

Rotary

District 6780



Club of Cleveland



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Speakers

August 10, 2021

Paul Gaffney
Gaffney Athletic Preparatory
Academy

August 17, 2021

Melissa Woody
Creating a Unique Tourism
Product - Project Cowpea

August 24, 2021

Art Is Here Partnership
Master Art Plan for Cleveland

August 31, 2021

Jaynese Waddell
United Way Funding Panels

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First Row Badger: Don Ritzhaupt

By Douglas B Caywood on Friday, August 6, 2021



Left to right: Vaughn Berger, Don Ritzhaupt

At the August 3, 2021 Rotary Club of Cleveland meeting, a series of 'Getting to Know our Members' began with Rotarian Don Ritzhaupt. With Cameron Fisher fielding questions, seasoned members and new members were all able to learn more about one of the members who is a First Row Badger.

Born and raised in Ohio, Ritzhaupt came to Cleveland in 1979 via Eaton where he worked for 21 years; he then began a 17-year career with Maytag. Their family was originally German with his ancestors coming to the United States in 1853. He enjoys playing golf, watching the Ohio State Buckeyes and spending time with his family and two sons. Ritzhaupt became a Rotarian in 1982 after encouragement from his father-in-law who was also a Rotarian. He served as Secretary and then was President of Rotary for 1 year and 9 months in 1991-92.

When asked how Rotary was different in 1982, Ritzhaupt indicated he was one of the youngest members and at that time Rotary was an all-male organization. It wasn't for about seven more years that women were invited to join Rotary.

Rotary has changed his life through recognition of how he can make a difference. On service trips such as to Haiti, involvement with the Rotary Foundation, and the community and international projects, he found his niche.

He indicated his biggest regret was not getting to do more for the initiation of the Morning Rotary Club which took place three years after his term as President.

One of the fun facts about Ritzhaupt is his holding of the repository of Rotary Banners. The club has 749 banners, of which 706 are unique. David Chaffin leads the banner collection with 316 banners while Ritzhaupt holds 45 of those. He encouraged each Rotarian to search out fellow Rotary clubs when on trips and to take a banner to exchange.



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Ritzhaupt and his wife love to travel. He has been to 61 countries and has a goal of visiting 100. His most remote visit was to a club where they wore their native dress. One of his favorite Rotary memories is his trip to Haiti. He has also enjoyed attending Rotary International Conventions. His favorite local project is the Dictionary Project.

Fellowship and Foundation are his two passions through Rotary. With his split of time in North Carolina and Tennessee, Ritzhaupt gets to fellowship with two different clubs. He ended with an encouragement for each Rotarian to 'Get more involved at the District Level.'



Left to right: Don Ritzhaupt, Cameron Fisher

Birthdays

Adam Osborne
August 10th

James Bently Thomas III
August 16th

Phillip Cason Conn
August 17th

Elizabeth Harting
August 17th

Kim Randolph
August 18th

Victor Boltnew
August 20th

Phil Jacobs
August 21st

Jamie Kyle
August 26th

Mica Stephens
September 1st

Terry Buckner
September 3rd

Drew Gilliland
September 4th

Interactive Member Survey: Around the world around the world

Friday, August 6, 2021

At our August 3 meeting Don Ritzhaupt told us about clubs he's visited all over the world.

Tell us: How many other Rotary Clubs have you visited? (Please mark the number of different clubs you've visited, not number of times you've visited them)

- 0
- 1 (Check out my blue badge! Ooooo!)
- 2 - 5
- 6 or more

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0803Program>

August 10 Program: Paul "Showtime" Gaffney, former Globetrotter and founder of GAPA



Paul Showtime Gaffney has created Gaffney Athletic Preparatory Academy (GAPA), one of the nation's innovative International T.E.A.M.S College Preparatory Christian Academy serving Sports Enthusiasts in grades 6th - 12th. This school also has an Independent Postgraduate Academy. The T.E.A.M.S acronym stands for Technology, Engineering, Athletics, Mathematics, and Science, this new learning model takes the concepts of STEM and views them the Lens of Athletics. GAPA is school for athletic or nonathletic students who has a Love and Desire to be in World of Athletics. Gaffney has also created an international sport logistic, development, and management company which creates a holistic sports environment called Sports University International, Inc. (SUI). His vision for these companies, which both are in the world of education and sports, are to provide the Ultimate Academic Sports Destination and Experience which prepares sports enthusiasts for College, Careers, and Life in a Holistic environment.

Gaffney received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management at Tennessee Wesleyan University while being All-District, All-Conference, and All-American basketball player. Thereafter, Gaffney played professionally with Harlem Globetrotters for 15 years with now 46 years of experience in the sports industry. He has traveled around the world completely three (3) times and played in over 93 countries. He seen on several television and heard on radio shows across the globe. From appearing on talk show such as Oprah & Jay Leno to the People of the South in South Africa. He has dined with Presidents, Statesmen, Kings and Queens.

