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## Announcements

- The meeting today is a social meeting, and the Board will meet immediately after the meeting.
- A member has volunteered to match donations to the Rotary Foundation up to \$500 to allow members to become Paul Harris Fellows.
- Don't forget to sign up for the Kroger Community points. You have to sign up every year, even if you have already registered.
- If you have news to go in the Sunsetter, please email it to **SueAnne Lewis** at [designprof@att.net](mailto:designprof@att.net).
- Have you checked yourself out in the Rotary database? If not, you should. At the end of this newsletter you'll find instructions on how to log into DaCdb where you can check your personal information. Only you and the club secretary can make changes to the information.

## Rotary Business

- In order to qualify for the President's Award at the next District Conference, **every member** of our club must contribute at least \$20 to Rotary International. Please do your part!
- Has anyone ever asked you, "What is Rotary?" Here's your answer:

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.recswwusa.org](http://www.recswwusa.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 Secretary **Kesha Shipe** when you make up a meeting. Her email address is [ShipeKesha@gmail.com](mailto:ShipeKesha@gmail.com).
- Rotarians who make up at the Sunset Club pay \$10.

## September Birthdays

Chuck Darling  
9/4

Aditja Savara  
9/29

Kesha Shipe

Aaron Wells  
9/30

## Upcoming Events

Weekly Meeting 8/31/15

Weekly Meeting 9/14/15

Program: **Social Meeting & Board Meeting**

Invocation: **Becky Dodson**

Greeters: **Monique Wesh & Melissa Wells**



## Last Meeting

### Officer Ben Haines and Partner Yager

## Oak Ridge Police Department K-9 Partners

Our speaker at the August 31 meeting was Oak Ridge Police Officer Ben Haines, who was accompanied by his K-9 partner Yager. Haines came to Oak Ridge about six years ago from California. He settled on East Tennessee as a place to live and raise his family because "it's perfect"

The Oak Ridge Police Department (ORPD) started the K-9 program in the 1990s with two dogs. Today there are four, three trained for patrol and drug detection and one trained to detect explosive and guns that have been fired. All four dogs are assigned to patrol units, and each is assigned to a specific officer/partner.

The dogs are all Belgian Malinois, and all are trained in Europe. They are trained with commands that are not in English. Yager, Officer Haines' partner, responds to commands in Czech. Officer Haines explained that "there is no politically correct way to say 'go bite that guy!'" so they give commands in a language that bad guys around here generally don't understand. Haines pointed out that the dogs are here for their noses, not their teeth.

Each dog has had about 200 hours of training before they are purchased, and they train with their handler at least 16 hours per month to maintain their certification. They are certified annually for detection.

The trained dogs cost about \$13,000 to purchase and about \$3000 to train. They are usually about 2-1/2 years old and typically work eight to ten years.

## Expanding our Science Fair

Our science fair projects will expand this year to include middle school students in grades 6-8. The reason for this expansion is to provide an avenue through which area students may progress to another level of competition in the Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair.

The Southern Appalachian Science and Engineering Fair (SASEF) is the premier science and engineering competition for students in middle and high school in the 23-county service area of East Tennessee. It has promoted teaching the scientific method in science, engineering and math since 1952.

The fair is sponsored by the University of Tennessee and many local companies and agencies. It is held at the UT Thompson Boling Arena during the first week of April. There are two divisions of competition -- Junior Division for middle school students, grades 6 - 8, and Senior Division for high school students, grades 9 - 12.

SASEF is an official, affiliated regional fair of the [International Science and Engineering Fair](#).

## Rotary Information

### The Rotary Foundation Recognition

**The Rotary Foundation shows its appreciation to individuals and clubs for personal outright contributions supporting its humanitarian and educational activities.**

### Individual Recognition Opportunities

- **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member** is an individual who contributes \$100 or more each year to the Annual Fund. These contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow and other recognitions.
- **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition is given to an individual who contributes (or in whose name is contributed) \$1,000 or more cumulatively to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

recognition is given as subsequent \$1,000 levels.

- **The Paul Harris Society** recognizes Rotarians and friends who personally contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annurl Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant every year.
- **Major Donors** are individuals or couples whose combined giving has reached \$10,000.
- **The Arch C. Klumph Society** includes donors who contribute \$250,000 or more.
- **A Benefactor** is an individual who informs The Rotary Foundation in writing that he or she has provided for the Foundation in his or her estate plan or makesw an outright gift of \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund.
- **The Bequest Society** recognizes couples or individuals who have made commitments in their estate plans totaling \$10,000 or more.