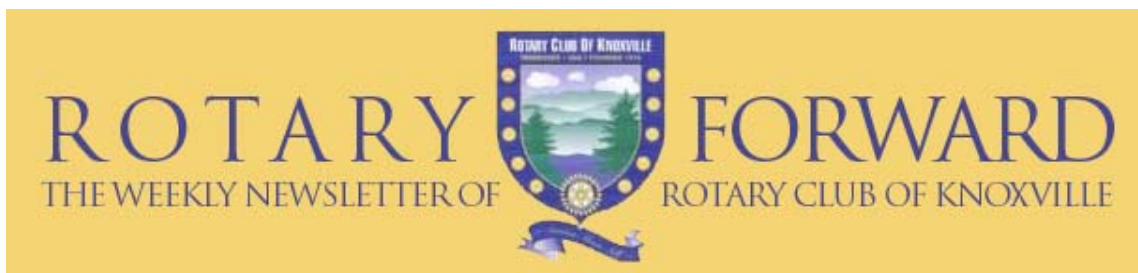


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AREA ROTARY CLUBS

2009-2010

Officers & Directors



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
John Kenny, President

ROTARY DISTRICT 6780
Carol Foster, Governor

Marriott - December 8, 2009

Presiding - **Sam Weaver**

Song & Pledge - **Brooks Clark**

Invocation - **Mickey Johnson**

Rotarian Welcome - **Steve Jerman**

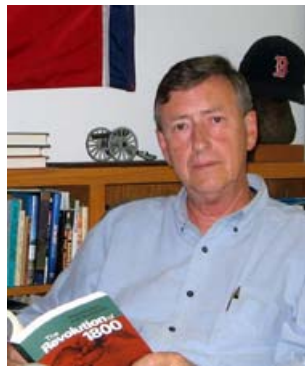
Welcome to Other Visitors - **Sam Weaver**

Program Chair - **Alan Lee**

Program - **"Who is the Greatest UT President Ever"**

December is Family Month

December 8, 2009 Program



W. Bruce Wheeler, Ph.D.

Director Emeritus, Chancellor's Honors Program

Professor Emeritus, Department of History

Dr. Bruce Wheeler served as director of the University Honors Program from 1988 to 1994. In 2007, he accepted the honorary position of Director Emeritus, serving the recently rechristened Chancellor's Honors Program as a professor and valued mentor. As indicated by his keynote address to the 2007 annual meeting of the Tennessee Collegiate Honors Council, Dr.

Wheeler is the University of Tennessee's senior

ambassador vis-à-vis honors educators statewide. Given his extensive involvement in community and regional affairs, Dr. Wheeler is also the Chancellor's Honors Program's principal liaison to Knoxville and East Tennessee.

Dr. Wheeler received his B. A. from Duke University (1961), his M. A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1963), and his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia (1967). In addition to the University of Tennessee, Dr. Wheeler has held faculty appointments at the University of Virginia, Northern Illinois University, the State University of New York at Cortland, Ohio University, and Lynchburg College.

In recognition of his teaching excellence, Dr. Wheeler twice received the University of Tennessee National Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award (1980, 1986). Prior to this achievement, Dr. Wheeler received the Dean's Teaching Award (1979), the Beta Sigma Phi Outstanding Teacher Award (1972), and the Ohio University Outstanding Teacher Award (1968).

In recognition of his outstanding service, Dr. Wheeler received the highly prestigious National Alumni Association Public Service Award (2002). He was also awarded the L. R. Hester Award for Excellence in Teaching and Service (1997) and the Student Government Association's L. R. Hester Award (1979). Dr. Wheeler serves on numerous boards, from the Board of Advisers for the University of Tennessee Press to the Board of Directors of the Wears Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and he regularly delivers invited public addresses.

