

# HISTORY ROTARY YEAR 2006-2007

## OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Bonnie Clark
Vice President	David Beams* & Jack Bailey
Secretary	Devrin Kuipers
Treasurer	Kelly Dagenhart
President-Elect	Bob Craig
Past President	Tom Hilton
Director, International Service	Jenifer Hackett
Director, Community Service	Suzanne Sherer
Directory, Vocational Service	Barry Stephenson

\*Rotarian, Beams left his position due to work schedules and health issues.

**The Rotary Year of 2006-2007** was a year of challenges for this slate of officers and board. "Lead the Way" was the RI theme and after returning from Malmo, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark in June from the RI Convention, this club would be looking for new ways and projects to get everyone involved. The Oak Ridger Newspaper splashed the pictures of the Rotary Presidents from 3 of our clubs; Clinton Rotary, Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary and the Oak Ridge Rotary Club as being the first 3 women in Anderson county to take the "Lead" as presidents of their clubs.

A board retreat was held in May 2006 at Fall Creek Falls over a weekend. This gave the new board and officers a chance to review and plan the upcoming Rotary year. The board decided to purchase a laptop system for the treasurer and new microphones and lapel microphones for our weekly meetings. All of these new electronics would enable our club to pass along information to the next leadership team and be able to report at the Board meetings with clear and correct reports. The new sound system at the Elks coupled with the microphones would ensure all members could hear the guest speaker and do live conversations from the audience when needed.

The membership began with 145 members and 1 honorary member. The average attendance for the month of June 2006 was at 72%. With the use of a new Rotary program (RICAS) our secretary and treasurer would be able to track funds and attendance of members in a professional manner.

The club membership as of the District Conference in Chattanooga in April 2007 was 141 and our average attendance was between 75% - 80%. Our club did attain an 80% attendance several times. We ended in June with 3 honorary members: Riley Anderson, Hank Stoner and Charles Whittle and a membership of 142.

### **The list of additions to the club:**

Irving Barrack  
Jim Scott  
Charlie Hensley  
Mary Roberson  
Pat McMillan  
Adolf King  
Russell Byrd  
Vickie Caughron  
Carroll Welch  
Keith Kahl  
Cyndy Bailes  
David O'Kain  
Jim Bailes

### **Resignations from the club:**

Mark Denton  
Karl Rapp  
Tony Cappiello  
David Bean  
Lisa Hurt  
Hank Stoner  
Scott Hood  
Alan Liby  
Dave Clark  
Craig Roma  
Denise Roma  
Russell Byrd  
Gayle Ward

On a sad note we did lose members due to death and they were all fine Rotarians and we miss them:

Marshall Whisnant  
Marcia Rabinowitz  
Alvin Weinberg

At **District Conference** in Chattanooga in April of 2007, our club did very well. Our club won the District Governor's Citation and the RI Presidential Citation. Our club was a 3 time Star club, 2 time Globe award and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place for our Electronic bulletin the "Oaktarian".

Other award winners through the year were our own members: Bill Sergeant being awarded an International Service Award for his continued work with Polio Plus and Bill Wilcox for his efforts in preservation work with the Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Oak Ridge Preservation Committee. These two outstanding Rotarians continue to give back to this community and the world.

Our **Vocational Service Awardee** was Benita Albert, award winning mathematics teach at Oak Ridge High School and mentor of a student team that won a national championship.

Our **Vocation at Work Awards** were: Melissa Warlick (granddaughter of George and Jennie Warlick) and George is a Rotarian at the Kingston Rotary Club. Melissa was born with spina bifida, but with surgeries and determination she has several degrees, one being from UT in special education. She is currently employed as an assistant principal for Special Ed at Willowbrook School in Oak Ridge. The second recipient was Bill O'Kain an insurance agent in Oak Ridge who has been blind since the age of 23. Not only is he a successful businessman but is also a Ham radio operator.

The **Brad Sturm Memorial Scholarship award** went to Betsy Hilliard a senior at Oak Ridge High School. She will be attending Brandeis University to study mathematics and economics.

Major Community Service projects were: **Street Painting Festival** in October 2006. This project netted almost \$24,000 this year for scholarships for Roane State students. The turn out was the largest with over 150 artists participating from all age levels and skills.

The **Rotary Gala** with the theme of "Spring Fling" was well attended with 142 tickets sold out of 150 and the proceeds netted the club \$12,000.00 for community service projects and money being given to The Children's Museum, Girls Inc, and the Boys Club.

