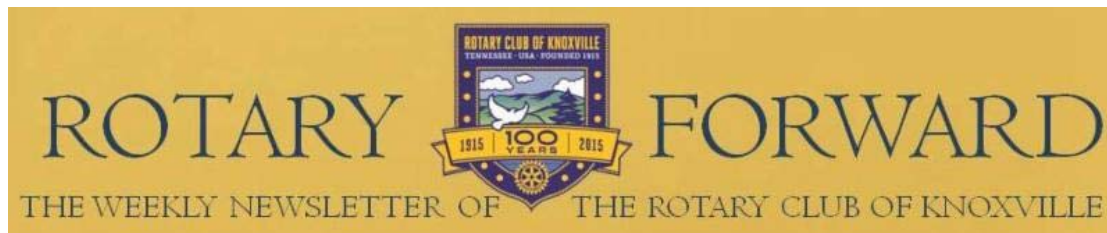


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Marriott - February 2, 2016

Presiding - **Sandy Martin**
 Pledge - **Annette Winston**
 Invocation - **Joe Sutter**
 Program Chair - **Chase Williams**
 Program - **Robert Hodge & Jim Richards, Knoxville Botanical Gardens & Arboretum**

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month.

February 2, 2016 Program

Program: Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum



Robert Hodge directs the Center for Urban Agriculture at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Before returning to his native Knoxville, Robert's travels, studies and work have taken him to Central America, Mexico, Los Angeles and Miami. He and his wife have one child, a first-grader at Rocky Hill. Robert is passionate about building capacity within marginalized communities, where faith, hope and love bear fruit in the broken soil of our lives.



Jim Richards has lived in Knoxville since 1980 and is a graduate of The University of Tennessee. Jim's knowledge of Horticultural started shortly after arriving in Knoxville when he took a job with The Botany Center. Jim worked his way up from an entry level student position to become Executive Vice President of Initial Tropical Plants a 900 million dollars company. Jim has over 24 years experience in

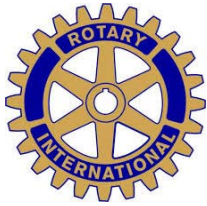
Tropical Plant Design, Maintenance, and Installations. Most of his work was in major metropolitan areas throughout the U.S. Jim joined the Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum in August of 2015. Jim is an avid cyclist and Backpacker and volunteers much of his time in areas of bike and walking advocacy programs.

Rotary Record - January 26, 2015

President **Sandy Martin** called the meeting to order. **William Pender** led the song and pledge followed by **Sam Albritton** with the invocation. **Sandy Martin** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests.

Bill MacGrath made the announcements.

2015-2016 Officers & Directors



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2015-2016 THEME



Rotary International

Upcoming Important Dates

Saturday, February 6, 2016
Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum Fitness Trail Work Day

Saturday, February 20
FREE Winter Fun Walk at Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum

Saturday, February 20
Webb School of Knoxville Interact Club Knoxville Dinner Fundraiser at the home of Rob and Diane Page

Lou Roepke introduced new member **Lila Wilson**.
Suzanne Carriere introduced new member **Alice Torbett**.

Suzanne Carriere was the winner of the Free Lunch Question of the Week.

Ken Knight introduced our speaker **Police Chief David B. Rausch**.

Sam Albritton dismissed the club with the 4-Way Test.

Rotary Club of Knoxville Attendance Record

01/19 Meeting Attendance (including make-ups).....65%
Attendance Average (2015-2016).....72%

Make-ups for the 01/19 meeting should be submitted by 02/02.
Make-ups for the 01/26 meeting should be submitted by 02/09.

Contact the Rotary office (phone: 523-8252 or email: kxrotary@bellsouth.net) to report your make-up.

Announcements



Business & Professional Committee Meeting - Feb. 2

The Business & Professional Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 1pm at the Marriott.

Fundraising Committee Meeting - Feb. 9

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 1pm at the Marriott.

Submit Your 2016-2017 RCK Committee Preferences by Feb. 5

The planning process for the 2016-2017 Rotary year has begun and we need to know your areas of Rotary Committee interest. Below are links for the 2016-2017 Committee Preference Form and the Committee Purposes document which provides a short description of each of our committees. Please review and indicate on the form your *first*, *second*, and *third* choice for committee assignments and return to the Rotary office by February 5, 2016.

[2016-2017 RCK Committee Preferences Form](#)

[2016-2017 Committee Purposes Listing](#)

Member Dues Invoices for January - March 2016

Membership Dues and Contributions invoices were sent out the first week of January. Please send in your payment if you have not done so already. Contact the Rotary Office with any questions.

Program Recap - January 26, 2016



David B. Rausch, Police Chief for Knoxville Police Department

Chief Rausch spoke eloquently about the challenges facing the police department locally. National attention on law enforcement over the last 20 months has raised awareness of human error in the world of law enforcement. "There is much responsibility in dealing with peoples'

liberty," said Chief Rausch. Preparing his officers to work well in the community and follow the Constitution is extremely important. New officers have 26 weeks of training through a nationally accredited academy followed by 17 weeks of on the street training. Only the best remain.

Tuesday, February 23
 Rotary Birthday - World Understanding and Peace Day

Thursday, February 25
 Rotary Social Hour at Windows on the Park (Holiday Inn Downtown)

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016
 World Rotary Work Day
 Ridgedale Alternative School

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:
FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**2015-2016
 Rotary Office
 Holiday Schedule**

There has been an increase in violence attributed to gangs in Knoxville, but we need to understand that what is depicted in Hollywood does not reflect the gangs locally. The biggest issue is that young people joining these gangs, looking for love and belonging, are young and make youthful mistakes . . . but with guns. Even the "Old Gang" members find that these youngsters won't listen to them. Zaezion Dobson, the 15-year-old killed while protecting others, has become a rallying point for the community. He was a young man doing everything right. A Gang Task Force has been created which is successfully getting guns out of the area. The community is also stepping up. Providing alternative to gang memberships through the faith community, families and nonprofits will be vital.

Other questions for Chief Rausch were about the "Stop and Frisk" policy, which he described as police identifying individuals that don't fit in a high-risk area, having an appropriate conversation, and escalating as issues indicate. Another question was about drug problems. The number one drug issue is prescription drug abuse. A rise in pill mills has become a concern.

Chief Rausch is very passionate about serving Knoxville. He was very proud to announce that because of good officer training in the art of de-escalation, last year there were no officer involved shootings in Knoxville.

RCK Literacy Committee will be collecting book donations for Volunteer Ministry Center during the month of February



The Literacy Committee is asking for your help to restock the Volunteer Ministry Center's libraries. The Volunteer Ministry Center is in need of new/used books again. During the month of February please bring in new or gently used books to a Rotary meeting.

VMC is in need of almost any kind of hard or paperback books except Readers Digest Condensed. If you don't have any books, you can donate cash or McKay's Trade Credit. A box will be located at the welcome table each week for you to place your books in.

Tickets for Webb School for Knoxville Dinner Fundraiser on Sale



Tickets for the Webb School of Knoxville annual dinner fundraiser are now on sale!

Interact and Rotaract students will serve food from La Brasserie, wine and soft drinks, and hold a silent auction. All money raised will be used to support RCK's projects in Hungary, South Africa and India.

- DATE:** Saturday, February 20, 2016
- TIME:** 7:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** The Home of Rob and Diane Page
 7804 Kara Lane
 Knoxville, TN 37919
- TICKETS:** \$100 per person

Please send check to Elaine McCulloch made payable to Rotary Foundation

- September 7
Labor Day

- November 11
Veteran's Day

- November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving

- December 24 & 25
Christmas

- January 1
New Year's Day

- January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr Day

- February 15
President's Day

- May 30
Memorial Day

- July 4
Independence Day

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of Knoxville and write "Interact Dinner" in the memo field.

RCK Social Activities Committee's Monthly Social Hour Event, 2/25 at Windows on the Park (Holiday Inn Downtown)



The next RCK Social Activities committee Social Hour for Rotary Club of Knoxville members and their guests will be held **Thursday, February 25, 2016** (always the 4th Thursday) at **Windows on the Park** (inside the Holiday Inn Downtown) located at 525 Henley Street.

This no-host event is designed for Rotarians to get to know each other outside of our regular meetings. We'll be there from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Old and new members, spouses, guests, dates, and associates should come. The best part is . . . they count as makeups!

No need to RSVP. We'll see you there!

Mark Your Calendar for World Rotary Day at Ridgedale School on February 27, 2016



Members from the seven Rotary clubs in Knoxville will be working together for a **World Rotary Day Work Day** at **Ridgedale School** located at 4600 Ridgedale Road in Knoxville on **Saturday, February 27** from 8am until 12noon.

Volunteers are needed to assist with projects on both the interior and exterior of the school. The work inside will include painting and some cleaning. Volunteers working outside of the school will be involved in projects such as raking, mulching, and planting.

Please bring rakes, blowers, clippers, paint brushes, rollers, roller extensions, drop cloths, and wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty.

Contact the Rotary Office to volunteer.

Important Information for Beaumont Elementary Book Club Volunteers



Members who are interested in volunteering for the Beaumont Elementary Book Club, please review the document below for details on the steps that you need to take in order to volunteer at Beaumont.

It is very easy and once you have completed these steps, you don't have to do it again in the future.

The orientation is not absolutely necessary, but highly encouraged. It only takes about 30 minutes. Please contact Mark Webb (jmarkwebb75@gmail.com) with any questions.

RCK Members Vote to Restore GSMNP Elkmont Ampitheatre in 2016-2017



The results of voting for the 2016-2017 Local Community Service Project Grant are in!

On Tuesday, January 26 2016, **President-elect Allen Pannell** announced that the Rotary Club of Knoxville members voted to partner with Friends of the Smokies and District 6780 to restore the Great Smoky Mountain National Park Elkmont Ampitheatre.

The GSMNP is a great part of the Rotary Club of Knoxville's history. Our Club's first president Col. David Chapman, was instrumental in convincing the National Park Service to select the Smokies as the first national park in the southeast region of our country. Col. Chapman actually had a home in Elkmont.

Restoration of the Elkmont Ampitheatre includes:

- The projection booth at the rear of the amphitheater will be demolished, reinstating the original, rear-projection design. This should enable secure seasonal storage of digital projection equipment and eliminate the need to set up tables and run extension cords for each presentation.
- The screen on the original roll-down door will be replaced.
- Rotten benches will be replaced and painted.
- Stonework on the stage will be repointed and replaced.
- Lights for all pathways around theatre and theatre itself will be replaced.
- The asphalt sidewalks will also be patched and repaired.

The Great Smoky Mountain National Parks is the most visited Park in the entire country. It is estimated that 12 million visitors come to the GSMNP each year. This project has an extremely far reaching impact, attracting people from all over the world and of all age groups. Elkmont is an extremely popular part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and currently attracts more than 100,000 people during the springtime months alone - more than 1,000 daily. The Elkmont Ampitheatre's interpretive programs attract 3,000 people annually. This number will likely increase with full restoration and the Park Rangers will schedule even more events at the Ampitheatre after the renovation is complete.

A truly great project that we all have the opportunity to take part in! Stay tuned for more details about the works days that will be scheduled next Rotary year.

Weekly Polio Update





Polio Headlines:

There are three months to go until the synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine, an important milestone in achieving a polio-free world.

Afghanistan: No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had an onset of paralysis in Kunar on 19 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 19, compared to 28 reported in the country in 2014.

Pakistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis on 22 December 2015 in Peshawar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 53, compared to 303 reported in 2014 by this time last year. A total of 306 cases occurred in Pakistan in 2014.

Mainstream Committee to partner with Knoxville Botanical Garden to create Fitness Loop Trail



The Mainstream Committee needs your help!

The committee's community service project in partnership with the Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum (KBGA) is coming up in February, and they are actively looking for donations, volunteers and participants to

help us pull off a successful event.

Here's a quick reminder of what our project is all about...

