

October 5, 2011

Members and friends of ORBRC –

President Brenda Thornburgh has asked me to send you the following information about our club's new meeting location:

***Oak Ridge Breakfast Rotary Club  
will begin meeting  
NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12  
at the Oak Ridge Unitarian-Universalist Church  
1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
(Corner of Robertsville Road and Oak Ridge Turnpike – traffic light no. 11).***

As has been our custom, the doors will be open for fellowship at 6:45 a.m., the buffet line will open very shortly after 7 a.m., and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30.

#### **LOCATION & PARKING**

The [church](#) is across the street from Midtown Community Center, which houses Oak Ridge Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Wildcat Den, one of our former meeting spots.

There is a large parking area in the back of the church, and members and guests will be able to access the facility from both Robertsville Road and Raleigh Road (which runs behind Grove Center).

There are handicapped spaces in the two small lots closest to Robertsville Road, with the one near the center of the building being the closest (and free of stair steps).

[Click here](#) for directions.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS**

The board chose this spot because it is large enough to accommodate the seating and set up required for our weekly meetings (we had nearly 90 people at our meeting today); provides the audio-visual and internet capabilities we need; offers some limited storage space for the material we have to have on hand; and allows us to schedule approximately 50 meetings each year with little likelihood of being “bumped” for another group.

In addition, it is centrally located, allows us to continue our long-time relationship with Dot's Catering, and has been offered for very reasonable rate.

An added joy is that Jake Morrill, a former member of our club and an alumni of Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholar program, is pastor of the non-denominational church.

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

There will be some adjustments – initially we will be at a mix of rectangular and round tables, for example, and we have materials that must be moved from the Flatwater quickly.

We will need your patience as well as your suggestions about how we can make this space work best for the work – and fellowship – for which we gather each week.

We want to thank everyone who had a hand in helping us reach this decision, and we urge you to consider whatever support you might provide to the local businesses that were so willing to help us resolve this matter, in particular Jackson Square Bistro, The Comfort Inn, The DoubleTree Hotel, and Razzleberry Ice Cream Lab. Several other local churches, the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association, and the Children’s Museum also were willing to talk with us about options, and we appreciate their time and input as well.

If you have questions or concerns, please send an email to [orbrc@comcast.net](mailto:orbrc@comcast.net) or talk with me or one of the board members.

Thank you again for your support as we moved through this process.

***See you NEXT WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church.***

– Brenda Thornburgh  
2011-2012 ORBRC President