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Birthdays

Albert Beasley
January 3rd
Patricia Dreyer Parr
January 4th
Susan Stone Byrne
January 19th
Mary Lou Auxier
January 28th
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January 28th

Years of Service

Carl H. Peterson
01-12-1984
40 Years

Daniel Robbins
01-05-1989
35 Years
Ruby A. Miller
01-09-1990
34 Years
Michael Coffey
01-01-1991
33 Years
David N. Mosby
01-05-1996
28 Years
Martha Moore Hobson
01-05-1996
28 Years
Brian Buuck
01-30-2008
16 Years

Club Meeting

Oak Ridge-Breakfast
Meets at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Ridge
809 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Time: Wednesday at 07:15 AM

Events

No Events found

Club Meeting This Week

Club Meeting - Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.!

January 3 Program - Cora Rhew. **Crossroads Center Of Hope**
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 876 6542 6094
Passcode: 911299

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2023 -2024 Programs

- January 10 Naomi Asher United Way
- January 17 Taylor Martin ORNL Fraud and Scamming
- January 24 Erin Elizabeth Smith Oak Ridge Poet Laureate
- January 31 Jim Smith. Hiking the Triple Crown

On December 31 Lou Dunlop Passed Away

One of our wonderful Breakfast Rotary Club members, Lou Dunlop passed away on December 31. Many prayers for her family. No details about funeral arrangements at this time.

James and Pat Wilson's Wonderful Donation!!

The article below is about a major donation made by James and Pat Wilson to Roane State's Knox Regional Health Science Education Center. HOW WONDERFUL!!

Wednesday, December 27, 2023 ROANE COUNTY NEWS **A3**

BUSINESS

Oak Ridge couple donates \$100K to science center

James and Pat Wilson's donation to the science center is a testament to their commitment to the community. The couple is thankful for partners like...

James Frank Wilson and Patricia Wilson of Oak Ridge recently donated \$100,000 to support Roane State's Knox Regional Health Science Education Center. The new campus is currently under construction in West Knoxville.

The 130,000-square-foot center will be located at 9575 Sherrill Boulevard. Once complete, the facility will replace Roane State's existing Knox County Center for Health Sciences. The Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Knoxville will also move its health science programs into the new facility.

The center is expected to educate more than 8,000 students each year. Plans also include a large, multi-purpose simulation center with

spaces built to replicate a variety of healthcare training settings. Current Roane State programs to be offered at the new campus include nursing, EMS, polysomnography, and respiratory therapy, with the college planning to add new programs such as cardiovascular technology, healthcare administration, and public health.

"Today, we are experiencing a shortage of needed staff in healthcare, from nursing to all types of technicians," explained Mr. Wilson, donor and fundraising campaign cabinet member. "It is not a matter of higher pay or job availability. The individuals to fill these roles do not exist, locally or nationally. The only option is to create these needed healthcare workers, start-



Dr. Joey Gilbert, fundraising campaign manager, Patricia Wilson, James Frank Wilson, and Scott Niermann, Roane State Foundation's executive director.

ing in high schools, then community colleges and beyond. If we do this, we can retain local students in good jobs and grow our communities. Those who are educated here tend to stay here."

The total estimated budget for the project is \$75

million, with the State of Tennessee contributing \$67.5 million to the effort. Roane State's non-profit Foundation is leading the campaign to provide the remaining \$7.5 million needed to complete the project.

The Foundation assem-

bled a campaign cabinet this past spring to help with the fundraising efforts. Wilson, a longtime Roane State supporter, was among the first to join that group.

"This is the largest capital project in Roane State history, and we are so

thankful to partners like the Wilsons who are at the forefront of communicating how this facility will serve our students and our communities," said Roane State Foundation Executive Director Scott Niermann. "As we continue the major gifts stage of campaign fundraising, we are meeting with area leaders, philanthropists and friends of Roane State to share the impact of this project and how they can help us make a difference."

The project's preliminary timeline has the Knox Regional Health Science Education Center set to open for students in the fall of 2025. To learn more about how to get involved with the fundraising campaign, or to make a direct contribution, visit thrive.roanestate.edu.

New Club Membership Applications!!

At the December Board meeting of the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club, the following applications for membership were approved:

- 1) Ram Uppuluri, sponsored by Pat Postma
- 2) Liz Tucker, sponsored by Matt Tucker
- 3) Steve Gordon, sponsored by James Wilson

Members have one week to comment or provide input on these applications. Please let President Tom know if you have any questions or concerns.

Also, Emily Jernigan's resignation was accepted, and a recommendation to change her membership status to Honorary Member was approved.

DG Susie Cantrell Notes

Below some information President Tom received from Susie. Unfortunately, the links provided to sign up for the Rotary Leadership Institute and to buy a Peace License Plate did not work. If anyone is interested in either of these, please get in touch with President Tom SOON!!

"Signup for the February 24 Rotary Leadership Institute - RLI - Registration for Feb 24th is still open!

Also, please sign up to get the new Peace license plate. You don't need VIN numbers or anything else. We need to get 1,000 vehicles registered on the list by June 30, 2024 to make this license plate happen. Since you don't need to be a Rotarian to get this plate, tell your friends and co-workers about it. And, the first year's \$35 cost is covered. Let's make it work this time!"

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUSIE.