

# The Sunsetter



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## Announcements

- **The Board will meet immediately after the December 8 meeting.**
- **David Stanley** has proposed **Terry Stansberry** for membership in our club, and the Board has approved him. If you know of any reason that he should not be a member of our club, please notify **SueAnne Lewis**.
- **Save the date!** Our club Holiday Party will be Friday night, December 12, at **SueAnne Lewis'** house. Individual invitations are being emailed this week.

## Rotary Business

- If you miss a meeting, be sure to make up during the two weeks before or after the missed meeting. You can make up at another club or on line at one of these e-clubs:

E-club of Southeast USA [www.recswusa.org](http://www.recswusa.org)

Rotary E-club NY1 [www.rotaryclubny1.com](http://www.rotaryclubny1.com)

Rotary Club of District 7890 [www.rotaryclub7890.org](http://www.rotaryclub7890.org).

- Please notify **Devrin Kuipers** when you make up a meeting. His email address is [devrin@devrin.com](mailto:devrin@devrin.com).
- Rotarians who make up at the Sunset Club pay \$10.

## Last Week

December 1, 2014

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Warren Gooch, Mayor of Oak Ridge

Warren Gooch has been Mayor of Oak Ridge for one week, and his talk to our club was his first official public appearance of his term. However, he pointed out that he was not speaking for City Council or the City Manager. He thanked the voters and other members of City Council for their confidence in him.

The Mayor said the reason he ran for office was that he is proud of our community but sees that the city is at a crossroads and needs a commitment to excellence. An important challenge for the City is to attract new families who will live here. We have great cultural diversity and a good quality of life. We need to work closely with real estate agents to promote Oak Ridge everyday as a great place to live, and DOE needs to encourage employees to live in Oak Ridge. Gooch suggested that we use all social media to reach people moving into the area.

The Mayor reported on a series of meetings aimed at improving cooperation, communication, and collaboration among various agencies and individuals in the community. All of City Council met with the City staff and officials of DOE last Monday, and another meeting with City Council and senior management of CNS, the new operating contractor of Y-12, is planned. Gooch pointed out the importance of cooperation between City Council and the School Board.

The Mayor discussed the City's need to be more business-friendly and more

## December Birthdays

Addison Koella

12/06

Jim Dodson

12/12

Melissa Freiderich

12/29

## Member Anniversaries

Kay Honey, 1 Year

Roger Ward, 5 Years

## Upcoming Events

Weekly Meeting 12/08/2014

Program: **Aaron Richardson,**  
**March of Dimes**

Invocation: John Freiderich

Greeters: Monique Wesh &  
Cindy Boshears

Annual Christmas Party

12/12/2014

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** SueAnne Lewis'  
Home

43 Riverview Drive  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Weekly Meeting 12/15/2014

Program: **Baskets for Seniors**

Invocation: Melissa Freiderich

Greeters: Monique Wesh &  
Cindy Boshears



responsive to businesses wishing to locate here. We need to encourage upgrades to existing housing and encourage development of additional affordable new housing.

Gooch also pointed out the need to protect our current revenue stream. "We have to manage hard and manage well," he said.



## Previous Week

November 24, 2014

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Timeline of Polio Epidemics in the United States

### Jerry Creasey

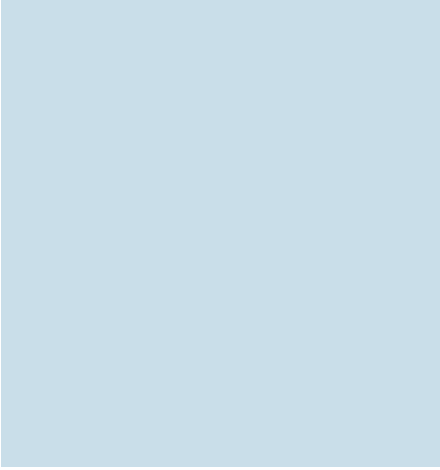
Jerry Creasey is an Anderson County Commissioner and a polio survivor. In his talk he reviewed the history of polio in the United States, beginning with the first epidemic, which began in Vermont in 1894 and had a total of 132 cases. Creasey presented an old home movie taken by the father of a boy who was in the hospital with the disease at the same time he was, and he ran the movie during his talk.

Other outbreaks occurred in 1909 in Massachusetts, and in 1916 a large outbreak affected over 9000 in New York alone. Attempts at controlling the disease largely involved isolation and quarantine, neither of which was successful. The iron lung was developed in 1928. It was a large metal tank equipped with a pump that assisted respiration. It went into production three years later.

In 1921 President Franklin Delano Roosevelt contacted polio and was left with severe paralysis. Elected to the Presidency in 1932, FDR was the first and only president to use a wheelchair, and he successfully hid the extent of his disability from the American public. In 1937 he announced the creation of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which was renamed the March of Dimes the following year.

By 1943 the Sister Kenny Foundation was formed and Kenny's procedures became the standard of treatment for polio patients in the U.S. This procedure included using hot-packs and stretching affected limbs.

Immediately after WWII a large epidemic occurred in the U.S., and between 1945 and 1949 there were more than 20,000 cases. In 1952 there were over 58,000 cases and another 35,000 cases the following year. Following field trials in 1954 the Salk vaccine was introduced for the first mass immunization campaign in the U.S., and the following year cases dropped to about 5,600.



The Sabin oral vaccine replaced the Salk vaccine in 1962. It was easier to administer and provided longer-lasting immunization, and by 1964 the reported cases dropped to 121 in this country.

Creasey described his own experience with the disease in the 1940s when he was taken to Hickory, NC, in a special ambulance that was funded by Rotary. There, almost overnight, a local camp was converted to an emergency hospital for polio patients. The first patients were admitted within 54 hours – a feat that became known as "the miracle of Hickory." Arriving patients were quarantined for two weeks, isolated even from parents. Afterward they could have visitors only two days a week. However, because of distance, lack of transportation or gas rationing, some families were not able to visit their children at all. Creasey was among the many patients who slowly regained the use of leg muscles and began to walk again, but he later experienced post-polio weakness in his legs.