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October 30 Meeting Preview



We are excited to transform our October 30th meeting into a time of fun, fellowship, and service as we put our artistic talents to use for our Outdoor Learning Center project for George Washington Elementary School! As



HOMEMADE MUD KITCHEN FOODS

you may have heard in previous announcements, our project includes the creation of a mud kitchen that will promote imaginative play and social skills. During our meeting we will be painting rocks to look like food for the kids to use as part of their play activities. We will also be setting up a rock painting station during one of our project work days so the kids can join in the fun, too!

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October 23, 2024 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 59.1%

Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced Ken Calvert, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Leslie Lynch provided the week's Member Moment.

The club social has been rescheduled for November 8 at 6ix Grist & Gring Taphouse. Invite your friends family, and potential members to come out for the fellowship and fun.

On November 20 at 4:30 pm, the club will help Girls Inc. to serve their annual Thanksgiving dinner. More details will be provided closer to the event.

Please note that Wednesday, October 30 will be a Power of One Hour meeting at our regular time and place, painting rocks for the Washington Elementary mud kitchen.

The club is currently collecting money for Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign in advance of World Polio Day on October 24, and the club's annual polio program, which will be held in early November. Cash, check or Venmo payments will be accepted through November, or members can request billing. Happy Dollars in the amount of \$175 were collected today on behalf of Polio Plus and will be collected again on November 6.

Paul requested that the membership vote on the nomination of Kandi Douthat to the previously unfilled position of club vice-president. She was approved by the club and will join the current slate of officers. Congratulations, Kandi!

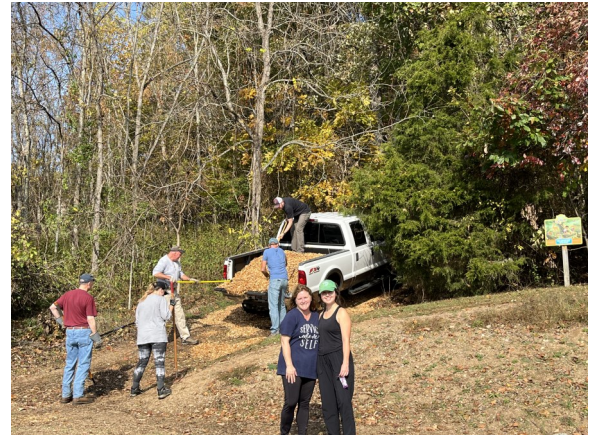
He also gave a brief update on the club's art installation from last year's service project. It had been on hold for months due to delays at the Brickyard Park development, and the board ultimately decided to reduce the size of the piece and locate it temporarily at a downtown fire station until a new permanent site can be selected.



Ted Fields introduced this week's speaker, Alanna Leonberg, executive director of Grace House, a part of the Kingsport Homeless Ministry. Grace House was founded in 2019 as a 501(c)3 organization and purchased the building on E. Sullivan Street that Grace House is based out of in 2021. The 13,000-square-foot site has been undergoing renovations since then but is very close to opening its doors to Kingsport's homeless population as a combined low-barrier men's and women's night shelter and a day center.

The night shelter will sleep up to 20 men and 20 women and will not require drug screenings or background checks in order to secure a bed. Residents can stay up to 14 days at a time, or longer if they are participating in the shelter's programs to assist them toward permanent housing and employment. Shower and laundry facilities will be available to the residents, as well as access to the other services open to all Day Center guests like case management, a permanent mailing address, dental and vision services, a chapel, and mental health and addiction counseling.

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



Poinsettia/Wreath Fundraiser



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2024

One of the club's fundraising campaigns over the last few years has been the sale of Poinsettia Plants at Christmas. This year we would again like your support for this major fundraising campaign with a target of exceeding the previous year's sales. The more we raise, the more we can put back into our community projects. We will offer Fraser Fir Wreaths to supplement our fundraising campaign.

This year there will be 4 alternatives of pot/basket size with the usual choice of red, white or marbled flowers (except for the 1 plant pot which will only be available in red or white). We will also offer 3 sizes of Fraser Fir wreaths.

The following is the cost of the various options available for plants and wreaths.

| | Donation | Color Options |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1 Plant Pot | \$10 | Red or White |
| 2 Plant Pot | \$15 | Red, White or Marbled |
| 3 Plant Pot | \$18 | Red, White or Marbled |
| 4 Plant Basket | \$20 | Red, White or Marbled |

**Add \$1.25 to price of poinsettia for a bow.*

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|------------------------------|------|
| 12" Fraser Fir Wreath | \$16 |
| 16" Fraser Fir Wreath | \$21 |
| 20" Fraser Fir Wreath | \$29 |

**Add \$3.00 to price of wreath for a bow.*

An order form for recording your orders is attached. Please return the completed order forms to John Fleming. An electronic version of the form will be sent out by email and return by this method is preferred if possible. Members are being asked to pick up plants and wreaths at the greenhouse. **Curbside pickup is available.** If a member is unable to pick up their order, see John Fleming to arrange another delivery alternative. Keeping the plants and wreaths at the greenhouse allows us to offer a higher quality product.

