

MAY 4, 2020



# ROTATIONS

Weekly Update from the Rotary Club of Nashville

## VIRTUAL ROTARY MEETINGS

Rotarians: We continue to monitor guidelines on public meetings and have temporarily suspended in-person meetings further notice. In the meantime, we're excited to continue 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 meeting on Monday? See below for how to watch.

### Virtual Rotary After Hours | Virtual Coffee Catch Up

Social distancing doesn't mean social isolation! We're hosting bi-weekly happy hours every Thursday from 4:45-5:15 p.m. during the Safer at Home order. Catch up with our President Harry Allen every other week at 9:30 a.m.

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

### Rotarian You Should Know

Check out Nashville Rotary's social media channels for regular spotlights of Rotarians in our Club. Do you know which Club leader is into African dancing? Here's your warning on which member you should not challenge to a game of pool.

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### Virtual Rotary Meetings:

May 4: The Nashville Banner  
May 11: Panel on Entrepreneurship

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

### Virtual Rotary After Hours:

April 30

May 14

May 28

Via Zoom Call, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

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



### Virtual Coffee Catch Up:

May 7

May 21

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



### MEETING ASSISTANTS THIS WEEK:

Speaker Intro: Lydia Lenker

Invocation: Ed Cole

### VIRTUAL MEETING LOG IN INFO:

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

**Please click the link below to join the webinar:**

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**Or join by phone:**

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

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or +1 253-215-8782

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



## VIRTUAL ROTARY-MAY 4, 2020: THE RE-LAUNCH OF THE NASHVILLE BANNER

Later this year, Nashville Banner will re-launch as a non-partisan, nonprofit, civic news organization.

Steve Cavendish is the president and editor. A 25-year veteran of newspapers including the Chicago Tribune and The Washington Post, Steve returned to Nashville in 2011 and edited both The City Paper and Nashville Scene.

Demetria Kalodimos is the executive producer. She is a household name in Nashville, having anchored and reported news for 34 years at the city's first television station, WSMV. She has won many of the most prestigious awards in broadcast journalism and has produced feature-length documentaries and programs for the festival circuit and nationally on PBS.

## FOLLOW US!

**Follow The Rotary Club of Nashville on social media! Get up to date information on Club meetings and fun features on fellow Rotarians.**

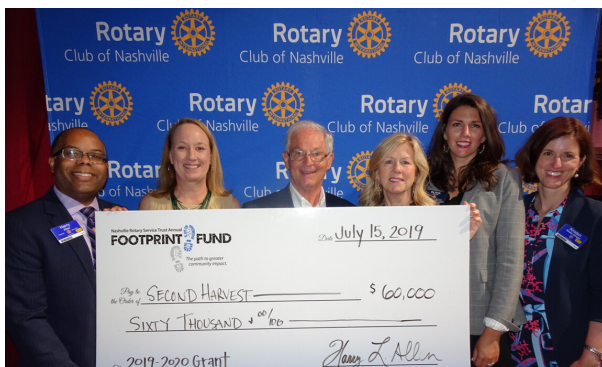
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**Twitter** @NashvilleRotary

**Instagram** @NashvilleRotary

**LinkedIn** Rotary Club of Nashville

## NRST FOOTPRINT FUND



Can we count on you to meet our NRST Footprint Fund goal? All funds collected will be distributed as grants to local non profits.

[Donate here.](#)

## NEW MISSION | SAME PURPOSE

When I became Club President, I pledged, personally to keep our board and committee work focused squarely on our mission. I found the current mission of the Rotary Club of Nashville to not be as dynamic as the current work and impact of our members. I invited the Board of Directors to help draft a new mission. In February, the board unanimously approved a new mission statement. I'm so pleased to announce a newly articulated mission for the Rotary Club of Nashville which better communicates our purpose. I hope it speaks, powerfully, to you. Now, with clarity of purpose, let us continue the good work started over a century ago.

**The mission of the Rotary Club of Nashville is to impact our community by providing forums for fellowship, understanding, and service among engaged leaders.**

Harry L. Allen Nashville Rotary President 2019-2020

## NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

The following applicants have 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 applicants shall be declared elected to membership. Until notified by the Rotary Office, the applicants HAVE NOT completed the membership process.



**Karen Wilhite**

Regional Manager

Hire Dynamics

Sponsors: Lisa Ferrelli & Leisa Gill



**Steve Swenson**

President & CEO

WPLN

Sponsors: Byron Trauger & John Deane

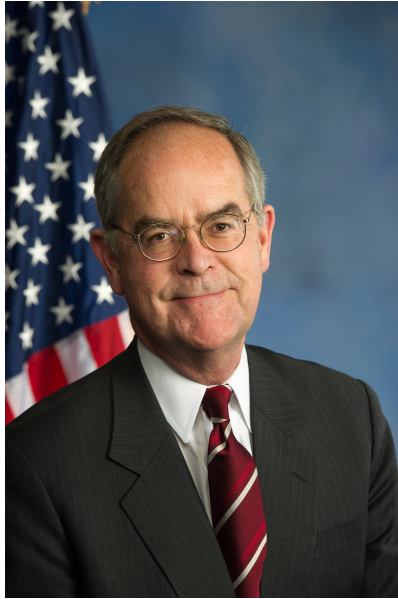
## SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER:

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.

