

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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THE Rotary Club of Oak Ridge



Special Announcements



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



Club Youth Exchange Officer



[Curtis Scott Jamison](#)
iPast President

Invocation Schedule

January 16th Mark Watson

January 23rd Erin Webb

January 30th No Meeting

February 6th Carroll Welch

February 13th Judy Wilson

February 20th Wendie Aurin

Upcoming Meetings

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

February 13th

[CyberSecurity](#)
Speaker: Chris McCarthy
Subject: CyberSecurity

Birthdays

Emily Rice
January 20th

Anniversaries

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/>



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



OUR AMERICAN ROOTS



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.

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 14th - 22nd:** Heart 2 Heart Trip to Mexico
- **January 25th:** Rotary Leadership Institute I, II, III, Graduate, Knoxville



This Week's Program

Jody Hamblett: General Manager of WUOT/91.9 FM

Jody Hamblett is the director of WUOT, 91.9 FM, the public radio station on campus at UT Knoxville. She is a veteran of more than two decades in public radio leadership, including successful stints at stations and networks in Vermont, North Carolina, and Texas as well as five years at the helm of a national public radio executives' association. Jody's leadership has been transformational, leading to growth in listenership and giving, and guiding stations nationwide toward more secure futures. Jody has also led successful non-profit organizations and began her career as a local television news



reporter.

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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