)

**Speaker:** Mark Watson and Cyndi Jeffers

**Subject:** Genealogy and the Amazing Things You Can Find

**Birthdays**

Leonard Charles Hensley

**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.

January 30th  
James Rand McNally III  
January 30th  
Sylvia Pastor  
February 5th

## Anniversaries

W. Charles Kuykendall  
02-01-1968  
57 Years  
Ronald Shelton  
01-31-2008  
17 Years

## 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

- **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

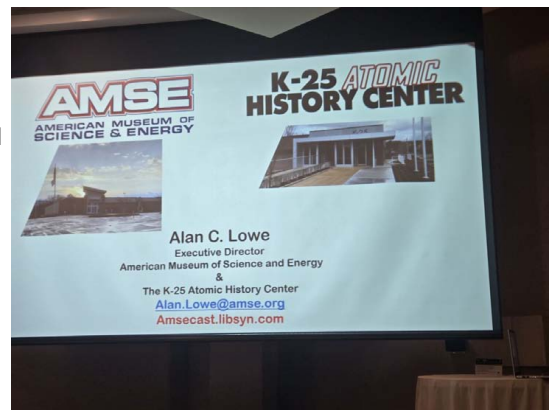
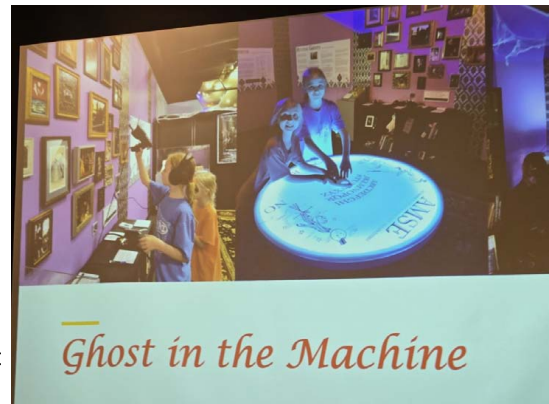
- **February 8th:** [Our American Roots](#) - Concert with Amethyst Kiah
- **March 18:** [Lunch for Literacy](#)



## Last Week's Program

### Alan Lowe: American Museum of Science

Last week we heard from our own Alan Lowe, who since 2019, has been the Executive Director of the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) and the K-25 Atomic History Center. Alan described an array of exciting features to capture the interest of both youth and adults, including changing exhibits (e.g., the Innovator's Gallery) and STEM and STEAM educational programs for public and home-schooled students serving more than 10,000 students. Roane State Community College is a partner in some educational activities. The permanent museum items, such as the 3D-printed Jeep and the Van de Graaff Generator, continue to create lasting memories for visitors. AMSE also hosts families for game nights complete with refreshments. On March 7, a new exhibit pertaining to little known facts about U.S. Presidents, Science, and Engineering will open – a topic that plays to Alan's love of history as it intersects with science. The All Points North Foundation approached and awarded AMSE a sizable grant for creating an exhibit on solar energy. AMSE will partner with East Tennessee PBS to create an accompanying curriculum. AMSEcast is the museum's podcast. Alan creates excerpts from these podcasts for his 4-minute segment that airs on WUOT at about 9:35am on Saturdays. This spring, the bus tours to historic scientific sites will continue from AMSE. There are plans to renovate a former K-25 entry portal managed by CROET. This building will be the visitor center to introduce the K-25 History Museum. The K-25 Interpretative Center will be complete later this year. Views from its elevated windows show how vast the former K-25 uranium enrichment site was. Alan looks to partner with a number of local organizations including the Manhattan Project National Historical Park Service.



You can go to [AMSE.org](http://AMSE.org) to subscribe to the monthly newsletter, find the latest news, and to use the integrated index of science topics being covered through multiple avenues at AMSE.

AMSE is funded by admission fees, museum shop sales, the AMSE Foundation and memberships, grants, and the Department of

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**This Week's Program**

**No Meeting This Week Instead 5th Thursday Social at Cafe 201 at 5:30**

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**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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