A hidden gem in Knoxville, the KBGA recently began blazing a "fitness loop trail" on its grounds near the Center for Urban Agriculture with the vision of promoting wellness and offering a safe place for kids in the community to come and play. In addition to the trail, the KBGA also recently received a donation of outdoor exercise equipment (e.g., pull-up bars), which will be installed beside the trail.

Here's a link to learn more about the KBGA Center for Urban Agriculture: <http://knoxgarden.org/explore-the-gardens/center-for-urban-agriculture/>

Upon learning about the new trail, the Mainstream Committee came up with the idea of hosting a FREE Winter Fun Walk on Saturday, February 20th from 10am to 12pm to build awareness of the KBGA and introduce the new trail and promote physical activity in one of the unhealthiest areas of Knoxville. The event will include a short 1-mile walk incorporating the exercise equipment and will feature water, snacks, door prizes and t-shirts for the kids who participate.

In addition to helping with the Fun Walk, the Club has agreed to organize a Work Day at the KBGA on Saturday, February 6th from 9am-12pm to help spread gravel, landscape and perform general maintenance to prepare for the event on the 20th. We would love for you join us if you can make it.

Regarding budget, the board has awarded us \$500 to help support the project, and we're looking to raise an additional \$800-\$1,000 to cover miscellaneous expenses such as the gravel, t-shirts for the kids, general maintenance items and any of the "goody" bag prizes that we can't get donated.

How to Donate:

1. Send a check to the Rotary Office made out to The Rotary Foundation of Knoxville with "Mainstream Project" in the memo field.
2. [Click here to make your contribution](#) and let the Rotary Office know to designate your contribution for this project.
3. See Elaine before or after a Rotary meeting to make your credit card contribution.

Welcome to our Newest Members!



On Tuesday, January 26, 2016 **Suzanne Carriere** introduced new member **Alice Torbett**. Alice is the widow of long time loyal RCK member David Torbett. They shared many RCK activities & particularly enjoyed exchanging visits with Mateszalka, Hungary, Rotarians. She is retired from the former family publishing business, Carl A. Jones Newspapers, in Johnson City. Currently, she is a member of Church of the Savior, United Church of Christ, is on the

Clarence Brown Theatre Advisory Board & actively supports the arts in Knoxville. She has a son in the Chicago area; son, daughter-in-law & two grandchildren in Marietta, OH, and a daughter, son-in-law & two grandsons in Mt. Pleasant, SC.



Lou Roepke introduce new member **Lila Wilson**. Lila grew up in Knoxville and graduated from Fulton High School. After graduating from the University of Tennessee, she began a career in Parks and Recreation Administration. Most recently, Lila worked as the Director of Special Events with the City of Pigeon Forge, and currently serves as the Director of Events for Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

Lila is a past member of the Pigeon Forge and Morristown Rotary Clubs. In Morristown, she served as the Chair of the Special Projects Committee. They created several special projects that included providing all third graders in Hamblen County with a dictionary, creating a student art competition called "Art in the Heart of Hamblen" and working with the Hamblen County School system to sponsor an Anti-Bullying Program in every school in Hamblen County. The Morristown Rotary Club honored Lila by recognizing her as the "Rotarian of the Year". Lila is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is honored and excited to now be a part of the Knoxville Rotary Club.

New Member Proposed

Upon recommendation of the Classification and Membership Committees and the Board of Directors, the following individual has been approved for membership in the Rotary Club of Knoxville. Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Administrator within seven business days (February 1, 2016).

Kathy Sergeant
 (Services Administrator)
 Manager
 CAC
 Proposed by: **Frank Rothermel**

Rotary License Plate Project for Tennessee

District 6780 has taken the lead in obtaining a Rotary International logo license plate in the State of Tennessee. Here is your opportunity as a Tennessee Rotarian to proudly display the Rotary logo on your license plate.

The State requires a minimum of 1,000 participants to initiate the program. The Department of Motor Vehicles charges \$35 for these specialty tags. The best part of this program is that half of these funds come back to The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians in all 4 Tennessee Districts are encouraged to participate.

