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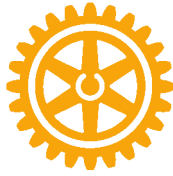
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**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**



August 28 Meeting Preview

Sarah Fagerburg—Acton Academy Johnson City



Sarah is a mother of nine children and has seen just about everything in education while raising her children. She has homeschooled, sent her children to public school and to a lottery school but never felt like she was providing the best possible option for her children. Then she discovered Acton Academy and since there wasn't one in the Tri-Cities, she decided to open her own.

A graduate of Brigham Young University, she has

extensive volunteer experience within her church and the community, including volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, facilitating addiction recovery meetings, and sign language interpreting for her deaf friends.

She is a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and a Sunday School Teacher at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She plays piano and enjoys oil painting.

She loves theoretical psychology and has the dream of changing the world of theoretical psychology.

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August 21, 2024 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 53.7%

Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced David Randolph, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Sharon Moore provided the week's Sunshine.

Leslie Lynch reminded the club that she still needs two volunteers to work at registration for the RLI class being held in Kingsport on September 14.



Paul Gray introduced this week's speaker, Sarah Good, a teacher for ESL (English as a Second Language) at Dobyns-Bennett and coordinator for the Inclusive Athletics programs for Kingsport City Schools. This commitment started with the Buds Program, which paired special-needs students with buddies to bridge the gaps between students of varying abilities and encourage friendships.

This program was so successful that others came online in 2013, including the Sparkle Squad, an inclusive cheer and dance team that performs at football and basketball games, and the Tribe Games, which feature three events every year that ensure every student can participate in athletic competitions.

Ms. Good also spoke briefly about the Unified Sports and Special Olympics teams, which have qualified for the state championships in four events.

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

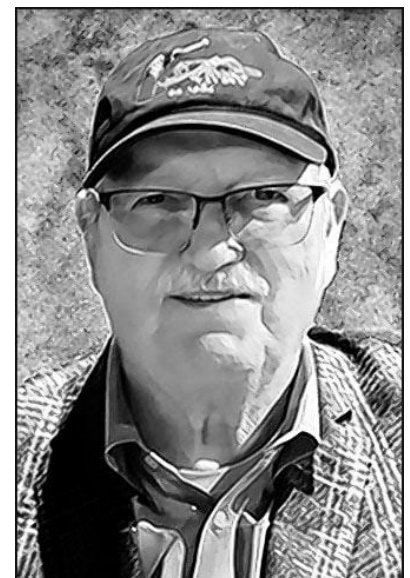


Dr. Terry Whisnant of Kingsport, Tennessee, passed away on August 16, 2024. He was a beloved figure in his community and had a long, impactful career in education. Dr. Whisnant served as a professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Southside Virginia Community College for 31 years, where he was

known for his wit, wisdom, and dedication to his students.

He was also a decorated veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Whisnant was an avid outdoorsman, completing over 800 miles of the Appalachian Trail, and was actively involved in his community through the Rotary Club of Kingsport.

His passing leaves behind family and friends who remember him fondly and celebrate his life and legacy.



How do we share our stories in a way that attracts, keeps members?

Rotary Voices

By Massimo Ballotta, Rotary coordinator for Zone 14 and member of the Rotary Club of Feltre, Italy

People used to see my Rotary pin and ask me, "What is Rotary?" To be honest, I didn't always have a quick answer. This is a problem, because surveys tell us that we only have a few seconds to capture someone's attention and make an impression.

I made it a goal to find a way to more successfully motivate people who approached me asking questions about our organization. I reached back into my experience to find stories and moments that had inspired me, and that had stirred up my emotions. These Rotary moments are what transformed me from a routine member of my club into a full-blown Rotarian. I became excited about the friendships I have made and the positive lasting change that I can make in my community.



Each of us has a story to tell

It begins with identifying those things that attracted us to Rotary in the first place. And then it involves remembering those instances when we truly felt the life-changing power of Rotary.

There is a well-known saying that I like to repeat often. It is a fundamental phrase, and it is easy to remember:

"I learned that people forget what you said, they forget what you did, but people can never forget how you made them feel."

It is in sharing our experiences, emotions, and passions that we create that feeling that people will remember. Sharing our Rotary moments are our best chance of motivating others to join.

This practice has value beyond new member recruitment

Sharing inspiring stories can grow Rotary's reputation in our community. It can get partners excited to work with us.

If we make it a regular part of our meetings, we also allow our members to relive and remember the excitement that brought them to Rotary in the first place. When we ask members to share their stories, we open up opportunities to learn ways they might have become dissatisfied with the club and might help us identify ways we can get them re-engaged. A big step in the growth of any organization is the retention of members. We need to instill enthusiasm and pride of belonging.

Diversity matters

We should also be deliberate about sharing our stories beyond our immediate circle. Don't just tell them to your close friends and acquaintances. We should ask ourselves, who is missing from our club? Who should be here to make our club truly reflect our community? And then go share with them. The more diverse our clubs are, the stronger we are.

We are People of Action, who together create lasting change in our communities. Rotary's strength lies in our collective dedication to service and our conviction in our ability to tackle any problem no matter how big or small. But we can only do that with vibrant, growing clubs. Therefore, all of us have a responsibility to make membership a priority. And not just during Membership and New Club Development month.

The best shot we have at building membership is by sharing the things that excite us about Rotary, in the past, in the present, and in what we hope to do in the future.

Find tools for sharing your Rotary Story in the [Brand Center](#) and discover actionable tips for crafting a positive experience for prospective members in [Creating a Positive Experience for Prospective Members](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31  School Supplies for Girls Inc.	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Joe Ley—District 7570 Area Governor	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Jack Pierce—From Slavery to Today in Kingsport	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Sarah Good—Unified Track and Field Team, Head Coach—Dobyns Bennett High School	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Sarah Fagerburg— Founder, Action Academy, Johnson City	29	30	31

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Aug 07—Gary Bridges
Aug 14—Ambre Torbett
Aug 20—Russell Adkins
Aug 22—Dennis Phillips
Aug 25—Bill Lewis
Aug 25—David Randolph
Aug 26—Steve Swinney

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 13—Ambre Torbett—30 Years
Aug 14—Emily Ball—14 Years
Aug 19—Tom Todd—63 Years
Aug 25—Bill Adams—61 Years
Aug 27—Ken Calvert—47 Years
Aug 29—Leslie Lynch—54 Years

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 01—Deborah Adams—29 Years
Aug 15—Leslie Lynch—21 Years
Aug 16—Rebecca Beck—6 Years
Aug 24—Heather Cook—13 Years
Aug 28—Jennifer Salyer—11 Years

Upcoming Events

September 14—Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 1—Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Lisa Christian— Sullivan County Drug Coalition	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Laura Cross—Health Extension for Diabetes	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Shantell Bogle—Oasis of Kingsport	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Alderman Betsy Cooper—Friends in Need Health Center	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept 04—Jeff Fleming
 Sept 13—Lynn Tully
 Sept 16—Pam Rehart
 Sept 17—Jerry Lukach
 Sept 22—Bill Argabrite

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 05—Bill Kirk—63 Years
 Sept 19—Deborah Adams—32 Years

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 01—Gary Bridges—37 Years
 Sept 01—Paul Gray—10 Years
 Sept 07—Isaac Webb—8 Years
 Sept 08—Sharon Moore—3 Years
 Sept 24—Jeff Fleming—27 Years

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HOW TO FIND US

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District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon
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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