Jack Bailey (Vice President) was selected as the **GSE Team** Leader to take a team to France. The 3-week journey was a great experience for our team as well as the French team. They were given tours of the City of Oak Ridge, the Methodist Medical Center, Department of Energy, American Museum of Science and Energy, Tour of the Haley Farm in Clinton, dinner at the Doubletree, shopping at Turkey Creek and lunch with the Oak Ridge Rotary Club.

Our club started an **Interact Scholarship** that was awarded to 2 seniors: Shannon Ritter and Lauren Lee at \$500 each. They were treated to lunch at the club and then received their awards.

The **Rotary Dictionary Project** was a great hit with the third graders in the Anderson County and Oak Ridge school areas. Rotarians took time out to visit and talk to the third graders about Rotary and distribute the dictionaries (912) that were specially geared to third grade levels.

**Rotary College** was conducted in the spring with 15 graduates. All received a certificate of recognition for their attendance at six sessions that were lead by club officers.

Perfect attendance keys were given to 25 members whose attendance ranged from 1 year to 46 years. Bill Sergeant tops the list for numbers of years of attendance.

As of March 2007, our club had 112 Paul Harris Fellows that were active members. Our Foundation giving based on 142 members at the \$100 giving pledge meant that our club would give \$14,200 to the Foundation and give us our Star Status. We did that and surpassed our goal at a club meeting!

Our club has 5 Paul Harris Society members, one of those being new this year!

Our Program chairwomen, Margaret Beams and Marilyn Reafsnnyder did a superb job this year!

Date	Speaker	Title	Topic
Jul. 6	Steve Wilson	Lincoln Memorial University	President Lincoln
Jul. 13	Dr. Mary Roberson	Ayurveda Natural Healthcare Ctr	"Ayurvedic Medicine in Today's Society"
Jul. 20	Alice Murphy	ETEBA	
Jul. 27	Steve Adams	TVA	TBD
Aug. 3	Jim O'Connor	Oak Ridge City Manager	New Developments
Aug. 10	George Murphy	Technical Writer for Star Magazine	Hybrid Vehicles
Aug. 17	Peter Mazur	Research Professor, UT	Creationism, Intelligent Design, and Evolution
Aug. 24	Jim Rushton	Director ORNL Nuclear Science & Tech	Nuclear Power
Aug. 31	Rick Chinn, Jr.	R&R Properties	The Flatwater Grill & other R&R Properties projects
Sep. 7	David Russell	Child & Family Services	Foster Care in Tennessee
Sep. 14	Cyndy Bailes	Director	CASA
Sep. 21	DG Jim Devlin	RI District 6780 Governor	
Sep. 28	Becky Massey, Delia Robinson,	Executive Director of the Sertoma Center Vocational Coordinator	Disability Employment Awareness
Oct. 5	Frank Miller	Assistant Manager	Public TV
Oct. 12	Elaine Machiela	Executive Director, Second Harvest	Second Harvest Food Bank
Oct. 14-15			
Oct. 19	Loretta Friend	Rotarian	Street Painting Festival Awards
Oct. 26	Mary Jane Sills	ORRA President	NCAA National Rowing Championships
Nov. 2	Bill Wilcox	Rotarian	Why is K25 a Historical Treasure?
Nov. 9	Dr. Hall		Robotic Surgery @ Methodist Medical Center
Nov. 16	Carol LaRue	Rotary Foundation	Rotary Foundation
Nov. 23	<b>T H A N K S G I V I N G - N O M E E T I N G</b>		
Nov. 30	Carl Stiner	Retired Army General	Terrorism threat, today and in the future!
Dec. 7	Dr. James Kelley		A Technology Vision for Education
Dec. 14			Oak Ridge High School Carolers & Santa
Dec. 21	Steve Jones	Clinton City Manager	Clinton 12 Project
Dec. 28	Darrell Richardson	Oak Ridger, Editor	Year End Review
Jan. 4	Dabney K. Johnson, Ph.D.,	Oak Ridge National Laboratory	Genetic Diversity in Mice and Humans
Jan. 11	Keith Kahl	Deputy Director, National Transportation Research Center	Dependency on Foreign Oil - A need for Highly- Efficient Automobiles and Trucks
Jan. 18	Dr. Tony Spiva	Department of Economics, UT	United States-China Relations
Jan. 25	Gary Wares		African Well Project
Feb. 1	SNOW DAY		
Feb. 8	Dr. Ned Sauthoff	Director, US ITER Project, ORNI	Overview of ITER Project
Feb. 15	Emmanuel Frederick	Youth Leader, OPEN Program	Overview of Youth OPEN Program
Feb. 22	Jim O'Connor Steve Jenkins	Oak Ridge City Manager Oak Ridge Deputy City Manager	Crestpointe/Target Project
Mar. 1	Siemens Competition in Math, Sci, Tech.	Scott Molony, Steven Arcangeli, Scott Horton, ORHS students	Linking Supercomputing and Systems Biology for Efficient Bioethanol Production
Mar. 8	Dave Wehrly	Rotary Chair, Hometown Heroes	Recognition of City Heroes
Mar. 15	Brian Davison	Chief, ORNL Systems Biology and Biotechnology	Biomass to Bioethanol: Promises and Challenges
Mar. 22	Gus Manning, Haywood Harris	UT Sports Department	Review of their book on UT Sports Experiences

