

ROTARY FORWARD

The Weekly Newsletter of the
Rotary Club of Knoxville



December 15, 2020

Club Meeting Location: Zoom at 12pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 14, 2020
RCK Board of Directors Meeting
[Zoom](#)

Tuesday, December 15, 2020
RCK Meeting - [Zoom](#)
Knoxville Opera Presents A Holiday
Program

Tuesday, December 22, 2020
No Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 29, 2020
No Club Meeting

January 5, 2021
RCK Meeting
Speaker: TBA

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Location: Zoom

RCK's weekly meeting will be held **virtually** on
Tuesday, December 15, 2020. You may join us via
Zoom from your PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android
using the link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/92215413313>

Meeting ID: 922 1541 3313

Presiding: President Paul Kedrow

Pledge & Invocation: Ray Mowery

Program Chair: Brian Salesky

Program: Knoxville Opera Holiday Concert

4-Way Test: Wes Price

*December is Disease Prevention and Treatment
Month*

2020-2021 Officers & Directors

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Holger Knaack, President

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KNOXVILLE

President: Paul Kedrow

President-Elect: Ginny Morrow

Vice President: Bill MacGrath

Secretary: Shannon Holland

Treasurer: Whit Addicks

Representative of Past Presidents: Ellen
Fowler

Directors: Jim Alexander, Jeff Allen,
Virginia Babb, Kim Isenberg, Frank
Robinson, and Emma Webb



Upcoming Program:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Knoxville Opera Holiday Concert

Knoxville Opera Presents a Holiday Concert
featuring

Brian Salesky as pianist and host

Jacqueline Brecheen, soprano;

Aubrey Odle, mezzosoprano;

Wayd Odle, tenor

This fun and festive concert will feature
holiday music both familiar and new!
Selections include Deck the Halls, O Holy
Night, Chanuka folksongs, and more!

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The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideals of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the following:

- **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?

Rotary Office Holiday Schedule

September 7
Labor Day

November 11
Veteran's Day

November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving

December 25
Christmas

January 1
New Year's Day

January 18
Martin Luther King, Jr Day

Rotary Record - December 8, 2020

President **Paul Kedrow** called the meeting to order.

Ray Mowery led us in the pledge, followed by the invocation.

Paul Kedrow called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Rotarian **Dr. Tom Pryse**.

Secretary **Shannon Holland** made the announcements. **Ray Mowery** made an announcement about the Beaumont project.

President **Paul Kedrow** called the Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Knoxville to order.

As there were no nominations from the floor at the December 1st meeting, the slate of nominees for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors was voted upon by acclamation, and unanimously approved.

Paul Kedrow introduced speaker and Rotarian **Elaine Streno**, Executive Director of Second Harvest Food Bank.

The Four Way Test was led by **Wes Price**.

2021-2022 Slate of Nominees for Board of Directors



Ginny Morrow
President*



Bill MacGrath
President-Elect



Rob Johnson
Vice President



Shannon Holland
Secretary



Whit Addicks
Treasurer



Paul Kedrow
Past Presidents' Rep.

Director Nominees:



Jeff Allen



Virginia Babb



Robin Easter



Chris Lambert



Joanne Latimer



Ray Mowery

*previously elected

The above slate of nominees was unanimously elected on Tuesday, December 8th, 2020. Congratulations to the 2021-2022 Board of Directors!

February 15
President's Day

May 31
Memorial Day

July 4
Independence Day

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Contributions](#)

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Program Recap December 8, 2020

**Elaine Streno,
Executive Director
Second Harvest Food
Bank**

Our speaker, Elaine Streno, who runs Second Harvest Food Bank, gave an update on hunger in East Tennessee during the pandemic. She shared a video that told the story of Second Harvest, a part of Feeding America. There are five of those affiliates in the state of Tennessee. Second Harvest is a distribution center. They have more than 630 partner agencies who work with them to get food to the hungry, including Food for Kids, a senior program in Campbell and other counties, Helen Ross McNabb, Sevier County Food Ministries, Boys & Girls Clubs, Fish Hospitality, Ladies of Charity, Wesley House, pantries in Blount, Anderson, and hundreds of others. They cover 18 counties with food distribution for programs that find and feed the hungry.

This year of pandemic has been overwhelming. The need has doubled. The community has been of tremendous support to Second Harvest, because people have recognized that people are experiencing hunger for the first time in their lives due to lost jobs.

Elaine noted that when she first began at Second Harvest, grocery stores were not donating. Now all the local grocery stores give food, including meats and other product that has met the line, but is still edible. Last year, it was 8 million pounds of food. The food industry entities are very competitive. Kroger, Food City, Publix wanted them to let the community know they were helping. Wal-Mart donated a truck but Food City didn't want a Wal-Mart truck in front of their store, so it created a lot of new things to juggle. Food City's perishable program is very important to them. The stores began offering their own trucks to deliver their perishables to Second Harvest. They have received more funding than ever due to the pandemic. Dunkin' Donuts did a major project for them as well.

They want to focus on healthy product for their clients. There was a long session of Q&A that was very informative. The dates on cans are a guide, but they do represent the best time to use the product. The grocery stores will often donate those cans about two weeks before their end date. There is an annual event where they recognize those great contributors like the grocers and others.

Until next week: Annette

Meeting Scribe: Annette Winston

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update on John Bailey: RCK member and past District Governor John Bailey has been released from UT Hospital and is at a rehabilitation facility, where he will be for a few weeks before returning to Morning Pointe. If you would like to send a card, the best address is his home address, and his son will be sure it gets to him. That address can be found [here](#).

