

# Rotary

District 6780



## Club of Cleveland



Rotary Opens Opportunities

### Speakers

February 16, 2021

[Cindy Sexton](#)

Anchor/Reporter for WRCB since 1985

February 23, 2021

[Dr. Matthew Mazloff](#), Physical Oceanographer with Scripps University, San Diego

March 02, 2021

[Tim Tatum](#)

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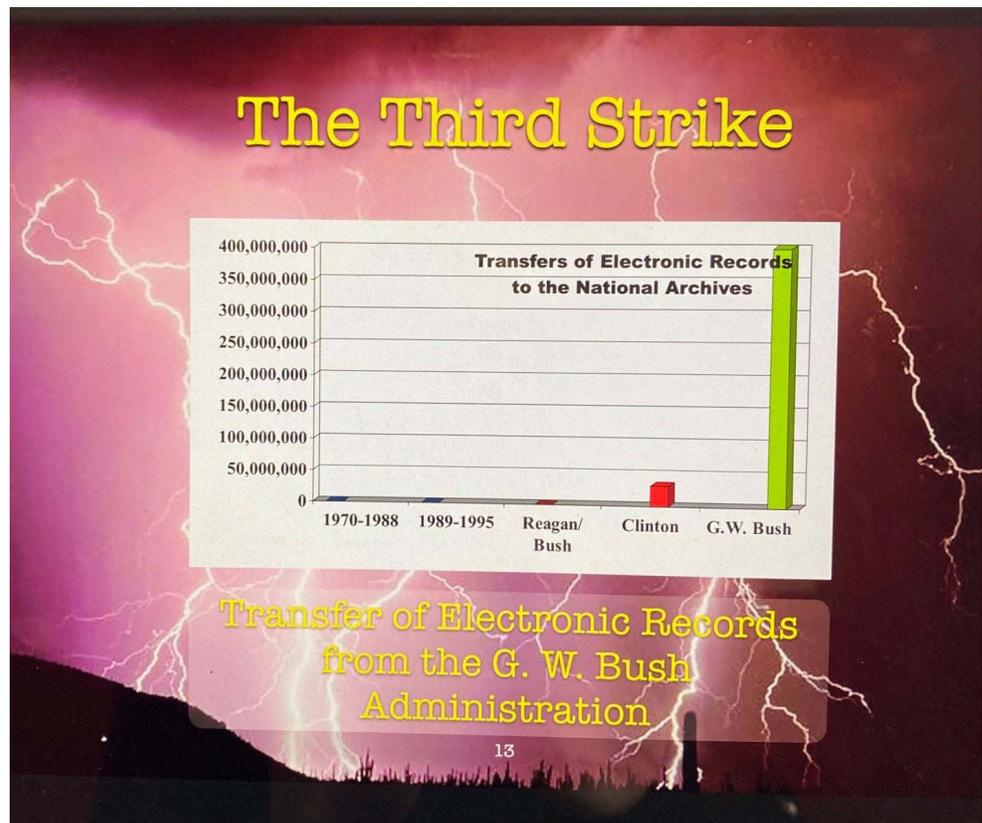


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## Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau: Avoiding "Critical Mission Failure" at the National Archives

By Kim Gunter on Friday, February 12, 2021



Our program on February 9, 2021 was presented by Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau, retired Director of the National Archives. He began by telling us about the National Archives themselves, and their duty to keep the historically and legally important documents of the federal government forever, or at least to the end of the republic. ♦

Kenneth was in charge of developing the new (at the time) electronic records division. When they division began they had little to no budget, and the division was housed in a single room with loading-dock style doors. They had to hang beads from the sprinklers that hung down in order to avoid hitting their heads on them.

What started from these humble beginnings grew quickly with the end of each presidency. Kenneth shared charts comparing the electronic data that was transferred to NARA at the end of a presidency and the bars increased exponentially, from fewer than 16,000 in total between 1989 and 1995, to over 200 million due to a court case that lasted through the Reagan and Bush administrations.



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The Clinton Presidency transfer dwarfed even the Reagan/Bush numbers; NARA was expecting anywhere from ten million to forty million records. And as Kenneth stated it didn't matter which it was, we couldn't handle even ten million. Using their current technology and resources, ten years would have passed before they could successfully archive 10 million records, at which point the storage technology would be obsolete and it would be time to move everything again.