One of the most historical times for Gaffney, other than playing in front of his grandmother for first time, was being a part of the first professional sports team to play in free and democratic South Africa while meeting and playing basketball with the former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, twice.

Gaffney does motivational speeches, hosts sporting events, and sports tutoring & mentoring. Along with GAPA and Sports University, Gaffney is the owner of the Tennessee Conductors, a professional women's minor league basketball team in the WABA-Women's American Basketball Association. Gaffney is a member of the AAU's Future Leaders Committee, the Tennessee Wesleyan University Hall of Fame, and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame with the Globetrotters. Gaffney is one of Tennessee Wesleyan University's Board of Governors while serving on several other boards and community outreach organizations.

Gaffney's life did not start with all this glitz and glamour. Before the crowds started screaming Showtime while becoming a professional athlete with the Harlem Globetrotters, developing GAPA, or being a member of the basketball Hall of Fame, there were a baby boy born in a small coal-mining town in rural Kentucky to an unmarried teenage mom. Realizing, during her pregnancy, that she could not provide for him properly, she placed him up for adoption before birth. Turning two years old, his adoptive mother died with him by her side; his is adoptive father, now a single parent, then raised him alone. By all accounts, these scenarios are the making of a negative path for a at-risk child, but his outcome was quite different from what it could have been. His life is a perfect example of how the concepts of sports, innovative educational programs, and community partnerships working together can make a difference in preparing a sports enthusiast for College, Careers, and Life.

Gaffney is currently living in Cleveland, TN with his 21 yr. old son Evan, who is a senior at Tennessee Wesleyan University, 25 yr. daughter Elyssia, who is graduated from University of Tennessee with bachelor's degree and Master's in Communication, and his wife, Liska, of 29 years. Paul Showtime Gaffney is also becoming an author, with his new book called Making of A Diamond, with an estimated release date early 2022.

Flags Donated in Honor of Matt Brown

By Douglas B Caywood on Friday, July 30, 2021



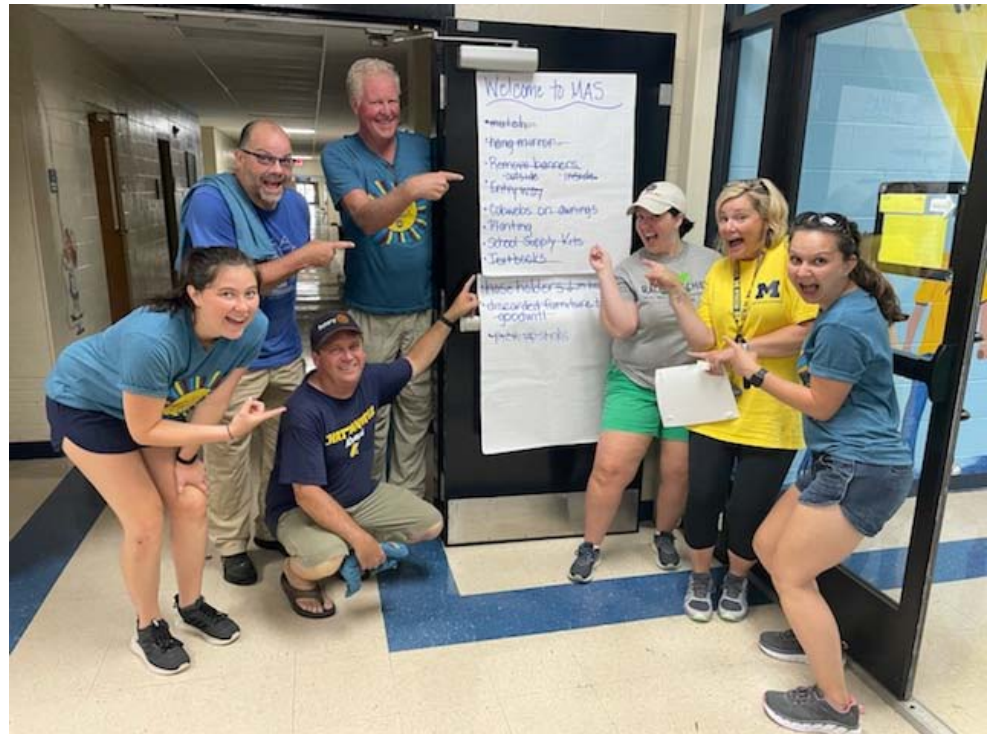
Tara Brown donated the two new flags to Rotary Club of Cleveland in honor of Matt Brown. A special thank you to Tara as these were the flags Matt had on display at their home.