Supporting the Community of Beaumont Elementary: The Local Community Service Committee is collecting funds for the children at Beaumont Elementary. After consulting with the school, it has come to light that January & February are the most difficult months for Beaumont families, as they often receive lots of support during the holiday season, but come January some need to choose between paying rent or purchasing food. The committee is working to support these families, and to ensure the children have food to eat in this uncertain time. If you would like to contribute, you may do so through [Paypal](#) or by sending a check to the Rotary Office, with LCS Beaumont in the memo line. Contact Ray Mowery or Emma Webb for more information!

2021 RCK Peace Award Nominations: The Peace Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 Peace Award! The nomination form can be found [here](#) and the information sheet [here](#). The completed nomination form should be returned to the **Rotary Office by December 15th**.

End of Year Contributions: If you plan to send contributions to Rotary International before the end of 2020, checks must be **received by the Rotary Office no later than December 15** as they must be received by Rotary International by December 31 to count for this year. Please contact Cate with any questions!

Do you know someone who tells great stories? The Program Committee is always looking for speakers! Contact Program Chair [Annette Winston](#) with suggestions.

Do you have an upcoming Rotary committee meeting or event? Please notify the Rotary Office (office@knoxvillerotary.org) to include it in our weekly announcements.

HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no Club Meetings on Tuesday, December 22 or Tuesday, December 29, in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

We will reconvene on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to seeing you again in 2021!



VOLUNTEER WITH MOBILE MEALS



You can still sign up to volunteer with Mobile Meals! You can volunteer once, or on a regular basis.

Mobile Meals delivers lunch to homebound seniors, who have been especially hard hit during these trying times. The Local Community Service Committee has arranged for a Wednesday delivery date, and the route should take about an hour. For your first time visiting/delivering you'll need to arrive about 9:45 for orientation. You can volunteer for one specific Wednesday, or several! Application linked [here](#), and info form [here](#). Contact [Ray Mowery](#) or [Bill Forbes](#) with questions!

WEEKLY POLIO UPDATE

Polio Headlines:

- Aidan O'Leary appointed new WHO polio eradication director – Mr Aidan O'Leary will assume the responsibilities of Director for Polio Eradication at WHO, effective 1 January 2021. Mr O'Leary will

succeed Mr Michel Zaffran, who will enter a well-deserved retirement end-February 2021. Mr O’Leary is from Ireland and is currently Head of Office in Yemen for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). He has served as the Chief of Polio Eradication in Pakistan for UNICEF and spent three years working in Afghanistan (between 2011 and 2014) as Head of Office, OCHA. He has extensive experience in emergency settings, including in Iraq and Syria, where he also held the positions of Head of Office for OCHA.



Afghanistan: 0 wild polio type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported this week. There have been 56 cases reported in 2020, while the total number of cases reported in 2019 remains 29.

Pakistan: 0 wild polio virus type 2 (WPV1) cases were reported this week. Reported cases in 2020 total 82, while the total number of 2019 cases remains 147.

Wild poliovirus (WPV)

Total global cases in 2020: 138 (compared to 113 for the same period in 2019)

Total global cases in 2019: 176

Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV) cases

Total global cVDPV cases in 2020: 776 (compared with 243 for the same period in 2019)

Total global cDVPV cases in 2019: 378

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, December 12 - Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at West Town Mall

Monday, December 14 - 11am Board of Directors Meeting on [Zoom](#)

Tuesday, December 22 – No Club Meeting, Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 29 – No Club meeting, New Year’s Holiday

Tuesday, January 5 - First Club meeting of 2021

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



The Rotary Club of Knoxville wishes a very **Happy Birthday** to the following members celebrating a birthday this month:

- 12/2 - **Allen Pannell**
- 12/4 - **Frank Robinson**
- 12/6 - **John Criner**
- 12/7 - **Jeff Loos**
- 12/7 - **Odacir Oliveira**
- 12/13 - **Crit Parrott**
- 12/18 - **Amy Sherrill**
- 12/21 - **John Billings**
- 12/24 - **Frank Addicks**
- 12/26 - **Tom Pryse**
- 12/31 - **Roy King**



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Congratulations to the following members who are celebrating their Rotary anniversary this month:

- Harry Sherrrod** - 38 years
- Al Bedinger** - 37 years
- Frank Rothermel** - 24 years
- Jake Brezeale** - 20 years
- Whit Addicks** - 19 years
- Libby Kennedy** - 19 years
- Randy Corlew** - 18 years
- Todd Moody** - 12 years
- Tom Pryse** - 11 years
- Jason Murphy** - 4 years
- Will Rothermel** - 2 years

AREA ROTARY CLUBS

Monday: Lenoir City-12Noon, Loudon County Visitors Bureau; Oak Ridge Sunset-5:30pm, Emory Valley Center

Tuesday: Clinton-12Noon, Clinton Community Center; Loudon-12Noon, Blairland Baptist Church; Morristown A.M.-7:30am, Morristown Country Club

Wednesday: Farragut-12:15, Fox Den Country Club; Knoxville Breakfast-7:00am, Gus's World Famous Chicken; Maryville-12Noon, Blount County Public Library; Morristown-12Noon, Morristown Country Club; Oak Ridge Breakfast-7:15am, The Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Ridge

Thursday: North Knoxville-12Noon, Litton's Restaurant; Oak Ridge-11:45am, Doubletree Hotel;

Friday: Knoxville Volunteer-12Noon, Blount Mansion; Bearden-12:15pm, Bearden Banquet Hall

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