Kenneth presented this problem to the head of the archives as a critical mission failure. Those words and the charts showing the massive growth, led to the head of the Archives requesting the budget increases necessary to successfully archive the Clinton files; that was the first \$100 million.

In the transfer of files for the second Bush administration, tensions arose due to the White House Lawyers being concerned that attention was drawn to the fact that ten days worth of emails were missing. President Bush himself entered a tense meeting between NARA and the White House where the ice was finally broken when the President openly said we're being sued for ten days of missing emails. We're giving you 200 million emails, what's the big deal? Eventually, 300 million records were archived by NARA from the Bush Administration. And the funding continued to be necessary and to be met, to the tune of over \$500 million.

The work of the Electronic Records Division continues to expand, and the department uses the same architecture put in place in the decades prior by Dr. Thibodeau.



## Interactive Member Poll: February 9, 2021 - Future's Made of Virtual Insanity

Friday, February 12, 2021

At the February 9 meeting Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau told us how his team solved a data transfer problem by plugging the data servers directly into the White House Computers, and then transfer the servers to storage. He was surprised the White House agreed to the plan, and it did cut years off of the transfer time.

Tell us: At your place of business, how would your IT Department react if the National Archives asked to plug directly in? (Let's assume they do have the right to get and store your files)

- IT would tell them no, and make them accept a slow transfer the old-fashioned way
- IT would say yes, but only after many waivers and agreements were signed
- IT would say yes, whatever works for the White House works for us
- I'm not sure, but this question makes me think I might need to get an IT Department
- Other (please specify)

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0209Program>

## February 16 Program: Cindy Sexton, Channel 3 Eyewitness News

Friday, February 12, 2021

### Birthdays

- Cameron M. Fisher  
February 13th
- Richard Andrew Butler  
February 18th
- Christopher Beckstrand  
February 19th
- Robert Cuthbertson  
February 28th
- Gary Warren Sears  
March 5th
- JT Barnhart  
March 5th
- Bill Estes

March 10th  
Donald L Littrell  
March 10th  
Tom Wheeler  
March 11th



Cindy Sexton celebrated 30 years with Channel 3 Eyewitness News in 2015. She co-anchors Live at 5:00, Eyewitness News at 6:00, and Eyewitness News at 11:00pm. She was a part of Channel 3's Veterans History Project which recorded more than 600 stories of veterans here in the Tennessee Valley . More than 100 were shown on Channel 3 Eyewitness News, including her father's story as a Marine in Guadalcanal in WW II. She and David Carroll are the longest-running anchor team in the state of Tennessee (together since 1992), and one of the longest-running teams in the nation.

She has enjoyed taking part in community activities and has served on the boards of directors of several charitable organizations. They include the YMCA, Center for Youth Issues, Junior Achievement, Craniofacial Foundation of America and FCA. She is currently involved with the Helene Di Stefano Fund to help women fighting breast cancer. She's been recognized as one of Chattanooga 's Distinguished Women and the Heart Association named her its Citizen of the Year in 2005. Cindy's educational background includes an English, speech and theatre arts degree from Murray State University where she was on the intercollegiate debate and speech team.

She was certified to teach high school but started reporting for WPSD-TV in Paducah . That led to other news positions in Cape Girardeau, MO; Huntsville, AL and Las Vegas. She's a native of Tennessee , born in Memphis and raised in Texas . But she, her husband Gil Gilbert and their daughter Gracie have found home in Chattanooga . Their dogs Lily and Howie spend their days creating mischief. Email Cindy or follow Cindy on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/CindySexton3](http://www.twitter.com/CindySexton3).

## Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2021

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Your Rotary Board meets on the third Thursday of each month. All Rotarians are welcome to attend, and remember that attending a Board Meeting can count as a make-up to keep up your attendance. Attending at least one Board Meeting is required for all Red Badgers looking to achieve Blue Badge status.

While the club is meeting by Zoom, the Board Meetings are also being attended by Zoom. The link is the same as for the regular meeting.

The date of the next Board Meeting is February 16, 2021 at 10:30am.

A Red Badger is someone newer to our club. New Members must complete a certain number of rotary-related activities to achieve their Blue Badge.