Funds will be collected by District 6780 for the initial 1,000 applicants. The yearly renewal process will remain as for any specialty plate registration. After the first 1,000 plates are issued, you may order a personalized Rotary plate but not before.

Once we have received the initial 1,000 applications, the District will submit all paperwork to the Department of Motor Vehicles. At that time the State will contact you for distribution of these tags. The mock-up of the plate still in draft form. Click [HERE](#) for the registration page in PDF format.

Questions? Call Greg Maciolek at 865-675-5901 x230 or email: greg.maciolek@imrtn.com

Deadline is February 15, 2016. One application per vehicle. Check can be for more than one vehicle.

Don't wait until next year to sign up. We need to make this happen quickly.

Greg Maciolek
District 6780 Secretary

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Tuesday, February 2 - Business & Professional Committee meeting at 1pm at the Marriott

Friday, February 5 - Deadline to submit your 2016-2017 RCK Committee Preference forms

Saturday, February 6 - Mainstream Committee project work day at Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum from 9am to 12pm

Tuesday, February 9 - Fundraising Committee at 1pm at the Marriott

Saturday, February 20 - FREE Winter Fun Walk at Knoxville Botanical Gardens and Arboretum

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Saturday, February 27 - World Rotary Work Day at Ridgedale School (4600 Ridgedale Road) from 8am to 12pm



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3rd: Mark Webb, Wes Stowers, Jim Bierkamp; **9th:** Linn Slocum, Phil Mitchell; **10th:** Walt Morgan, Jennifer Sepaniak; **13th:** Donna Walker; **14th:** Annette Winston; **23rd:** Brian Salesky; **25th:** Ryan Dobbs

If you are celebrating a birthday this month and your name is not listed please let the Rotary office know so that we can update our records.

Reported Make-ups

eClub: 1/19-Bo Croley; 1/26-Joe DeFiore

Other Rotary Activities: 1/12-Donna Boling, Valerie Day; 1/19-Jack Talmadge, Joe DeFiore; 1/26-Tim Romero, Wes Stowers, Pat Rutenberg

Banked Make-ups: 1/5-Ryan Dobbs, Chase Williams, Walt Morgan, Melissa Chiles, Chris Goodrich; 1/26-David Williams, Charlie Harr, Joe Sutter, Jim Cundall, Ellen Fowler, Harry Gross; 1/28-Harry Gross; 1/29-Harry Gross; 1/30-Ellen Fowler; 1/28-Ed Anderson, Lee Sherbakoff, Lou Roepke, Ken Knight, Robert Finley, Shannon Holland, Emma Webb, Mark Webb, Jan Coe, Brent Midyett, Paul Kedrow, Oddie Oliveira, Tina Minnick, Ed Anderson, Sandy Martin, Bill MacGrath, Jeff Loos, Frank Rothermel; 2/5-Tim Romero



Question of the Week

Question: In 1929, the Rotary Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. What did that organization later become?

Answer: Easter Seals

AREA ROTARY CLUBS

Monday: Lenoir City, 12 Noon, First Baptist Church, 2805 Simpson Rd East; Oak Ridge Sunset, Holiday Inn Express

Tuesday: Clinton, 12 Noon, Clinton Community Center; Loudon, 12 Noon, Lakewood Place; Maryville-Alcoa, 7:00 A.M., East Tennessee Medical Group Conference Room, Joule St, Alcoa; Morristown A.M., 7:30 am, Morristown Country Club; Turkey Creek (Sunset), 5:30 pm, Faith Lutheran Church (239 Jamestown Blvd)

Wednesday: Farragut, 12:15 pm Fox Den Country Club; Knoxville Breakfast, 7:00 am, Gettysvue Country Club; Morristown, 12 Noon, Morristown Country Club; Oak Ridge Breakfast, 7:15 am, Tech 20/20, 1020 Commerce Park Dr

Thursday: North, 12 Noon, Litton's Restaurant; Oak Ridge, 12:00 pm, Doubletree Hotel, 215 S Illinois Ave

Friday: Knoxville Volunteer, 12 Noon, Knoxville Marriott; Bearden, 12:15 pm, Bearden Banquet Hall



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