

The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

June 2025

State Rep. Sam McKenzie on The State of Tennessee's General Assembly

Monday, June 23rd 5:30-7:00 pm

201 Café and Wine Bar (201 Jackson Square, Oak Ridge, TN 37830)

State Rep. Sam McKenzie will speak on the recent Tennessee General Assembly legislative session.

McKenzie represents District 15 in Knoxville and served as chairman of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators during the 113th General Assembly. A state representative since 2020, he serves on the Education Committee, Health Committee, Government Operations Committee, and the House Ethics Committee. He served on the Knox County Commission from 2008-2016.

Now a small business owner in Knoxville, he retired after 34 years with Oak Ridge National Laboratory, where he was the Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Group Leader. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Fisk University and his master's degree in physics from the University of Memphis. He is a graduate of Austin-East High School in Knoxville.

McKenzie serves on the board of directors of the ORNL Federal Credit Union and the Fisk University Board of Trustees.



Light refreshments will be served, and drinks may be purchased from the bar.

Future ACDWC Events

July 28th 2025 – Education in Tennessee and Anderson County.

August 25th 2025 – Immigration and Project 2025's immigration chapter.

Mark Your Calendars! On October 17th we will be hosting an evening with Derek Black, the author of Schoolhouse Burning. He will talk with us about how the full-scale assault on public education threatens not just public education but American democracy itself. Stay tuned for reservation details.

Other Events

Upcoming Public Meetings: View meeting schedules for [Oak Ridge](#) and [Anderson County](#).

Please check the website for Oak Ridge meetings as some locations might be different due to on-going construction at the Municipal Building complex.

Oak Ridge:

City Council Regular Meeting, 7 pm 2nd Monday of month, Municipal Building Courtroom

Municipal Planning Commission, 5:30 pm 3rd Thursday of month, Oak Ridge Municipal Courtroom

Traffic Safety Advisory Board, 7 pm 3rd Monday of month, Central Services Complex Conf Room

Disability Advisory Board, 11 am 3rd Monday of Month, Senior Center

Land Bank Board of Directors, 8:30 am 3rd Tuesday of month, Municipal Building Courtroom

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 7 pm 2nd Thursday of month, Civic Center Social Room

Board of Education, 5 pm 4th Monday of month, Board Room - School Admin Bldg (304 New York Ave.) <https://www.ortn.edu/central-office/board-of-education/members-schedule/>

Anderson County:

Anderson County Commission Meeting, 6:30 pm 3rd Monday of month, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Anderson County Library Board, 5:30 pm 2nd Thursday of month, Clinton Public Library

Anderson County Operations Committee, 6:00 pm 2nd Monday of month, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312

Club Updates

The club's focus this year will be identifying women who have the passion to run for the 2026 open positions, and then helping those women run a successful campaign. The open positions will be:

- Anderson County Mayor, Norris Mayor, Oliver Springs Mayor, Rocky Top Mayor
- Anderson County Commission (16 seats total)
- Clinton City Council (3 positions), Norris (5 seats), Oak Ridge (seats), Rocky Top (2 seats), Oliver Springs (3 seats)
- Anderson County Board of Education (4 seats), Clinton (2 seats), Oak Ridge (3 seats)
- Anderson County Trustee, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Road Superintendent

If you can imagine yourself in any of these positions, EMERGE training can help you get there. There are EMERGE training sessions coming up, both with the national and the state organizations, that will teach you how to clarify your message, ask for money to fund the campaign, and manage the nuts & bolts of running a campaign.

To test the EMERGE waters, there is a 90 minute webinar about "Your Journey to Elected Office" on June 11 (7:00 or 10pm eastern). Click to register for [the 7:00 session](#) or [the 10:00 session](#) for this national EMERGE webinar .

Please contact Ebony Capshaw, the club's EMERGE liaison, for more information about EMERGE.

Make a Difference:

The club needs help with meeting setup/cleanup. Please contact Ann Miller if you would like to pitch in on that monthly task.

Contact the ACDWC

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Hospitality: Open position

Club Website: acdwc.org