Some Red Badgers you may know:





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## Zoom info for February

Friday, January 29, 2021

Meetings will continue by Zoom through February. Despite being on screens, our club still has chatter and fun at the start of every meeting, and the speaker slate offers interesting and diverse views and information!

See you by Zoom on Tuesday!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89967395299?pwd=cDhleVc4QXM4TnpSamJRa2V4R2tBdz09>

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## David Chaffin Visits Rotary Club of Jasper, IN . . . Virtually!

Friday, February 12, 2021



Rotarian David Chaffin visited the Rotary Club of Jasper, IN by Zoom! The virtual meetings held all over the country (and world) provide an excellent opportunity to visit other clubs.

As proof of his visit, he met briefly with a friend from the club for a banner exchange, pictured here.

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## Tell Board About Any Service Hours or District Training You've Attended

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Did you know that each year your club has goals for service hours, training, and more? If you've done any volunteer hours this Rotary Year, please tell Jimmy Harper your hours and activity: [jharper@leeuniversity.edu](mailto:jharper@leeuniversity.edu). If you'd like to do some service or volunteer work, your fellow club members have some ideas! Please check the news story in this newsletter.

If you've attended any District Training, please let President Mike Griffin know: [mgriffin@clevelandchamber.com](mailto:mgriffin@clevelandchamber.com). If you're interested in District Training, there are many opportunities to do so right from your computer. Please check the other news story for an invitation to attend Leadership Training. For more opportunities visit <http://www.rotarydistrict6780.com/TrainingInformation.php>.

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## Local Members Can Learn About Leadership at the District and International Level

Friday, January 8, 2021



Are you or someone else in your club interesting in learning more about Rotary at the district and international level? If so, District 6780 is hosting a class, the Rotary Leadership Institute, RLI-I, on Saturday, January 16 & 23 from 9-12 EST (8-11 CST) via an online class. Each day will have three topics of discussion. It's a great opportunity for new members, or those who have been a member awhile to learn more about Rotary and leadership in a volunteer organization. It's also perfect for those members who on the track to club leadership!

#### **What is Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?**

- ◆ Series of fast paced interactive courses
- ◆ Designed to build knowledge of Rotary. Among others, topics include Membership, Service Projects, and the Rotary Foundation
- ◆ Courses are fun, topical, hands-on ◆ Class members learn from each other ◆ No lectures!
- ◆ Geared toward busy business professionals who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and in their Rotary club
- ◆ Participants return to their club with new friends, enthusiasm, fresh ideas, & valuable leadership skills

#### **Who should attend?**

- ◆ New members
- ◆ Active Rotarians
- ◆ Future club leaders

#### **What is the cost?**

\$20 per person per course ◆ Cost includes all materials. Many clubs choose to pay the cost for their members; in others, members pay their own way. Payment by online credit card preferred. If paying by check, make payable to HOA-RLI and mail to Donna Fare (see below).

#### **How do I register?**

Register directly for RLI-I at <http://hoa-rli.org/rli/district-6780-rli-seminars>

You may need to copy and paste the URL.

Don't Miss This Opportunity! A limited number of participants is available. Registration closes on Wed, January 12.

For further info, contact Donna Fare at [dfare@blomand.net](mailto:dfare@blomand.net).

Donna Fare  
Rotary District 6780  
RLI Coordinator  
Cell 931.607.2130

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## **More Service Opportunities: Opportunities to Serve From Your Club Members**

Friday, January 15, 2021



Service Chair Jimmy Harper is seeking opportunities for our club to volunteer and serve in our socially-distanced and safe environment. Please consider volunteer activities you have coming up and share them with Jimmy and the club so that we can join together in smaller groups and as individuals and have impact as a club.

#### **A Service Opportunity for Rotarians from Junior Achievement:**

Record yourself speaking about your career

Since students are not able to participate in career fairs and job shadows due to COVID, JA is beginning to career fair to them! We are recording volunteers, from different career clusters, speaking about their careers. How did you get into your career, what types of education did you need for your career, what are so positives and negatives of your career, etc. JA staff can record volunteer one on one or the volunteer can self-record.

Record JA Program Sessions

Over the summer our parent company created a virtual platform for all of our JA programs so we could quickly transition before school started. Now we are looking for local volunteers to record themselves teachers a JA program to replace our national videos so students can see and hear from volunteer in their community.

