



### Club Leaders



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### Birthdays

Robin E. Textor  
March 19th

Michael Coffey  
March 20th

Ellen Smith  
March 24th

Carl H. Peterson  
March 29th

Martha Moore Hobson  
March 30th

### Years of Service

Beth A. Shea  
03-29-2017  
7 Years

Davyda Hammond  
03-11-2019  
5 Years

John Caughman  
03-15-2023  
1 Year

### 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.!

March 13 Program - **Amanda Ingle - Girls Inc.!**  
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 876 6542 6094  
Passcode: 911299

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### 2023 -2024 Programs

March 13 Amanda Ingle Director of Girls, Inc.

March 20 Stephanie Cervantes The Encouragement Project

March 27 John Glowenka Non Technical Fusion

### 2024 Lunch 4 Literacy Announcement!

The Lunch for Literacy is in its 32nd year! The money raised is returned in the form of grants to fund both children and adult literacy initiatives in Anderson and Roane counties. For 2023, we were able to award over \$25,000 to schools, libraries, and other nonprofits in their efforts to improve literacy in our community. PLEASE consider supporting the Lunch for Literacy by joining us at the event as a sponsor or individual guest and promoting the luncheon to others who may also be interested in a sponsorship or attending as a guest as well. Lunch will be catered by Calhoun's.

#### Note Three Attachments related to this year's Lunch for Literacy!

**Brendan Slocumb** was raised in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a degree in music education, concentrations on Violin and Viola. For the past two decades, he has been a public and private school music educator from kindergarten through twelfth grade, teaching general music, orchestra and guitar ensembles. His students were often chosen for district and regional orchestras. In 2005, Brendan was named Teacher of the Year for Robert E. Lee High School; he has been named to Who's Who of American teachers, and is a Nobel Teacher of distinction. Brendan also serves as an educational consultant for the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Music has always played a major part of Brendan's life. He believes that it's a life-saving force, and a gift we should always offer our children. When he was nine, he started playing violin through a public school music program. Friends he grew up with are today sitting in jail; when they were out running the streets, he was in rehearsals. When they were breaking into people's houses, he was practicing Dvorak and Mozart. His violin opened the door to opportunity, and he ran through it. Since then, Brendan has performed with the Washington Metropolitan Symphony, the McLean Symphony, the Prince George's Philharmonic, and the Alexandria Symphony. He has served as the concertmaster for the NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra and regularly performs chamber music with members of the Alexandria Chamber Music Society. He maintains a private music studio teaching lessons to students on violin, guitar and piano. Brendan believes that everyone can learn to appreciate and love music, and that it can be a new way of communicating, building bonds, and connecting with people who may look, sound, or speak differently.

In 2022, Brendan published his first novel, *THE VIOLIN CONSPIRACY* (Anchor Books), a GMA Book Club Pick, the riveting story of a young Black musician who discovers that his old family fiddle is actually a priceless Stradivarius; when it's stolen on the eve of the world's most prestigious classical music competition, he risks everything to get it back. In 2023, Brendan published his second novel, *SYMPHONY OF SECRETS* (Anchor Books), about a music historian who discovers that the world's greatest composer may have stolen the music from a neurodivergent Black woman and the powers-that-be will do anything to silence the historian. Brendan is now at work on his third novel, to be published in early 2025.

COME & JOIN US FOR THE

32nd annual

LUNCH FOR LITERACY

featuring

**Brendan Slocumb**

author of

*The Violin Conspiracy* & *Symphony of Secrets*



Tuesday, March 19, 2024

11:30- 1:30

Oak Ridge High School

Tickets available on Eventbrite

**\$75**



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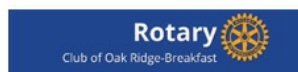


### March 26 OUR AMERICAN ROOTS Event!

**Our American Roots** is made possible by:

#### A Partnership...

...between the **Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning (ORICL)** and the **Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club (ORBRC)**. ORICL operates through Roane State Community College and provides informal learning experiences for adults in many subject areas including art, history, science, and literature. ORBRC shares a mission with all Rotary Clubs to pursue peace and social justice in our communities.



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## ***Persecution of Uyghurs in China***

Part Two of a **NEW** Four-Part Series

March 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

CNS New Hope Center, Scarboro Road



## Announcement For ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS!

See the note below for the announcement for our Annual Club Awards! There are two attachments to this newsletter that you can use to submit Award Nominations - by APRIL 3.

### Announcement for Annual Club Awards

Linda Brown Rotarian of the Year

and

Service Above Self

Nomination Period opens March 6, 2024, and closes April 3, 2024.

It is the time of year to select and recognize a few individuals that have worked hard for the betterment of our community. Your help is needed to nominate individuals that meet the criteria for:

The "**Linda Brown Rotarian of the Year**" Award is an honor given by the Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club to one or more members who have served the club with distinction during the Rotary Year. It is given annually and carries a donation to the Rotary Foundation or ORBRC Foundation on behalf of the honoree or his/her designee. Active and Honorary Members of ORBRC are eligible.

*"The Board of Directors has voted unanimously to combine the Linda Brown Angel Award with the Rotarian of the Year Award. We are seeking nominees for the Linda Brown Rotarian of the Year Award."*

The "**Service Above Self**" award is an honor given by Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club to recognize individuals or groups that have performed exceptional and sacrificial service of a volunteer nature over a significant period of time. This award may be given as often as once per year, but only when deserving recipients are identified. The award carries a monetary grant to further the work of the recipient. Active Rotarians are not eligible.

Nomination Forms are at the front table.

Completed nomination forms may be turned in at the front table or you may scan and email the completed form to [benredmond@comcast.net](mailto:benredmond@comcast.net)

## **International Women's Day - March 8!**

See the note below we all received from District Governor Susie Cantrell!

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible women who have made a significant impact within our Rotary International community and beyond. International Women's Day is a special occasion that allows us to reflect on the achievements of women throughout history and recognize their contributions in various fields. It is a time to honor the progress that has been made towards equality and to continue advocating for a more inclusive society.

Within Rotary International, we have seen countless women who have dedicated their time, skills, and passion to making a positive difference in their communities. Their leadership, compassion, and determination inspire us all to strive for a better world. On this International Women's Day, let us celebrate the women who have broken barriers, and paved the way for future generations. Let us acknowledge their resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to service above self.

I encourage you to take a moment today to recognize and appreciate the women in your life who have made a difference. Whether it is your mother, sister, friend, colleague, or mentor, let them know how much you value their contributions and support. As we continue our journey, let us remember that empowering women is not just a one-day event but a continuous effort. Together, we can create a world where every woman has the opportunity to thrive and make a positive impact.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to Rotary International's mission. Together, we can build a better future for all.

Warmest regards - DG Susie Cantrell