Mar. 29	Ansley Haman	Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar	My Experiences in South Africa
Apr. 5	Walter Dykas	Staff member, ORNL Computing	Cybersecurity Crime
Apr. 12	Chuck Carringer	Educator's Appreciation Day	Recognition of ORHS educators
Apr. 19	Larry Beeman	Rotary - Vocational Service Award Program	
Apr. 26	Rotary - GSE Team	Visitors from France	
May 3	Miles Smith	Energy Solutions	Recent experiences in Iraq + Energy Solutions' solutions
May 10	Katy Brown	Oak Ridge Tourism Day	Secret City Festival Update
May 17	David Mitchell	Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security	
May 24	Bill Sergeant		Report on Council on Legislation
May 31	Faith Tapp	Consumer Credit Counseling Service	Just Say NO to Senior Scams
Jun. 7	Barry Stephenson	Vocation-at-Work Awards Program	Recognition of Winners
Jun. 14	Kim Denton	Business Appreciation Day	Recognition of Businesses
Jun. 17-20			
Jun. 21	Dee Haslam	CEO of RIVR Media, LP	Birth of a Media Production Company
Jun. 28	Donna Walker	Director of Junior Achievement	JA, BizTown

Our own Bill Sergeant along with committee members: Tom Hilton, Charlie Kuykendall, and Bill Wilcox took the task of updating the Club bylaws. The last revisions were done in 2000 and the committee was challenged to update and reform the bylaws to reflect the upcoming changes from Rotary International. In addition to this task, Bill Sergeant attended the 2007 RI Council on Legislation in Chicago April 21-28.

*Some of the possible results from the COL action were:*

Clubs may meet only twice a month.

Clubs may cancel up to 7 meetings a month, some small clubs 12.

Rotarians forbidden to disagree publicly on private matters during club meetings.

Members will attend or make-up 50% (Instead of 60%) of meetings in each half year.

No limit on time to make up absences.

Extend period to makeup absence from 14 days to 21 days.

Reduce makeup time to 7 days

Bring a prospective member to Rotary Club and get a makeup credit for a past absence as well as a credit for the day.

Remove provision for makeup credit for participating in an e-club activity.

Limit the number of times a makeup can be attained when participating in an e-club to 6 times a half-year.

Discontinue attendance at a board meeting or service club committee meeting as counting as a makeup.

Discontinue e-clubs.

All clubs must have a club officer or Board as club public relations chair.

Providing for Rotary membership based on only being a good representative of any worthy business.

Exempt some members from paying dues because of age, relationship to members, etc.

Subscription to Rotary magazine to become optional.

Two married or cohabitating Rotarians need get only one magazine.

Permit Rotary to license alcoholic beverages.

Introduce Esperanto as Rotary's second language.

Increase per capita club dues to RI by \$1.00 a year for each of the next three years and thereafter.

Decrease per capita dues.

Make attendance by club presidents at PETS not mandatory.

Permit "community leaders" to be eligible for club membership even though not meeting any other condition for membership.

Establishes a new type of club membership called "associate membership" who will be excused from all attendance requirements.

Our club gave donations to the following projects:

Water for the Secret City Festival at our Secret City Commemorative Walk

Ulster Project

Methodist Medical Robotics Program

Rotary International Rose Parade Float

Our club's theme of "Fun, Food, and Fellowship" inspired the Special Presidential Committee to come up with some fun and humor to start the meeting. We had some joke telling and funny stories to tell and then the best "humor" won a prize. This lasted about a month or so and was a pilot idea so the next leadership team can fine tune or recreate this feature for the meeting.

The year was finalized with the Year End Celebration & Installation Dinner on June 25<sup>th</sup>. District Governor Elect, Robin Textor attended to install the new officers and directors and Bill Sergeant gave the final remarks as to why he is a Rotarian. A great meal and a social hour highlighted this group of 56 Rotarians and set in motion the new leadership team for 2007-2008.

It was my honor to serve and "Lead the Way" for the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge!

Yours in Rotary Service and for the Board of 2006-2007

Bonnie Clark