To participate in either of these service opportunities, contact Rotarian Jennifer Pennell-Aslinger at [jennifer.pennell@ja.org](mailto:jennifer.pennell@ja.org).

#### **Service Opportunities for Rotarians from United Way:**

Help your United Way from your home:

Ready to serve but loving the whole work-from-home thing 2020 brought us? Contact fellow Rotarian Stephanie Linkous at [stephanielinkous@unitedwaycoee.org](mailto:stephanielinkous@unitedwaycoee.org) for volunteer opportunities you can do from your couch, such as inputting and updating Imagination Library addresses.

Help take books to fill Little Libraries in our area Imagination Library Help:

The United Way needs someone to help sticker books and put new addresses on the ones that were returned because the child moved to another address. There are tubs of books that can be picked up at the UW office and done at the volunteer's home.

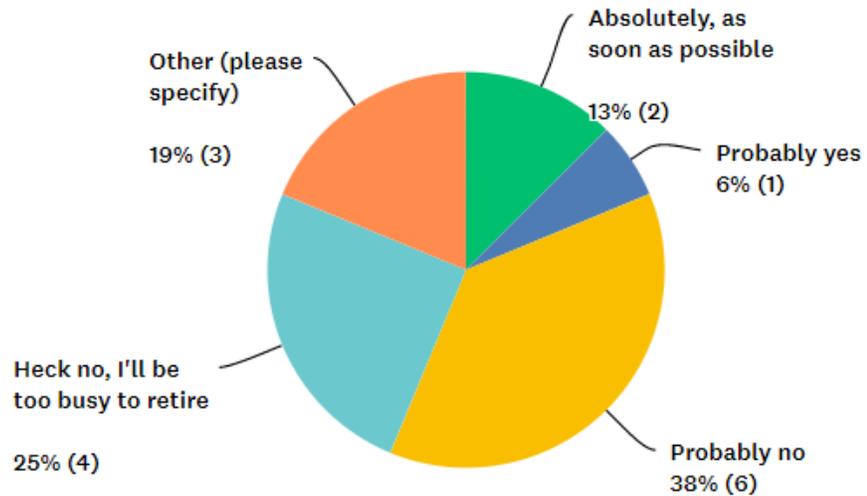
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## **Results from last week's poll: Will You Retire When You Reach Retirement Age?**

Friday, February 12, 2021

At the February 2, 2021 meeting Dr. Phyllis Davis told us about her extraordinary life and career in medicine. She told us that just as Dolly Parton says, she's too busy to retire!

We asked: When you reach retirement age, will you retire if you are financially able?



It looks like the majority of respondents plan to work past their earliest opportunity to retire.

"Other" answers included:

- Have I really started working?
- Moot point now. But kept working after retirement age because I loved what I was doing.
- I have been retired for almost 17 years, very glad I did not wait until I was 65!

Answer this week's poll: [Would your IT Department respond the same way the White House did?](#)

## District Seeks Candidates for Rotary Global Scholar Grant

The District 6780 Education Committee is seeking candidates for the Rotary Global Scholar Grant for 2021-2022. District Designated Funds are currently committed for one scholar, and our district contributions are matched by The Rotary Foundation World Fund. The minimum award is \$30,000. Qualified candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Must be available for graduate level study outside the United States in a qualified Rotary International district;
- May not be a Rotarian, lineal descendent (child or grandchild), or Rotary employee;
- Must be committed to studying in one of Rotary's seven areas of focus;
- Must be sponsored by a grant-qualified Rotary Club in District 6780;
- Must begin study within six months of notification of grant award;
- Must live in the immediate vicinity of study institution;
- Must complete all required reports during and after scholarship period;
- Must have a sponsor counselor and host sponsor counselor;
- Must complete interviewed by the District Scholarship Committee;
- Application for funding grant must be accompanied by the sponsor club's letter of recommendation;

Scholarship applications must be accompanied by letter of acceptance from the school of choice. Information and the application are available on the District 6780 website ([www.rotarydistrict6780.com](http://www.rotarydistrict6780.com)) under Grants: Global Scholar Program.

**The deadline for the application is February 28, 2021.**

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