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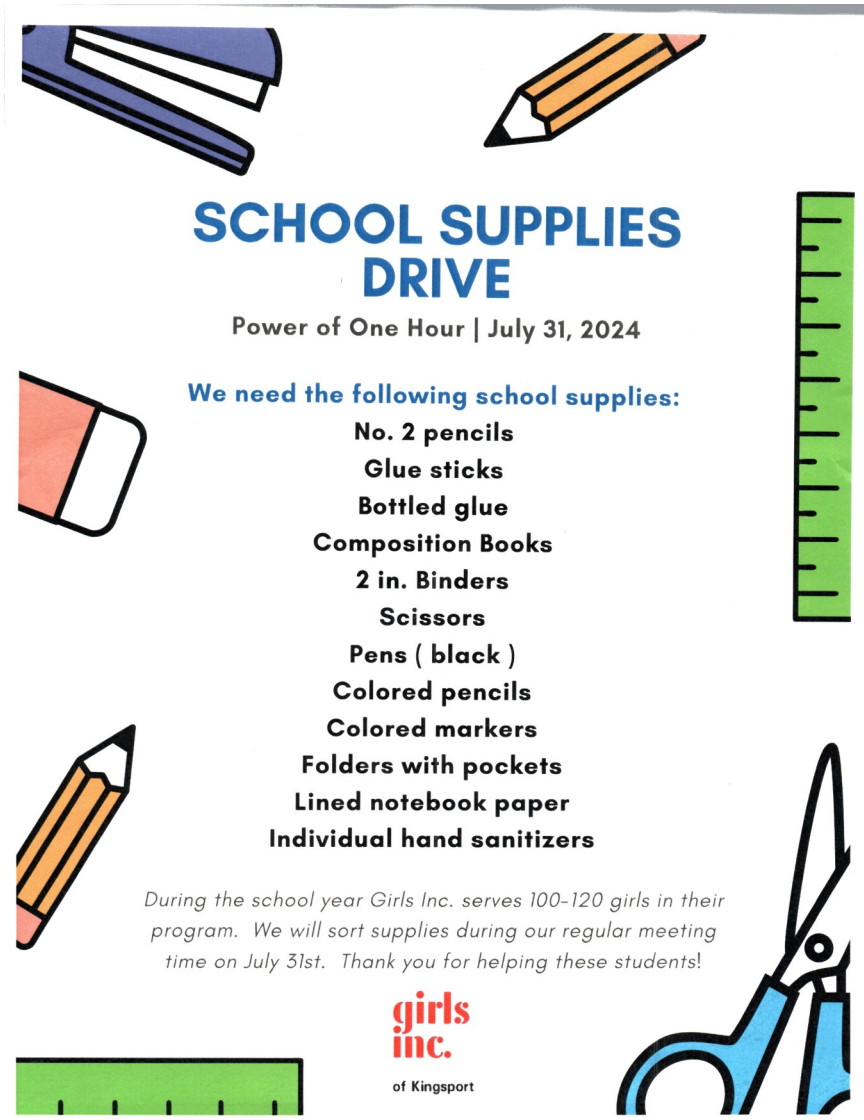
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**THE MAGIC
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July 31 Meeting Preview Power of One Hour Collect School Supplies for Girls Inc.

At our July 31 meeting we will collect and organize school supplies to be distributed to Girls Inc. See the listing below for needed items. Please bring your items to the meeting. After Lunch we will organize the items and they will be taken to Girls Inc. for distribution to needy students.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Power of One Hour | July 31, 2024

We need the following school supplies:

- No. 2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- Bottled glue
- Composition Books
- 2 in. Binders
- Scissors
- Pens (black)
- Colored pencils
- Colored markers
- Folders with pockets
- Lined notebook paper
- Individual hand sanitizers

During the school year Girls Inc. serves 100-120 girls in their program. We will sort supplies during our regular meeting time on July 31st. Thank you for helping these students!

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July 24, 2024 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 48.9%

Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced Paul Montgomery, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Emily Ball provided the week's Sunshine with fun facts about the Olympic Games.

Next week's July 31 meeting will be a Power of One Hour service project. Please plan to meet at the regular meeting time and location to organize the donated school supplies that members have collected for Girls Inc.



Leslie Lynch announced that the online registration for the September 14 Kingsport RLI class is open now. If you are interested, or can help volunteer that morning during registration, please see Leslie.

Paul Gray then introduced this week's speaker, Bobby Russell, Sullivan County's Clerk of the Court for the past six years. Russell provided an overview of the county Clerk's Office, which provides services for all of the Kingsport and Sullivan County courts through its 37 employees and annual budget of \$2.5 million.

The Clerk's Office processes all paperwork filed for the courts, stores evidence during and after trials, and produces summonses and litigation paperwork and other court-related documents. They also collect fines and court costs (totaling nearly \$4 million in 2023) and send out jury notices to lists of potential jurors randomly selected from driver's license data. Russell ended his presentation by taking questions from the audience.

Paul closed the meeting with a recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Dr. A.J. Mosrie

January 29, 1934 — July 22, 2024



Doctor Azett Jimmie Mosrie passed away on Monday, July 22, 2024, at home, surrounded by family. The memorial service was held on Friday July 26 at First Broad Street Methodist Church. Dr. Mosrie was a long time member of The Rotary Club of Kingsport

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

- First Broad Street United Methodist Church: (423) 246-4471 or online at fbsumc.org/giving
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Donate by phone at (800) 805-5856 or online at stjude.org
- BrightFocus Foundation, Macular Degeneration Research: online at brightfocus.org

Leading with peace

Rotary Voices

By Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, 2019-20 RI Vice President and 2018-20 Rotary International Director

I have been involved with Rotary for more than 40 years, beginning as a Rotaractor in 1983 and transitioning to a Rotarian in 1993. My journey in peacebuilding started from two fronts: my deep commitment to community service and my involvement in Rotary's structured peace initiatives. As a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, in District 9141, I have held numerous leadership positions including as club president, district governor, and past Rotary International director.



Past RI Vice President Olayinka Babalola leads a discussion on the Pillars of Positive Peace.

My passion for peacebuilding was sparked during my university days in Nigeria where we leveraged Rotaract to implement community improvement projects. This passion was further awakened when I became a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator (RRFC). In this role, I realized that while Rotary's focus areas were being addressed, peacebuilding was not as actively engaged by Rotarians. This observation led me to prioritize and advocate for more intensive peacebuilding activities within Rotary.

Through my role as an RRFC, I began to understand that many Rotarians and Rotary clubs were unsure how to engage in peacebuilding. They often lacked the necessary skills and capacity. To address this, I connected Rotary Peace Fellows with their respective districts to share their expertise and experiences. These interactions were crucial in demystifying peacebuilding and demonstrating practical ways Rotarians could contribute to this important cause, knowing that for more than 25 years, Rotary members have been investing in the Rotary Peace Centers program. Because of that commitment, more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have been trained through our peace centers to work in peace and development across the globe.

Past RI Vice President Olayinka Babalola leads a discussion on the Pillars of Positive Peace.

During this journey and hunger for learning more, I became a Rotary Positive Peace Activator. This program, developed by Rotary International in partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, emphasizes the eight pillars of Positive Peace. These pillars provide a

comprehensive framework for creating an environment where peace can flourish. I was invited to the East Africa Positive Peace Activators program as a guest and that inspired us to start the expansion of the program to West & Central Africa cohort, where I was trained and became a Rotary Peace Activator.

During my involvement with the Rotary Peace Center at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, I've had the privilege of engaging with Rotary Peace Fellows. These fellows undergo extensive training and return to their communities to implement Social Change Initiatives, later sharing their progress and challenges. This hands-on approach is vital in fostering a practical understanding of peacebuilding.

On a personal level, my engagement with the Positive Peace framework has profoundly influenced my interactions and leadership style. For instance, in my community, we applied the framework to understand and address issues such as school absenteeism, which was linked to unsafe routes frequented by drug dealers. By addressing the root causes, we created a safer environment for students, working with neighbors and understanding local governance.


My journey in peacebuilding with Rotary has been one of continuous personal and professional learning and active engagements. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts and I believe that building capacity for peacemaking at every level is crucial and more needed than ever before.

I am optimistic about the future and remain committed to creating a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

For more insights into my journey and Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives, explore these pages on [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org): Rotary Peace Fellowships; Rotary Positive Peace Program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3 No Meeting, Independence Day Holiday	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Paul Gray—Plans for 2024-2025 Rotary Year	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Dale Phillips—City of Kingsport Chief of Police	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bobby Russell—Sullivan County Clerk of the Court	25	26 Tax Free Weekend for School Supplies	27
28	29	30	31  School Supplies for Girls Inc.			

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Edna Potts—July 4
Shannon Morelock—July 9
Jerry Miller—July 11
Bruce Sites—July 14
Kenneth Calvert—July 19
Rebecca Beck—July 22

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

July 01—Bill Bard—63 Years
July 06—Judy Fischer—51 Years
July 08—Wirt Taylor—17 Years
July 10—Rebecca Beck—20 Years

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

July 01—John Porter—44 Years
July 01—Wirt Taylor—57 Years
July 01—Buddy Scott—41 Years
July 01—Dennis Phillips—35 Years
July 09—Pam Rehart—16 Years
July 15—Todd Jones—02 Years
July 22—Jerry Miller—26 Years
July 25—Bill Adams—43 Years

Upcoming Events

August 24—District 7570 Membership Summit—The Heartwood Center, Abingdon, VA
September 14—Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 1—Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN

HOW TO FIND US

Rotary Club of Kingsport

District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon
at

The Crown Center inside Food City
1205 N Eastman Road | Kingsport, TN



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Nancy Whitlock

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DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Tim Carter



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO

- 1 | Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 | Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 | Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 | Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Local Clubs for Make-ups

MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State
Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg.,
Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard
Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St.
Johnson City, TN

TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park &
Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate
City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN—
The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition
Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol,
TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train
Station, 101 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Bristol, VA

Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City
Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave, Johnson
City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University,
Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café, 60 Shiloh
Road Greeneville, TN

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin
Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference
Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City
Press Room, Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St.,
Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211
N.Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church
of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie
Ave, Elizabethton, TN

THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food
City Community Room, 920 N. State of
Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City
Crown Center, 1205 N Eastman Road,
Kingsport, TN

AVAILABLE 24/7—

www.RotaryClubOne.org