

APRIL 13, 2020

ROTATIONS

Weekly Update from the Rotary Club of Nashville

VIRTUAL ROTARY MEETINGS

Rotarians: We continue to monitor the news and guidelines on public meetings and have temporarily suspended in-person meetings until May 4. In the meantime, we're excited to announce several ways to stay connected to our community.

Virtual Rotary Meetings

Starting on April 6, we will host virtual Rotary meetings. See below for meeting call in information. A reminder email will be sent on Monday mornings. Meetings will be conducted via Zoom. Zoom allows for meetings to be held by audio (call in and listen on your phone) and by video (use your phone or computer to watch and listen).

Did you miss the first meeting? See below for how to watch.

Virtual Rotary After Hours

Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation! We're hosting weekly happy hours every Thursday from 5-6 p.m. during the Safer at Home order. Each happy hour will be limited to 10 people to ensure good conversation. Please only sign up for one happy hour in April. Grab your favorite beverage and log in to the Zoom meeting from your couch.

Rotarian You Should Know

Check out Nashville Rotary's social media channels for regular spotlights of Rotarians in our Club. Did you know a fellow Rotarian drove the Hershey's Kissmobile across the U.S.? Do you know who starts her day with an early morning organ concert?

Virtual Rotary Meetings:

April 13: Sarah Gardial, Dean, Belmont
 April 20: Sherry Stewart Deutschmann
 April 27: TBA

[Click here to sign up to give the invocation at a virtual meeting.](#)

Virtual Rotary After Hours:

April 9
 April 16
 April 23
 April 30
 Via Zoom Call, 5-6 p.m.



[Click here to sign up for a happy hour.](#)



VIRTUAL ROTARY-APRIL 13, 2020: DR. SARAH GARDIAL, DEAN, JACK C. MASSEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Sarah Fisher Gardial joined Belmont University in 2020, making history as the first woman Dean of the Jack C. Massey College of Business. Sarah’s mission is to strategically advance the College and Belmont University through innovative collaborations with faculty, staff, students, and local, national, and international businesses. Prior to Belmont, she most recently served as Dean of the Tippie College of Business at the University of Iowa; she also held a variety of campus leadership positions at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Sarah earned her marketing and MBA degrees at the University of Arkansas and her Ph.D. from the University of Houston. Dean Gardial has a strong background in business and business education: for over 30 years, she has personally engaged with industry in research, consulting, and executive education roles, and she has been instrumental in creating mutually beneficial partnerships between business colleges and industry. She has served on governing boards for publicly traded companies, cooperatives, and non-profits, and is an active public speaker.

MEETING ASSISTANTS THIS WEEK:

Speaker Intro: Dr. Bob Fisher
 Invocation: Joanne Pulles

[Click here to volunteer.](#)

VIRTUAL MEETING LOG IN INFO:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

Please click this URL to join.
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/805278870?pwd=RHpXUEJDak0rc1piMWJTBzV6bUFwZz09>
 Password: 081434

Or join by phone:
 1-312-626-6799
 or 1 -646-876-9923
 or 1-253 -215 -8782
 Webinar ID: 805278 870
 Password: 081434

If you are new to Zoom, here's a helpful guide for how to participate. [Click here to learn more.](#)

LAST WEEK AT ROTARY



Andrew Maraniss, New York Times bestselling author, presented on his latest book *Games of Deception* about the story of the first U.S. Olympic basketball team, which competed at the 1936 Summer Games in Nazi Germany.

[Click here](#) to purchase his book from Parnassus Books.

Here are a few questions we didn't get to during the meeting:

Q: Do you perceive any bias in the academic world now for or against history when the context and artifacts are from the sports world?- Sara Figal

A: That's a great question, Sara. It's one of the reasons why David Williams started the Sports & Society Initiative at Vanderbilt, to demonstrate that the sports world is a legitimate field of academic study. This is a growing movement and we've been able to bring some fascinating professors from other universities to Nashville for guest lectures and panels. I do think there is a slight bias against sports-related books both in academia and to some degree in publishing and in K-12. But part of my mission is to overcome those objections with well researched books that place the sports story in the context of larger social forces. Because sports are an "accessible" part of life, I think sports books have a larger potential audience and impact and should not be disregarded.

