

MAY 11, 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

Each Monday until we are able to host in-person meetings again, we will meet virtually. 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 new member is a pit-master specializing in Memphis-style ribs? Check out which interior designer's first concert was Bon Jovi!

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Virtual Rotary Meetings:

May 11: Panel on Entrepreneurship
May 18: Dr. Forrest Harris, American Baptist College
May 25: No Meeting/Memorial Day

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

Virtual Rotary After Hours:

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:
Invocation:

VIRTUAL MEETING LOG IN INFO:

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Please click the link below to join the webinar:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81714049079pwd=YmtNNWZtQVpPa04zbn1uUlpmNGo4QT09>
Password: 081434

Or join by phone:

Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
US: +1 312-626-6799
or +1 646-876-9923
or +1 253-215-8782
or +1 301-715-8592
Webinar ID: 817 1404 9079
Password: 081434

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



VIRTUAL ROTARY-MAY 11, 2020: NASHVILLE'S ENTREPRENEUR ECOSYSTEM

Nashville's entrepreneurs are supported by an ecosystem of organizations helping them navigate the challenging task of starting a business. Margaret Dolan, President & CEO of Launch TN will lead a panel focusing on this support network and specifically how Nashville's entrepreneurs might use their disruptive nature to help us find our new normal.

About the panelists:

Margaret Dolan, President & CEO, Launch TN
Angela Crane-Jones, CEO, Nashville Business Incubation Center
Andrew Goldner, Founding Partner, GrowthX
Jane Allen, CEO, Nashville Entrepreneur Center
Jill McMillan Palm, Arts & Business Council

MISS THE VIRTUAL MEETING LAST WEEK?

Thank you to Demetria Kalodimos and Steve Cavendish for sharing the details of the re-launch of Nashville Banner.

Watch the meeting here: <https://vimeo.com/414862158>

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.

Facebook @NashvilleRotaryClub

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.



Chari Pirtle

Realtor

The Wilson Group

Sponsors: Christie Wilson

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 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: LARET CASELLA

Rotarian since: 2017



Day Job: Principal Interior Designer, Casella Interiors

Fun Fact: I am named after my father, Larry, which is why my name is spelled like it is.

First Concert: 1986-Bon Jovi, Slippery When Wet Tour. I was in high school and my parents let my brothers and I drive from our hometown of Montgomery, AL to Birmingham on a school night. We thought we were the coolest with our concert t-shirts at school the next day.

Book/Podcast that I love: I love to catch up on Fresh Air via podcast. I'm also loving the podcast, Ladyland, which lightheartedly highlights the lives and careers of interesting women.

Quarantine survival tips : My husband's amazing cooking, being able to work, the laughter of our 4th-grade son and, let's be honest, wine.

Drop Laret a note:
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ROTARIAN YOU
SHOULD KNOW:

ALFRED DEGRAFINREID II

Rotarian since: 2019



Day Job: Vice Chancellor for Local Government and Community Relations, Vanderbilt University

Fun Fact: I have been a pit-master for over 25 years, specializing in ribs. #MemphisBBQ

Favorite Rotary speaker: Alice Randall, The Black Influence on Country Music

Currently binge watching: The Magic School Bus, Hello Ninja and Frozen II (with the kids!)

Quarantine survival tips : Family time, neighborhood runs and long rides on my Peloton Bike (Leaderboard name: al_d_sure)

Say hello to Alfred:
alfred.degrafinreid@vanderbilt.edu