Key Dates

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| Friday, November 22, 2024. | - All orders must be submitted as we must confirm our requirements with our supplier, late orders need to be in by Saturday November 30, 2024 |
| Monday December 2 – Saturday December 7, 2024 | - Plants & Wreaths available for delivery and pick up at FJ Torbett Greenhouse located at 6181 Hwy 11E Piney Flats Phone 423-538-8492 (Curbside pickup available.) |

THE TARGET IS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE KINGSPORT ROTARY CLUB TO SELL A MINIMUM OF \$180 WORTH OF PLANTS AND WREATHS. BUT LET'S SEE IF WE CAN ALL EXCEED THIS FIGURE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

(NOTE: Any club members who don't opt to sell poinsettias/wreaths for the fundraiser can instead make a donation to the club in lieu of sales. The suggested donation amount is \$75, but donations of any size are welcome!)

Why World Polio Day is my favorite day

Rotary Voices

By Jeffrey Walsh, Rotary Club of Bloomington-Normal Sunrise, Illinois, USA

I am a former Army medic and a returned Peace Corps volunteer. I joined Rotary recently, and I am excited to be part of an organization that is working to eradicate polio. I would love nothing more than to help achieve our top priority by entering combat zones and going to distant countries.

As a medic and pharmacy technician in the Army Medical Corps for eight years, I handed out hundreds of medications and vaccinated people against many diseases. I administered the anthrax vaccine in Korea, Kuwait, and Kansas in the 1990s. I have also lived in and near malaria-ridden areas around the world. I fully appreciate and applaud my club's tireless work, partially funded by global grants, to prevent the spread of malaria by distributing bed nets.



24 October is special to me for two reasons. First, it is [World Polio Day](#). But it is also United Nations Day, which commemorates the anniversary of the UN charter. I was fortunate to serve as a volunteer for the United Nations in two capacities: I taught Ukrainian refugees in Warsaw, Poland, for UNICEF, and I volunteered virtually for Dignified Children International in Kenya.

The two celebratory days fit hand in glove. Rotary has a long affiliation with the United Nations, and each organization works toward eradicating polio. The United Nations has Sustainable Development Goal Three, which focuses on good health and well-being. Rotary, of course, has disease prevention as an area of focus and makes polio eradication its top priority.

Our club has a tradition of honoring every guest presenter with a donation toward Rotary's polio eradication effort. Each donation is enough to cover the cost of 10 polio vaccines. Recently we had a speaker whose story was very motivating. Barbara Singer is from Oak Lawn, Illinois, USA, and contracted polio as a child. She talked about being sponsored by Easter Seals in 1960, and about her difficulties navigating buildings in the days before ramps and automatic doors became commonplace. As an adult, she has full mobility and works as a credit analyst. Stories from polio survivors are particularly great to share as World Polio Day approaches.

My Rotary journey has been both interesting and productive. Shortly after I joined in March, I made a trip to Rotary International's World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. As I walked in the front door, I was greeted with the bold declaration: "We are problem solvers, opportunity creators, and community builders. We are also neighbors, friends, and leaders." I couldn't agree more.

Thank you, Rotary – and my fellow Rotary members – for allowing me to be a part of it all. From now on, 24 October will always be a special day for me. This year, I plan to mark the day by [joining Rotary's PolioPlus Society](#). How are you participating in this special day?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rotary Foundation Month
NOVEMBER 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|---|-----|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 World Polio Day— Dr Stacey McKenzie | 7 | 8 Club Social at 6ix Grist and Grind Taphouse | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Santa Train—Don Royston | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 No Meeting—Service Project at Girls Inc. | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 No Meeting— Thanksgiving Week | 28 | 29 | 30 |

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 01—Rebekah Rockett
Nov 14—Leslie Lynch
Nov 14—John Fleming
Nov 24—Linda Coffey
Nov 30—Judy Fisher

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 06—Paul Montgomery—48 Years
Nov 07— Bill Lewis—39 Years
Nov 17— David Randolph—12 Years
Nov 30— Jeff Fleming—39 Years

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 01—Luther Cain—36 Years
Nov 01—Al Crymble—38 Years
Nov 01—Terry Cunningham—29 Years
Nov 01—Kitty Frazier—34 Years
Nov 04—Deborah Daugherty—9 Years
Nov 17—David Randolph—3 Years

Upcoming Events

November 8—Club Social at 6ix Grist & Grind Brewery—6:00PM
November 20—Assist Girls Inc. serve their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



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
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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—

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