

Rotary



Clarksville
Rotary Club

For Club Meeting on Sept. 4, 2019

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The Rotary Foundation

Giving, grants and the good we do

Betty Burchett has been a member of Rotary for 17 years. She currently serves on the Clarksville Rotary Club Board and as District 6760 Grants Chairman. She loves being a part of an organization that continues to be recognized as a world leader in philanthropy.



She will speak about the Rotary Foundation, Rotary giving and grant programs.

In 2016, CNBC ranked The Rotary Foundation No. 3 in its annual list of Top 10 Charities Changing the World in 2016. For 11 consecutive years, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating – four stars – from Charity Navigator, the largest, most used evaluator of charitable organization. The rating reflects Charity Navigator’s assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

Betty considers it an honor to be part of an organization that makes a difference in her community and in the world. It’s important to Betty to give to an organization that is diligent with her hard earned money.

THE CLARKSVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Chartered May 17, 1917
Meetings: Wednesday at Noon



CLUB OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2018-2019

- President.....Jane Ondocin
- President-Elect.....Kimberly Wiggins
- Secretary.....Cheryl Moss
- Treasurer.....Cheryl Lankford
- Sergeant-at-Arms.....Carter Briggs
- Membership Chair.....John Wallace
& Chris Trawinski
- Program Chair....Melanie Thompson
- Service Chair.....Melissa Hogan
- PR Chair.....Elliott Herzlich
- Foundation Chair.....Betty Burchett
- iPPresident.....Jim Jay
- Assistant DG.....David Davenport

Board of Directors:

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| Term to 2020 | Term to 2022 |
| Elliott Herzlich | Chris Buerck |
| Tad Bourne | Steve Springer |
| Melanie Thompson | Betty Burchett |
| Term to 2021 | |
| Eric Lehman | |
| Ron Struble | |
| Rich Holladay | |

Mission:

The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.



SAVE THE DATE

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Phase II Civitan Park Project and The Rotary Field of Dreams!

When: 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6

Where: Civitan Park, 650 Bellamy Lane

More info on next page

Celebrate Rotary and support special needs this Friday

This Friday the Clarksville Rotary Club will celebrate the completion of a project three years and a lot of work in the making.

The Rotary Field of Dreams and Family Playground is officially opening and ready for use by children of all levels and abilities. A playground featuring handicap accessible equipment and a field specifically designed for inclusive play with rubberized playing surfaces and wheelchair accessible dugouts will provide

families with Special needs easier and safer access to recreational activities and will create an environment of inclusion.

The Ribbon Cutting will be at 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6., at Civitan Park off Bellamy Lane, followed immediately by an exhibition game on the Field of Dreams.

“The Rotary Field of Dreams will eliminate the traditional barriers that discourage and keep special needs children and adults off a playing field,” said Mike Taliento of the Clarksville Sunrise Rotary Club.

The project was originally the vision and dream of Margaret Davis, with the Buddy Ball program. The Clarksville Rotary Club, along with the two other area clubs, raised and donated more than \$540,000 to make this park and playground a reality.

The project itself has overcome challenges such as weather and multiple sinkholes on the site. The initial cost estimate and Rotary fundraising goal was \$516,000, however those issues added up and required extra funding.

The Rotary Clubs were awarded three grants: The Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation awarded the largest grant in their history of giving, providing \$298,615; Rotary District 6760 provided \$10,000; and the TN Blue Cross-Blue Shield

Health Foundation provided \$158,000. The Clarksville Rotary Club also submitted Best of Clarksville Grants which resulted in \$25,500. The combined two-year club donations from the three Rotary Clubs of Clarksville totaled \$50,000.

More than 550 families are supported through the Buddy Ball Program, according to Taliento. Buddy Ball boasts more than 16 baseball teams and play roughly 72 games per year. With this new field, they plan to expand the league up to 24 teams.

“With its poured rubber surface and increased accessibility, senior citizens, disabled veterans and special needs families will benefit from this investment,” Taliento said. “The Rotary Field of Dreams will represent and create new outlets for organized sports and social activities. As a community - we all win.”

And that community advancement is exactly why the Rotary clubs banded together to complete the project.

“The construction of this project represents Rotary’s enduring investment in our community. In reality, this project provides a centerpiece for our future commitment to serve others,” Taliento said.

“Let’s be out there for the 1st Pitch!”



Upcoming Events and Programs:

- Sept. 4 – Rotary Foundation and Grants program
- Sept. 11 – John Davis, AirMedcare Network
- Sept. 18 – Valor Run
- Sept. 25 – Jane Ondocine
- Oct. 2 – Senator Bill Powers, Legislative Update
- Oct. 9 – Lucas Chambers, Trip to Africa
- Oct. 16 – Paranormal Patrol
- Oct. 23 -- Officer David Bebout, NVPD, K9, Bomb Squad, Underwater Rescue
- Oct. 30 – NO MEETING
- Nov. 6 – Tony Briningstool CEO, Tennova American Physician Partners
- Nov. 13 – Millard House, CMCSS Director of Schools

Please submit speaker ideas to Melanie Thompson at Mthompson@gobbb.org