

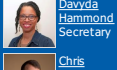
### Club Leaders



**Thomas L. Clary III**  
President



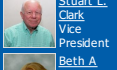
**Wayne Arthur Houberg**  
President-Elect



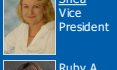
**Davyda Hammond**  
Secretary



**Chris Osborn**  
Treasurer



**Stuart L. Clark**  
Vice President



**Beth A. Shea**  
Vice President



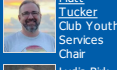
**Ruby A. Miller**  
Past President  
Club DEI Chair



**David Olson**  
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



**Brenda S. Thomburgh**  
Club Membership Chair



**Matt Tucker**  
Club Youth Services Chair



**Lydla Birk**  
Past President

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Years of Service

Brian Buuck  
01-30-2008  
16 Years  
Kesha Waters  
02-04-2019  
5 Years  
Matt Tucker  
02-07-2022  
2 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

### January 17 Breakfast Rotary Club Meeting CANCELLED!

The Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club meeting scheduled for this coming Wednesday, January 17 has been CANCELLED!

The Oak Ridge Universalist Unitarian Church (ORUUC) where we meet is setting up a warming center and temporary shelter this week due to the inclement weather. Although they are willing to accommodate if you wish to help them with this important mission please see the information below.

#### Tom Clary

Thank you for the offer of help. If folks from your group would like to volunteer, here is a link to sign up, and a message from my co-leader about needs. No pressure - I know the roads may get bad.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEUio44a4bHrAGLsp4WhGY\\_sjOKFnq8oS9tIpNc12GVg6d4vA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEUio44a4bHrAGLsp4WhGY_sjOKFnq8oS9tIpNc12GVg6d4vA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Here is the update from Amanda Branche on the ORUUC Facebook page:

#### WARMING CENTER UPDATE

The warming center will officially open at 2:00pm Monday!

If you'd still like to volunteer your time to keep the doors open:

We need more folks to staff particularly morning shifts and some time tomorrow and Saturday. The volunteer sign-up link is updated to only reflect the times that we still need help. If you previously volunteered your time, check your

If someone is willing to take used towels and washcloths home to wash and dry and return, please let me know. We're going to let people use the shower while they're staying.

If you'd like to donate items, here are things we could use:

PILLOWS, Towels, Washcloths, Paper plates, disposable cutlery, disposable cups, blankets, sleeping pads.

If you'd like to donate food:

We are not going to do specific meal times, so bringing donations of food folks can make or grab for themselves. Below are some ideas.

Bottled/canned drinks, bags of chips, bread, peanut butter, jelly, lunchmeat, condiments, sliced cheese, granola bars, pre-packaged breakfast foods, breakfast bars.

FOOD AND ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AFTER 2 TOMORROW. The office is closed so no one will be at the church to accept donations before the warming center opens at 2:00 tomorrow.

Feel free to reach out to myself or Christina Elliott if you have ideas or questions.

### 2023 -2024 Programs

January 24 Erin Elizabeth Smith Oak Ridge Poet Laureate

January 31 Jim Smith. Hiking the Triple Crown

### Yay Steve Gordon and Jim Rushton!!

Welcome to our Newest Member Steve Gordon - sponsored by James Wilson!!





Rotary Foundation Chairman David Olsen awards Jim Rushton for his contributions and continuing support of the Paul Harris Society!!



## Our American Roots 2024!

"Our American Roots" is pleased to inform you that starting next month a new series of lectures will be presented in Oak Ridge. As with last year, this series will focus on the achievements and challenges of v. Each of these talks is free to the public and will be held in the Wamp Auditorium at the Y-12 New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd., Oak Ridge, TN. The doors will open at 5:00 for a reception for the speaker and a pdf of the flyer below is attached to this Bulletin.

If the image below does not totally show up, just click on it!

# Our American Roots

## An Exploration of Cultures: A NEW Four-Part Series



OUR AMERICAN ROOTS  
AN EXPLORATION OF CULTURES

The Implementation of *Our American Roots* is based on the following premise:

The "us vs. them" mentality is pervasive in many areas. And yet, as members of the human race, we are all more alike than we are different. Even so, there are differences among us – differences in culture, language, beliefs, and values. If we can understand, respect, and appreciate these differences, we can bridge the gap between "us and them." *Our American Roots* is designed to build bridges.

*Our American Roots* is presented by the Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning in partnership with the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club.

- **Understanding Appalachia – The Most Misunderstood Region in the Country.**  
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 5 p.m., \* CNS New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd.  
Speaker: Dr. Chad Berry, Vice President for Alumni, Communications and Philanthropy at Berea College.
- **Persecution of Uyghurs in China – A Uyghur's Perspective.**  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 5 p.m., \* CNS New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd.  
Speaker: Dr. Abdurahim Oguz, ORNL Physicist and Uyghur.
- **Navigating Identities and Borders – The Evolution of Latino Immigration and U.S. Policy.**  
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 5 p.m., \* CNS New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd.  
Speaker: Arlene Amarante, Assistant Professor of Law, Lincoln Memorial University.
- **From Peddlers to PhDs – The Jewish Experience in East Tennessee.**  
Thursday, May 16, 2024, 5 p.m., \* CNS New Hope Center, 602 Scarboro Rd.  
Speaker: Wendy Besmann, Author of *A Separate Circle: Jewish Life in Knoxville*.