Dr. Wheeler is first and foremost, however, a scholar. A recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Fellowship at the University of Virginia, Dr. Wheeler is the author of

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Knoxville, Tennessee: A Mountain City in the New South (second edition, 2005); TVA and the Tellico Dam, 1936-1979: A Bureaucratic Crisis in Post-Industrial America (with Michael J. McDonald, 1986, revised 2005); Discovering the American Past (2 volumes, with Susan D. Becker, 1986, sixth edition 2007); Discovering the Western Past (2 volumes, with Merry Wiesner, Frank Doeninger, Kenneth Curtis, 1997, second edition 2002); as well as dozens of additional textbooks, anthologies, monographs, scholarly articles, and reviews. Among other projects, Dr. Wheeler is currently writing a history of the University of Tennessee.

ROTARY RECORD -December 1

Sam Albritton called the meeting to order. **Annette Winston** led in song and pledge followed by **Charlie Harr** with the invocation. **Russ Johnston** introduced visiting Rotarians. **Sam Albritton** welcomed guests.

Ed Anderson made the announcements below.

Lou Roepke introduced new members **Tiffany Walker** and **Rob Spurlock**.

Townes Osborn, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the proposed slate of nominees for the 2010-2011 Rotary Club of Knoxville Board of Directors.

Rob Spurlock was the winner of the Free Lunch Certificate.

Charlie Harr dismissed the club with the 4-way Test.

2009-2010 THEME



Rotary International

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 15
 Holiday Program

December 22
 No Club Meeting

December 29
 No Club Meeting



The Object of Rotary

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

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for

PROGRAM RECAP - December 1



Harvey Abouelata
Sustainable Futures

Susan Arp introduced speaker **Harvey Abouelata**, Director of Sales and Marketing with Sustainable Future LLC, a Knoxville based company founded in 2005. Harvey began his presentation by polling the audience about our views on global warming, affordability of solar power, and if we feel that we have a responsibility about keeping the Earth clean for future generations.

Harvey gave an informative presentation on how to evaluate your home or business for installation of solar panels. In order to calculate how much solar energy could be produced an instrument called a pathfinder is used. A pathfinder is round like a half globe, and it is set on the top of a roof. The pathfinder then calculates the best place to put the solar panels and how much energy can be produced considering factors such as roof position, angles, and shade trees. Normally a roof facing south will produce more energy than one that points north.

If a person is interested in doing this, there are State, Federal, and possibly other grants that can be obtained. Harvey is able to walk a person through which grants to apply for, how much the final out of pocket cost will be, and expected return on investment. Also, once the solar panels are producing energy, TVA will purchase excess energy produced at a .12 cent increase above the current kilowatt rate.

If a homeowner would like to get an evaluation performed to determine where heat is escaping or where the most energy is used a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) can be performed. This will help guide the homeowner on how to make quick and easy or major repairs to conserve energy. To obtain more information about any of these energy saving programs give Harvey a call and he will be glad to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smith Noon Club Christmas Celebration

The newly chartered Smith County Noon club has extended an invitation to RCK members to attend their Christmas Celebration on **Monday, December 21** at 6:30pm at Timberloft Restaurant to celebrate the Christmas season as well as the official charter of the Smith County Noon Rotary Club. Please **RVSP by December 11** to Tim Frank at



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?

2009-2010 Rotary Office Holiday Schedule

- September 7
Labor Day
- October 12
Columbus Day
- November 11
Veteran's Day
- November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving
- December 24 & 25
Christmas
- January 1
New Year's Day
- February 16
President's Day
- May 25
Memorial Day
- July 5
Independence Day

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615-735-9615 or e-mail jtfrank@liberty.edu. Timberloft Restaurant is located at 470 Gordonsville Highway in Gordonsville, TN. The cost is \$10 per person.

Early Registration Deadline Approaching for Montreal RI Convention

Be sure to make your reservation as soon as possible and take advantage of early registration pricing and seating at convention sessions. The **early registration deadline** for the **2010 RI Convention** in Montreal, Canada is **December 15, 2009**. The registration fee is \$295 per person, after which time, it will be \$345 per person. After March 31, 2010 registration is \$395 per person.

Lunch Menu for Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Chicken Parmesan or Tri-Colored Tortellini Alfredo with Balsamic Grilled Vegetables, Field Green or Caprese Salad, and Lemon Mist Cake for dessert. Fruit cups are always available upon request.

ROTARY CLUB OF KNOXVILLE ATTENDANCE RECORD

11/17 Meeting Attendance (including make-ups).....45%
Attendance Average (Year to Date).....57%

Make-ups for the 11/17 meeting should be submitted by 12/01.
Make-ups for the 11/24 meeting should be submitted by 12/08.
Contact the Rotary office (phone: 523-8252 or email: kxrotary@bellsouth.net) to report your make-up.



ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS...

Be sure to look for a reserved spot at the lunch tables. After greeting arriving Rotarians, join members at a table and get to know your fellow Rotarians. It's an easy way to introduce yourself to others and allow members to get

to know you.



ENVIRONMENTAL "THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK"

Winterize Your Home

Change furnace filters - Yes it's easy to forget, but it's important to replace or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season. Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy demand. Here's a worry-

saving tip: mark a monthly check on your calendar. Better, consider switching to a permanent filter, which will reduce waste and hassle.

Give your heating system a tune-up -

You probably already know that cars need periodic tune-ups in order to run their best. Well the same is true for heating equipment. Keeping your furnace clean, lubricated and properly adjusted will reduce energy use, saving up to 5% of heating costs. The good news is many utilities offer free annual checkups by qualified technicians -- but you often have to call early, as HVAC crews get backed up once heating season starts. Some furnace manufacturers and dealers also offer free or discounted inspections.

FINAL SLATE PRESENTED FOR 2010-2011 RCK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Townes Osborn, Chair of the Nominating Committee of the Rotary Club of Knoxville, presented the slate for the 2010-2011 Rotary Club of Knoxville Board of Directors at the December 1, 2009 club meeting. With no further nominations brought before the Club, it was resolved that nominations be closed. A member vote on the following slate of officers and directors will be held at the Club's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at noon at the Marriott.

President: **H. Brown Wright** (previously selected)
Representatives of Past Presidents: **Sam J. Albritton, III** (non-elected position)

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Officer Nominees:

President-elect.....**Samuel C. Weaver**
Vice President.....**Annette E. Winston**
Secretary.....**Edwin A. Anderson***
Treasurer.....**Jason K. Hamilton***

Director Nominees: **N. Brooks Clark, Barbara I. Dewey, Steven F. Jerman, Paul J. Kedrow, Robert S. Marquis, Judi D. Starliper**

*Presently serving in this office

Brief background about **Sam C. Weaver**, President-Elect Nominee:

Samuel C. Weaver is Founder and President of Proton Power, Inc., a renewable energy company producing hydrogen on demand from cellulose for use as heat, power generation, or hydrogen production. He also co-founded and serves as Chairman for Red Diamond Ceramics, Inc., Cool Energy, Inc. and Vice-President in Sizzle, LLC.

Upon graduation from the University of Missouri-Rolla Sam went to work for United Aircraft at the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Engineering Laboratory in Middletown, CT working on advanced nuclear fuels. From there he worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for six years while completing his advanced degrees.

For the last 40 years Sam has been a serial entrepreneur founding and running over a dozen companies primarily in the advanced materials and energy fields. The companies ranged in size from a few employees to over a hundred with products lines that included: neutron absorbers for use in the large commercial nuclear power plants, nuclear fuel elements for test and research reactors used to make medical isotopes, high temperature furnaces for the production of ceramics and carbon fibers, aircraft brake pads, and memory disk substrates for computer hard drives. The recent focus has been on renewable, green energy production in Proton Power, Inc. and Cool Energy, a solar thermal combined heat and power system.

Sam has been an active and committed Rotarian for 23 years. He has served on the RCK Board of Directors for several years, is a Paul Harris Society Member, a Rotary Foundation of Knoxville Mt. Chapman Society member and has attended several Rotary International conventions. Sam has 9 patents, was made a Fellow of ASTM when he received their Award of Merit, received entrepreneurial awards from the governors of Missouri and Tennessee, awarded an honorary Professional Degree from UMR and recently inducted into the Academy for the UMR School of Mines. His father was also a Rotary President of the Branson-Hollister, MO club. Sam has a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering from UMR and M.S. and PhD in Metallurgical Engineering from University of Tennessee. Sam has two grown sons and several grandchildren.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



It's time again to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. The RCK will be sponsoring two site once again this year at the **Sears and Old Ruby Tuesday entrances at West Town Mall on Saturday, December 19, 2009 from 10AM to 8PM.**

Volunteers can sign-up for a 2-hour time slot. Contact the Rotary office to sign-up (865-523-8252). This is a very rewarding and popular annual event and spots will go fast. Be sure to sign up early.

Katalin Illes, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Mateszalka, Hungary to arrive in Knoxville on December 28!

Exciting news - The Rotary Club of Knoxville will be hosting and serving as the sponsoring club for Hungary Rotary District 1911's first Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Katalin Illes. Katalin will attend UT during the Spring and Fall semesters in 2010 and study accounting.

She obtained an undergraduate degree in accounting from the University of Debrecen last spring and she hopes to learn American accounting methods and practices while she is in Tennessee. As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child" - In this case it will take the open hearts and help of our entire village, our club, as we welcome Katalin and take care of her throughout 2010.

Her official Welcome Party will be held in conjunction with our annual Hungarian and South African New Year's Party at Naples Restaurant on December 31. When she arrives, Katalin will be hosted by Terry & Trish Igoe until her campus housing is available. Please plan to invite her to join you and your family for a meal, an outing, a cultural event or an adventure. Imagine the goodwill and better understanding you would appreciate if you were living in a new country for a year and plan to reach out to Katalin. Thanks!

WORLD NEW YEAR'S COUNTDOWN

THE UNICUM SOCIETY*

cordially invites all Rotarians
family and friends to toast and feast
on **Thursday, December 31, 2009**
at Naples in the back room.
Hungarian and South African spirits are allowed
and shot glasses will be provided.

The celebration begins at **5:00 PM** and ends at **7:30 PM**
At **6 PM** we will toast the arrival of 2010
in Hungary with UNICUM cheers.
At **7 PM** we will toast the arrival of 2010
in South Africa with Amarula cheers.

This will be the 7th annual New Year's
gathering of UNICUM and
Amarula aficionados.



Please RSVP**
to Jim & Nancy Cundall by
Saturday, December 26, 2009
Phone: 588.9405
Email Jim at: jimcundall@travelwithpop.com



* THE UNICUM SOCIETY is affiliated with
the Rotary Club of Knoxville's World Community Service Committee.
This is not a fund raising event... just a fun event.
**The backroom has a maximum capacity of 50, so RSVP early.



Rotary Foundation Month Update

Your Rotary International Foundation - Halfway to our 6th Star



We all know that the Rotary Club of Knoxville is stellar, but half of us still need to help our club officially become a 6 STAR CLUB. Our Rotary District does not recognize 5 1/2 star clubs. We need to contribute \$100 per capita at minimum. We can do it. For the past five years RCK members have done it. Already the West Knoxville Rotary Club has contributed \$114 per capita and Farragut Rotary is over \$100 per capita. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund underwrite all the humanitarian projects and programs that make each of us proud to be a Rotarian. If every member in our club gives



\$100, then we will be designated as a Paul Harris Sustaining Club and become a 6 STAR CLUB. We're half way there. So, please, give Elaine your check or credit card number. Please help Rotary help the world.

Thanks!
Your RCK Rotary Foundation Committee



Rotary Club of Knoxville *Fat Tuesday Party & Reverse Raffle* **February 16, 2010**

RSVP for an Unforgettable Evening Including Dinner, Dancing and a Reverse Raffle with a Chance to Win \$10,000!

When: Tuesday, February 16, 2010
6:30pm to 10:00pm
Where: The Foundry - World's Fair Site
Grand Prize: \$10,000 AND Every 25th NAME will receive their \$100 BACK



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
Fat Tuesday Party Ticket: \$35 each
Raffle Ticket: \$100 each
Be a Sponsor: [Click Here](#)

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY
and
SPREAD THE WORD!!

**The reverse raffle is the annual fundraiser for the local and international programs and projects of the Rotary Club of Knoxville and the Rotary Foundation of Knoxville.*

New Member Proposed

Upon recommendation of the Classification and Membership Committees and the Board of Directors, the following person has been approved for membership in the Rotary Club of Knoxville. Objections must be filed in writing to the Club Administrator within seven business days (December 15, 2009).

Elisa Celeste King
(Owner - Retail Sales)
Tea At the Gallery
Proposed by: **Townes Osborn**

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Tuesday, December 15 - RCK Board Meeting at 10:45AM at the Marriott (Boardroom)

Tuesday, December 15 - RI Convention early registration deadline

Saturday, December 19 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing at West Town Mall

Tuesday, December 22 - No Club Meeting

Saturday, December 26 - Deadline to RSVP for the World New Year's Countdown party at Naples

Monday, December 28 - Ambassadorial Scholar Katalin Illes arrives in Knoxville

Tuesday, December 29 - No Club Meeting

Thursday, December 31 - World New Year's Countdown party at Naples from 5-7:30PM

Thursday, December 31 - Club Officer 2010-2011 report due to RI



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 2nd: Wally Estill, Allen Pannell; **7th:** Odgie Oliveira; **8th:** Steve Weiland; **9th:** Grady Bogue, Sharon Mullens; **12th:** Steve Roth; **21st:** Jim Cortese; **23rd:** William Pender; **24th:** Frank Addicks, Max Shell; **26th:** Tom Pryse; **27th:** Bill Felton; **31st:** Jerry Hall



REPORTED MAKEUPS

eClub: 11/17-Ben Alexander, Tim Romero; 11/24-Dennis McClane
North Knoxville: 12/1-Dave Murray
Oak Ridge Sunset: 11/24-Kathy Sergeant
South Knoxville: 11/17-Allen Pannell
Other Rotary Activities: 11/10-Carol Evans; 11/17-Mike Prowell, Jim Alexander, Carol Evans; 11/24-George Fritts; 12/1-Whit Addicks, Kathy Parks; 12/15-Kathy Parks

(You can receive a make-up if use the eClub website, attend a committee meeting or attend a non-profit board meeting, wear your Rotary pin, say something good about Rotary, and notify the Rotary office. A great plan!)



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

QUESTION: What was the first Rotarian Action Group?

ANSWER: Rotarians for Fighting AIDS Inc.

AREA ROTARY CLUBS

Monday: Lenoir City, 12 Noon, First Baptist Church, 2805 Simpson Rd East; Oakridge Sunset, Flatwater Grill Event Center, Melton Lake Drive; South Knoxville, 12:00 pm, Morrison Cafeteria Center (at UT Medical Center on Alcoa Hwy).

Tuesday: Clinton, 12 Noon, Clinton Community Center; Loudon, 12 Noon, Lakewood Place; Morristown A.M., 7: 30 am, Morristown Country Club

Wednesday: Alcoa, 12 Noon, Ryan's Family Steakhouse; Farragut, 12: 15 pm, Fox Den Country Club; Knoxville Breakfast, 7:00 am, Gettysvue Country Club; Morristown, 12 Noon, Morristown Country Club; Oak Ridge Breakfast, 7:15 am, Inspiration Point (Flatwater Grill) Melton Lake Drive

Thursday: Maryville, 12 Noon, Green Meadow Country Club, Alcoa; North, 12 Noon, Litton's Restaurant; Oak Ridge, 12:15 pm, Flatwater Grill Event Center, Melton Lake Drive

Friday: Knoxville Volunteer, 12 Noon, Knoxville Marriott; West, 12:15, Bearden Banquet Hall



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