Service Above Self: Our Club Team for UW Day of Action

Friday, August 6, 2021

It was all smiles for our club's United Way Day of Action Team at Michigan Avenue School. Thank you to these Rotarians for contributing 22 hours of service:

Jennifer Pennell-Aslinger
Brad Benson
Victor Boltnew
Ken Dew
Mike Griffith
Jimmy Harper



August Service Project: Toiletries Needed for Care Closet

Wednesday, July 14, 2021



For our August Service Project, we are collecting toiletries for the local school systems. These items are kept at the schools and are for students who may need assistance with the basics while they are at school. Needed items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deoderant, shampoo, soap, feminine products, and clothes. If you are able to donate items or money, please contact Service Chair Jimmy Harper, or bring the items to our August Meetings.

Junior Dairy Show Set for September 7, 2021

Friday, August 6, 2021



(Photo by Bethany McCoy)

Mark your calendars to attend the Junior Dairy Show at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 7, 2018 at the William Hale Agricultural Center on Peerless Road.

Red badge Rotarians will be assisting with the event as part of the requirements for their blue badges. Take a moment and review the program to thank each of the Rotarians, businesses and individuals who sponsor this event.

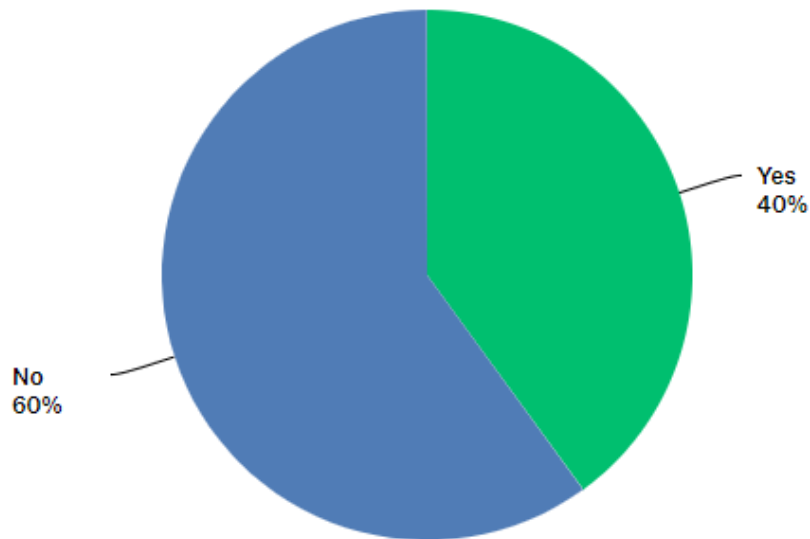
Contact Rotarian Kim Frady for more information.

Results from last week's poll: Have you been to a professional soccer match?

Friday, August 6, 2021

At our July 27 meeting Ty Sparks told us about our local soccer club, the Chattanooga Red Wolves.

We asked: Have you ever been to a professional soccer match?



60% of you should check out this offer from our recent visitors: Special pricing on tickets for upcoming Red Wolves home games: <https://checkout.square.site/buy/3BH46KBLCM6MBDMEVPIUGEPG>

Don't forget to answer this week's survey: [How many different Rotary Clubs have you visited?](#)

Zoom Instructions for 2021

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Please use the below information to join our zoom meetings.

This link will be used through the remainder of 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93292013465>

Meeting ID: 932 9201 3465

One tap mobile

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Meeting ID: 932 9201 3465

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93292013465>

Pack the Park to End Polio Now on August 17

Our own District Governor Cindy Gammons will throw out the opening ball for the District 6780 11th Annual "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!" at 7:00 PM EDT on August 17 at the Smokies Stadium in Kodak. The game will feature the Tennessee Smokies against the Birmingham Barons.

Your \$12 donation will get a ticket voucher, \$6.00 in stadium credit for the purchase of food or souvenirs, and lots of fun! And, \$5.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight polio! See your Club President or Assistant Governor for tickets.

If you can't attend the game on August 17, your ticket voucher is good for any regular season home game for the remainder of the



2021 season.

Here are details on how it works:

For Rotarians who wish to pay for vouchers with checks, please make checks payable to your club. Then the club will issue a single check (no later than game day) for \$6.50 per ticket made payable to the Tennessee Smokies. This check can be turned in at the polio table near "will call" at the stadium on game day.

Ticket vouchers redeemed at the ballpark on game day will receive an admission ticket plus \$6.00 in stadium credit that can be used for concessions or at any vendor in the stadium. Vouchers redeemed at the Smokies Ticket Office after August 17 receive an admission ticket but not the stadium credit.

The \$5.50 donation to "Polio Plus" can be sent to Rotary International by your club. (Use Multiple Donor Form 094-EN, for individual club members to receive donor credit.)

Contact John Downs, District PolioPlus Chair, at 260-564-0059 or latigo57@yahoo.com with any questions.
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Club Meeting

Cleveland
Meets at Museum Center at Five Points
200 Inman St E
Cleveland, TN 37311
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM