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Announcements

- **The Board will meet on April 3.**
- **Please see the story below about registering for the District Conference to be held in Chattanooga April 21-22.**
- **Jim Dodson** announced that he is responsible for the House of Friendship for the 2017 District Conference, and he needs volunteers to help with it. If you are planning to attend the conference in Chattanooga April 21-22, please contact Jim and let him know if you can help.
- If you have pictures, information, or announcements that you'd like to share with the rest of the club, please email them to **SueAnne L. SueAnne Lewis** at designprof@att.net.

Registration is Open for the 2017 District Conference

Things are really shaping up for the District Conference April 21 – 22 in Chattanooga at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. The Early Bird Special of **FIVE MEALS and Registration for ONLY \$125** has stimulated a lot of interest! To register just go to: www.2017discon.com It is so easy to register. Also, you can get your room at the Marriott for only \$114 per night.

The conference will feature some outstanding speakers, starting with Clifton Taulbert, a Pulitzer-nominated author with fourteen books to his credit, who once found himself in the Black Forrest of Germany lecturing in the hunting lodge built for the German Fuhrer, Adolph Hitler. Taulbert has lectured around the globe on the timeless and universal values that build and sustain communities worldwide based upon his groundbreaking first book, *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*. Another of his books, *Eight Habits of the Heart* -- about the transforming power of ordinary people--was read by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and resulted in an invitation for Taulbert to address members of the court and their guests. Most recently Taulbert's latest memoir, *The Invitation*, was chosen by *Forewords Reviews* as

April 10

**JMS Interact Club
Report on Interact
Conference**

Invocation: Leonard Abbatiello
Greeter: Melissa Wells

April 17

**Dr. Elaine Bunick
The Ghana Project**

Invocation: Syd Ball
Greeter: Leonard Abbatiello

April 24

TBA

Invocation: Chuck Darling
Greeter: Syd Ball

May 1

Social & Board Meeting

Invocation: Jim Dodson
Greeter: Chuck Darling

May 8

**Kevin Hoyt, Director
UT Arboretum**

Invocation: Becky Dodson
Greeter: Jim Dodson

one of the top five memoirs of 2014. Again, Taulbert's unique style of writing and storytelling takes his readers on his journey where the "Old South" and the "21st Century" crossed paths for five years. Taulbert, the Great-Great-Grandson of slaves and the aging Mistress of Roselawn, a South Carolina plantation, is a clear example of what is possible when we dare to embrace our common and shared humanity. You will be moved and inspired by his message.

Thaddeus Rex will talk to us about the Science of Charisma. A Rotarian from Carmel, Indiana, Thaddeus inspires groups to use charisma to achieve their goals. He will walk out with his guitar and tell his story of being a musician, and how he came to be recognized as a nationally regarded motivational speaker.

Rick Jensen is a performance coach, sport psychologist, and author. His clients include more than 50 professional golfers on the PGA, LPGA and Champions Tours. His clients have won more than 200 tour victories and 33 major championships. Rick will enthrall you with what it takes mentally to be at the top of your game and how to prepare for and execute a winning strategy.

These are just a few of the dynamic speakers who will be at the District Conference. These speakers will be there not to tell you more about Rotary, but to show you how to be a better person, professional, spouse, and parent. All of that improvement will make you a better Rotarian!

It is especially important that you attend on Saturday. At the Foundation Breakfast Rotary International Director Karen Wentz will tell you about the work that the Rotary Foundation is able to achieve because of your support. Saturday night we will celebrate Rotary International President John Germ at the Governors Dinner. There will be several special guests with us that night and we will celebrate their service.

The lunch on Saturday will be very special. This is where we will celebrate all that your club has done this year! Celebrate Rotary Serving Humanity! We expect to give out more than 500 awards during the Parade of Presidents. Be there to cheer when your president's name and your club's name are called! This is your celebration for all the great work that you and your club have accomplished in your community and around the world!

Rotary Business

- In June 2017 the Rotary International Convention will take place in Atlanta. Thousands of Rotarians from all over the world will travel to attend the convention. We seldom get an opportunity to attend this exciting event right in our own backyard, and I strongly encourage everyone in our district to try to attend. To make it even easier to attend we are planning to charter buses to Atlanta for the convention. Registration will open on May 28. The registration will go up to \$490 as we get closer to June 10-14, 2017. You can



April Birthdays

Kay Honey - May 1

May Birthdays

Syd Ball - May 10

Devrin Kuipers - May 25

Club Anniverseries

April

Margaretanne Ingle - 2009

May

Malcolm Stocks - 2016

2016-2017 Officers

Devrin Kuipers

President

Jim Dodson

President-Elect

Wes Singer

Vice President

Kesha Shipe

Secretary

Kay Honey

Treasurer

Roger Petrie

Immediate Past President

2016-17 Directors

Monique Wesh

Club Service Chair

Kenneth Herring

Membership Chair

SueAnne Lewis

The Rotary Foundation Chair

Leonard Abbatiello

Service Projects Chair

Becky Dodson

Youth Services Chair

Margaretanne Ingle

Public Relations Chair

register through the DACdb Calendar.

- **What is Rotary?** Rotary is an international organization that **joins leaders** from all continents, cultures, and occupations to **exchange ideas**, bring our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world's toughest problems, and **take action** to bring about lasting change in our communities and around the world.

- **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

Rotary E-club NY1 www.rotaryclubny1.com

Rotary Club of District 7890 www.rotaryclub7890.org.

- Please notify Secretary **Kesha Shipe** when you make up a meeting. Her email address is ShipeKesha@gmail.com.
- Rotarians who make up at the Sunset Club pay \$10.

Last Week's Program

Amadou Mbaye

Four-Way Test Speech

Our program last week was presented by Rotary Youth Exchange student Amadou Mbaye, the only Oak Ridge participant in the Four-Way Speech Contest this year.

He is currently living with the Thourburg family in Oak Ridge and attending Oak Ridge High School. He enjoys writing and rock climbing, and he is the President and only member of the ORHS ukulele club.

Below is the text of his Four-Way Test Speech:

Born in France, I was raised in a Senegalese household, and because the majority of my family still live there, I had the chance as a child to go back and forth between these two countries, my two homes.

Senegal was not the only country I have traveled to. I have been to several other African countries, such as Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco, and the European countries of Germany, England, Switzerland, and Italy.

And before each of this travel, I was wondering how the people would be, how the life would be, what food would taste like, and because the only references I had were cliché, I was, without knowing it, taking the slippery way of stereotypes.

The Four-Way Test can help avoid bias by asking the right questions, and, therefore, each of us should try once in a lifetime to answer these questions:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The answers to these questions, I found them by traveling and by meeting new people, people I would have else never had the chance to meet.

For me the most fundamental of the four-way test is, "is it the truth?" Truth, it can seem sometimes logical to make assumptions based on another race, appearance, gender, or way of speaking. He is tall so he probably plays basketball! He is black so he is probably foreign!

These comments I have experienced at certain points in my life, and the problem is that we all make these kind of assumptions every day. But, how can you really know someone until you have spoken to them? Asking ourselves each time we are about to have one of these biases, "is it the truth?" This is probably the best way to get over our stereotypes and get to know people better. Because I tell you, they have sometimes fascinating stories to share.

The Second question is, "Is it fair to all concerned?" We often think that our decisions, our actions only affect us, but they also affect the people around us and because of that we should probably think about them when we make important decisions.

When, for example, I made the decision to come here in the United States, I thought this decision would only affect me, but after a few months away I began to understand the weight of such a decision. My family and my friends are missing me, one of my relatives was sick, and there was nothing I could do. This is the lesson that being far from home has taught me: we share the weight of our decisions with those we love, and because of that we should include them as we make the decision.

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Friends and other relations are the basis of a fulfilling life because they are the people we love and they help us carry our sorrows during the difficult moments, but, more importantly, they share our joys during the bright ones. And, for all these reasons, we should help friendship and produce goodwill around the world. I think that one of the best examples of a project with this goal is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, which [brings together] exchange students from all over the world and lets them for a year live in a completely new environment and meet people from diverse origins and backgrounds.

And, to conclude, will it be beneficial to all concerned?

While we live in an extremely competitive world, we should still aim when it is possible to be as fair as possible and try, when we can, to reach a compromise. A victory tastes better when it is shared and obtained in a valuable way. I have learned that lesson by being a member of the Oak Ridge track team.

Rotary Information

How Rotary is Organized

Today more than 1.2 Rotarians belong to over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary International is made up of 538 Districts and 34 Zones.

Rotary is a grassroots organization, with service efforts carried out by members of Rotary clubs. District and international leaders support Rotary clubs and help them provide service in their local communities and abroad.

Clubs

Rotarians are members of clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts

Clubs are grouped into Districts, each led by a district governor. District leaders, including assistant governors and various committees, help guide and support clubs. Annual district conferences celebrate achievements and bring Rotarians from different clubs together. The Oak Ridge Sunset Rotary Club is in District 6780, and the current District Governor is Fred Heitman, a member of the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge.

RI Board and Zones

The RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI President and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Directors are elected to represent Rotary clubs within a particular zone (group of districts). The current RI President is John Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga. Our District is also represented on the RI Board by Karen Wentz, a member of the Rotary Club of Maryville-Alcoa.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is overseen by its Board of Trustees, which includes the Trustee chair and chair-elect. Trustees are appointed by the RI president, with approval from the RI Board.

International and District Officers

John Germ, Chattanooga – Rotary International President

Fred Heitman, Oak Ridge – District Governor

Dave Mason, Oak Ridge – Assistant District Governor

Deborah Alexander-Davis, Kingston – District Governor-Elect (2017-18)



The Four-Way Test

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?**

Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs Meetings

Rotary Club of Oak Ridge

Thursday Noon, Double Tree Hotel

Breakfast Rotary Club

Wednesday, 7:15 am

Tech 20/20, 1020 Commerce Park Dr.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

MONDAY

Rockwood: Victorian Square, 6:15 pm

Lenoir City: First Baptist Church, Noon

TUESDAY

Maryville: Blount County Library, 7:00 am

Loudon: First Baptist Church Annex, Noon

Clinton: Clinton Community Center, Noon

Knoxville: Knoxville Marriott, Noon

Turkey Creek: Faith Lutheran Church, 5:30 pm

Kingston: Michael Dunn Center, 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Knoxville: Gettysvue Country Club, 7:00 am

Farragut: Fox Den Country Club, 12:15 pm

THURSDAY

Harriman: Roane State Faculty Dining Room, Noon

North Knoxville: Litton's Restaurant, Noon

FRIDAY

Tellico Lake: Tellico West Conference Center, 8:00 am

Knoxville Volunteer: Marriott Hotel, Noon

Bearden: Buddy's Barbecue Bearden, 12:15pm