Q: Post 1936 Olympics, did basketball emerge as a professional sport first or as a collegiate sport?-Mark Drury

A: Mark, it was college sports that really emerged as a significant entity coming out of the Olympics. There already was college basketball -- most of the players from the Universal Studios team had played at UCLA -- but the NIT and NCAA Tournaments and the popular in-season tournaments at Madison Square Garden really started to take off in the 40s and 50s before the NBA became very popular.

Q: Have you identified the topic for your next book?-Honoree Corder

A: Yes, Honoree, I have! In fact, I just submitted my manuscript to my publisher this week. The book will be called *SINGLED OUT*, and it's a biography of Glenn Burke, the first openly gay Major League Baseball player. Glenn also invented the high-five! The book will come out next March.

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

The following applicant has moved through the application process and been approved for consideration by the general membership. If no objections are filed in writing within 10 days, the applicant shall be declared elected to membership. Until notified by the Rotary Office, the applicant HAS NOT completed the membership process.



Ana Escobar

Judge,

Davidson County

General Sessions Court

Sponsor: Alice Chapman

SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER:

Invite a prospective member to a Virtual Rotary meeting at no charge.

Encourage your prospective member to fill out the membership application.

Great new members are leaders in our community.



DISASTER RELIEF

Nashville Rotary's COVID-19 Response

Nashville has taken another hit with the global pandemic hitting close to home for all of us. The Rotary Club of Nashville has a history of stepping up to help those in our community who are in need. The need in Nashville is growing tremendously, and so is our response.

The Rotary Club of Nashville is seeing significant savings of meeting expenses as in-person meetings are temporarily postponed.

Here's how we will use those savings to serve our community:

- We are supporting the Wildhorse Saloon staff who serve us every week with generous gift cards to be mailed to each server next week.
- We are supporting the United Way of Greater Nashville's COVID-19 Relief Fund with an \$11,000 donation. [Learn more about this fund here.](#)
- We are continuing our service opportunity of packing food packs with Second Harvest Food Bank. We are restricting the number of volunteers and keeping a distance from each other as we work.



Nashville Rotary's Tornado Response

Nashville Rotary applied for and received a Rotary International Disaster Relief grant of \$15,000. We purchased \$100 Kroger gift cards and worked with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute in the North Nashville community.

ROTARIAN YOU SHOULD KNOW: THERESA CARL

Rotarian since: 2003

Past President



Day job: Retired from Governor's Books from Birth Foundation

Fun Fact: When I headed up Tennessee's Imagination Library program and met Dolly Parton, we had on similarly colored outfits. I was star-struck, but she just grabbed me and said, "Oh, girl, we look just like twins!" Ahem, definitely not, but fun to hear!

Favorite Rotary moment: When as president, I tried to give then Russian Ambassador to the U.S., Sergey Kislyak, the speaker's End Polio Now donation letter, he pushed it back to me, thinking it was a bribe!

First Concert: James Brown and The Famous Flames

Book/Podcast that I love: The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates and "On Being" with Krista Tippett

Say hello to Theresa: tgccarl@gmail.com

**ROTARIAN YOU
SHOULD KNOW:**

**MICHELLE
GASKIN
BROWN**



Rotarian since: 2019

Day job: Manager of Public Policy, Amazon

What is getting you through self isolation: Amazon (of course), long walks, leggings

Favorite Rotary program: Dr. Adrienne Battle, Director of Schools, MNPS

First/Most Recent Concert: Kriss Kross at Starwood/Jill Scott at the Ryman

Favorite place to meet a Rotarian for coffee: The Local Distro or Three Brothers Coffee

Say hi to Michelle: mdgbrown@amazon.com