

# The Anderson County Democratic Women's Club News

January 2026

## ***Navigating Today's Healthcare Costs***

**Tuesday, January 27th 5:30 pm**

Oak Ridge Library Auditorium (1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830)

Come at 5:30 on **Tuesday**, the 27<sup>th</sup>, for potluck dinner and conversation - the talk will begin promptly at 6:00.

Join us for an informative meeting focused on rising healthcare premiums and prescription drug costs.

Our speaker, Derrick Johnson, will provide insight into current healthcare trends and explain what is driving increases you are probably seeing in your costs. There will be time for questions and discussion. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about healthcare costs and coverage options that affect us all.

Derrick Johnson, an Oak Ridge native and local licensed insurance broker will be our guest speaker. He grew up in Oak Ridge, graduated from the Oak Ridge school system, and went on to attend MTSU. There, he graduated with a degree in Business Marketing Office Management. After moving back to the Knoxville area, Derrick started his career in healthcare in 2005 with the then Covenant Health owned Cariten Health. He was brought in to help teach and instruct the call center reps about the Medicare Part D that was being implemented in 2006, and continued to assist and train the call center representatives throughout the Cariten acquisition by Humana. In 2009, he moved to the Knoxville Humana Guidance Center as an Integrated Specialist – providing community outreach for various programs and face-to-face support for Humana members, providers, and department management. Derrick used that experience to springboard to a Career Agent position with Humana, and then into an Independent Broker role with Baldwin Group. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, Derrick will bring us his 20+ years insurance experience, up-to-date knowledge of available healthcare protection options (including prescription drug coverage), and an engaging presentation style.



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### **Future ACDWC Events**

**April 18th 2025** – The Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women will have the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention here in Oak Ridge. If you are a TFDW member you are invited to attend the meeting as

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one of our five delegates. This is a great way to connect with like minded women from across the state and guide the organization into its future.

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### **Other Events**

**Friday February 6th** – All Anderson County residents are invited to apply to the County Mayor Terry Frank's office to serve on two Anderson County boards:

**Conservation Board.** This board oversees the operations of the county parks. (One opening)

**Animal Care and Control Advisory Board.** This board will work with the mayor to further advance the goals of sheltering lost, abandoned and forgotten animals in Anderson County. There are openings for a veterinarian or professional with advanced degree in animal science; a person representing an animal welfare nonprofit; and four at-large members.

Applications for both boards are due by Friday, Feb. 6, and are available through the mayor's office or online at [andersoncountyttn.gov](http://andersoncountyttn.gov). Completed applications must be emailed to [tfrank@andersoncountyttn.gov](mailto:tfrank@andersoncountyttn.gov).

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** – Join the **AndersonDems General Assembly** to learn what's on the ballot, share ideas, and turn community energy into action This event will be at the Roane State Community College (City Room) on Wednesday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Register at <https://www.andersoncountymunicipalparty.com/events/assembly-feb26>.

### **Upcoming Public Meetings:**

**Oak Ridge:** View meeting schedules and agendas for [Oak Ridge](#)

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

**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:** View meeting schedules and agendas for [Anderson County](#).

**Anderson County Commission Meeting**, 6:30 pm Tuesday Jan 20th, Anderson County Courthouse Rm 312. Note: the February meeting will also be on a Tuesday (Feb 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Anderson County Library Board**, 5:30 pm Thursday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clinton Public Library. The location for the Feb 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is TBD.

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

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## **Club Updates**

**Of note:** Over 2,300 voters have been purged from the roles. You can check your registration by contacting the Anderson County Election Commission or verifying your data via the state website <https://tnmap.tn.gov/voterlookup>.

The Club is looking for women to sponsor for **EMERGE training**. If you can imagine yourself running for an office in 2026, 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.

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

### **Make a Difference:**

The club needs help on the Hospitality Committee (setup/cleanup/meeting logistics), the Membership Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. Please contact Ann Mostoller if you would like to pitch in on any of those tasks.

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## **December Meeting Summary**

### **The ACDWC Holiday Get Together**

12-16-2025

Is there a better way to spend the evening than mulled wine, nibbles, and great conversation with like-minded Democrats! The 2026 ACDWC were also duly sworn-in by the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women's President, Glenda Whitfield.

Our thanks to Ann Mostoller for opening her lovely home to us.

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