\*Doors open at 5 p.m. for a reception for the speaker. Light food will be served.  
Presentations start at 6 p.m.

For more information on Our American Roots, please go to the following website: <https://www.roanestate.edu/oar>


Alternatively, scan the QR Code at right.



## Special Sheila Arnold Scarborough 85 Public Event!

FLATWATER TALES is sponsoring this Amazing Event! A pdf of the flyer below is attached to this week's Bulletin.

If you cannot see the full image below, just **CLICK** on it!

<p>FLATWATER TALES PRESENTS</p> <h1>SCARBORO 85</h1> <p>AS TOLD BY MASTER STORYTELLER SHEILA ARNOLD</p>	
<p><b>EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:</b> Sheila tells the "secret" story of the 85 brave Scarborough students who were <b>FIRST</b> to desegregate a school system in the Southeast.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC PERFORMANCES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feb 20 - 3:00PM Scarborough Community Center, 148 Carver Ave.</li><li>• Feb 21 - 11:00AM ORICL Roane State Community College, 701 Briarcliff Ave. Goff Building #107</li><li>• Feb 21 - 7:00PM Oak Valley Baptist Church, 194 Hampton Road</li><li>• Feb 22 - 7:00PM Oak Ridge Heritage &amp; Preservation Association at American Museum of Science and Energy, 115 E. Main Street</li></ul>	
<p>FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FIND MORE INFORMATION AT <a href="http://WWW.FLATWATERTALES.COM">WWW.FLATWATERTALES.COM</a></p>	<p>OUR SPONSORS: TENNESSEE ARTS COMMISSION, CNS Y-12 CONSOLIDATED NUCLEAR SECURITY, PINNACLE FINANCIAL PARTNERS, SUNSET ROTARY, BREAKFAST ROTARY AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF OAK RIDGE</p>

## January 2024 Polio Update

Below is a brief polio update that you can share with your clubs to further awareness of Rotary's #1 priority; The Global Eradication of Polio.

• As of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, there had been 12 confirmed cases of Wild Polio worldwide in 2023 (6 in Afghanistan and 6 in Pakistan). This is a significant improvement over the 30 cases that were recorded world

It takes several weeks to investigate, confirm and report Wild Polio cases, so the numbers for 2023 will not be considered final for several weeks, but the preliminary results are *very* encouraging.

• Some of you may be wondering about the status of donor credits from the Dunkin' Donuts Purple Pinkie Project. The checks and donor information from D-6780 were sent to RI for processing in late D

If you have club members who are expecting PHF credit but have not received it, please let me know so that I can follow up.

• As a reminder, The *William T. Sergeant Polio Eradicator Award* recognizes clubs that have an average giving to PolioPlus of at least \$50 per member. As we pass the midpoint in the Rotary Year this is a

Thanks again for all you do in support of Rotary !

John Downs  
Chair - End Polio Now!

## Seymour Breakfast Rotary Invitation!

The Seymour Breakfast Rotary Club delighted to extend an invitation to you and your esteemed members to attend a special event featuring Dr. Bruce as our guest speaker. Dr. Bruce will be sharing valuable i

Date: January 17th Time: 7:30 am Location: The King's Academy - 202 Smothers Rd. Seymour, TN 37865

For more details, kindly refer to the attached flyer.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could share this information with your members, and we hope to see you and your members there.

Thank you for your attention, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

### Seymour Breakfast Rotary

The King's Academy  
202 Smothers Rd. Seymour, TN 37865  
(865)306-6063


## Guest Speaker

January 17, 2024



### Donald J. Bruce

Donald Bruce is the Randy and Jenny Boyd Distinguished Professor in the Haslam College of Business at the University of Tennessee with a joint appointment as Director of the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research and Professor in the Department of Economics. He also serves as the University of Tennessee's Faculty Athletics Representative to the NCAA and SEC. As a Boyd Center economist, he regularly provides



objective, non-partisan policy research and evaluation under contracts with an array of government agencies at the federal and state levels. His recent work has included an ongoing evaluation of Tennessee's welfare program, Families First, for the Tennessee Department of Human Services, an analysis of teacher supply and demand in Tennessee for the Governor's Office of Education Policy, and a forecast of expenditures on Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. In addition to his Boyd Center research, Dr. Bruce studies the economic and behavioral effects of tax policies on such things as small business activity and owner-occupied housing. His work has been presented and published in a variety of academic journals, edited volumes, and professional meetings. He has testified before Congress on the topic of internet taxation, and he presented his work on taxes and small business activity before the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform in 2005. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the economics of taxation.

Dr. Bruce joined the UT faculty in 1999 after receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Syracuse University and his B.A. with honors in Economics from Drew University.