## LAST WEEK AT ROTARY



On April 27, Congressman Jim Cooper shared an update from Washington D.C.  
[Click here](#) to watch the presentation.

### **Here are a few questions we didn't get to:**

**Robert Ripley: Is there a potential appetite in Congress for a \$2000 guaranteed income coupled to expansion of food stamps targeted to those with food insecurity?**

Any legislation on new or improved benefits will need approval from both the Democratic House and the Republican Senate. Since the Senate operates largely by consent, the Senate is the narrower gate and probably much harder to persuade that anything higher than \$1,200 a month is a good idea. Another issue with upping the \$1,200 is that the means of getting people the money is very shaky, involving merging IRS, Social Security, and other databases and hand-addressing 5 million checks a week. Upping SNAP benefits has more appeal to the Republican Senate due to the longstanding ties between rural farmers and urban consumers.

**Ed Cole: Congressman Cooper, what is the sense within Congress of those protests across the country pushing to get the country “back to normal”**

Again, there is a huge ideological divide between the House and the Senate, and between urban and rural America, and between pro-public health and anti-public health attitudes, on reopening the economy. The Senate, of course, is much more supportive of the protests because roughly 70 senators represent states with more cows than people. Whether new hot spots develop in rural states around meat packing plants, for example, will determine whether rural states continue to push for reopening.

**Jacky Akbari: Congressman Cooper: THANK YOU for your leadership. What's the first thing that you will do first quarantine?**

The first thing I will do after we no longer have to social distance is to eat a great meal at a wonderful Nashville restaurant and go to a concert at the Ryman!

**Leisa Gill: How will we make sure people get the vaccine when today's flu vaccine isn't taken by all, or the typical vaccine's given to children and those that proclaim themselves as anti-vaccine? Has thought been given to how this would be carried out?**

I am hopeful that the anti-vax attitude that we have seen regarding other vaccines will diminish, but it will depend on human test results of a newly invented vaccine such as what its side-effects are, how effective it is, how long it lasts, etc.

**Charles Sell: In 2006 in your book you wrote that we were on a fiscal “road to ruin.” Where are we now?**

Today's pandemic is having the economic impact of WWII, only in a few months. We gradually recovered from that monster debt so we must have the resolve to do the same with this monster debt. It will be tempting to pretend there is a new normal in which we no longer have to pay our debts or get the debt to GDP ratio down below 70%. If we accept that as the new normal, we will run ourselves into the ditch before we even reach the end of the road to ruin. You know that other, poorer nations don't have to continue loaning us money forever, especially if they get worried we are not going to pay them interest on time.



# 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 financial gifts mailed to each server.
- 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.



**We are serving those who serve us.**

**A message to our members:**

I just want to let you know that I received your check and I cannot thank you and the Rotary Club enough for this extremely generous gift!!! I know times are hard and confusing for a lot of people right now, and I'm so thankful for people like you who are doing what they can to pay it forward! Not gonna lie, this made me a little emotional 🥺 this gift from you basically helped me pay for half of my rent and took a huge weight off my shoulders! For that, I am beyond appreciative! I know I speak for everyone on my team when I say that we cannot wait to get back in business so we can continue to serve you and the Rotary Club of Nashville, while you all continue to do an amazing job serving our community. Sending you and everyone love and virtual hugs! See you soon, and stay safe.

# ROTARIAN YOU SHOULD KNOW: DEB VARALLO



**Rotarian since: 2007**

**Member Recruitment Committee**

**Member Orientation Committee**

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**Day Job:** President, Varallo Public Relations

**Hidden Talent:** Photographer! I am not very good. But I only share photos when people look good; so, folks think I am better than I am.

**Fun Fact:** I won the Southwest Intramural Billiard Champion title while attending Baylor University.

**Favorite Concert:** My most favorite concert was when I took my, then 11-year old daughter, and her friends to the NSync concert at Bridgestone Arena. My ears ached for days, but I loved it!

**Favorite Rotary program:** Feed the Need. How wonderful that we are able to provide meals to so many people, especially during the holidays.

**Send Deb a note:**  
[deb@varallopr.com](mailto:deb@varallopr.com)

# ROTARIAN YOU SHOULD KNOW: ANGIE ADAMS

**Rotarian since: 2011**

**Board Member**



**Day Job:** President & CEO, PENCIL Foundation

**Hidden Talent:** I'm a fierce African dancer! I have been taking African dance classes for over 25 years.

**Favorite place to meet a Rotarian for Coffee:** Fido in Hillsboro Village-great menu, parking and you always see lots of people you know.

**Quarantine Survival Tips:** Taking a variety of online dance classes, teaching my 13 year old daughter how to drive and regularly reading my Pretty Good Joke Book!

**Small business you are supporting:** Frequenting my neighborhood favorites-Dose, Grand Cru, Produce Place, Bombay Palace & Martin's BBQ. I love walking to pick up groceries.

**Say hello to Angie:**  
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