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Speakers

January 26, 2021

Gary Davis

Bradley County Mayor

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Tom Griscom - My Life Through Others

By Douglas B Caywood on Saturday, January 23, 2021



Griscom - My Life Through Others...

Mr. Thomas Griscom was the guest speaker for the Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Zoom meeting of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Griscom has held numerous prestigious positions regionally and nationally. He has been a member of the Tennessee Board of Regents, held various positions at the Chattanooga Times Free Press including Editor/Publisher, been the Assistant to Senator Howard Baker, and was the White House Communications Director for Ronald Reagan.

With a love for journalism and newspapers, Griscom noted how today's communication contrasts with communication of time past, "A time of no social media...we talked to each other." He enjoyed twelve years in and out of politics in Washington D.C. and referenced it was all because of his height. He was an inch shorter than his boss, Howard Baker.

Through humorous and behind the scenes stories, Griscom shared the fun, the serious, and how history is made. He smiled as he shared how Baker had a regular schedule of ordering Krystal hamburgers from Knoxville and having them delivered to Washington. He even had Krystal delivered to the airport hangar for the President and the Air Force One staff to experience a Krystal, fries and shake.

Transparency was close to Griscom's heart. During the Iran Contra period, Griscom described how President Reagan was at Camp David and he came back with a legal pad with a speech he wanted to give. With the ears of Senator Baker and Griscom, the President shared the speech. Baker immediately told the President that it was a speech for another time. Using Columbus, Ohio as a gauge of the country, focus groups were used to get advice and Griscom shared this with the President. Reagan did not deliver that speech then, but did use the speech after he was out of office.

For the Berlin Wall speech, there were eight to nine agencies that were reviewing it. One line was in question. In West Berlin, there were families who shared that when the wall was put up that they had family on both sides of the wall. They longed to be able to go back and forth. Reagan read the speech one time and delivered it. The key line was "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

With the recent events of security, Griscom remembered that in 1983, the first bomb was encountered at the Capitol while he had an office there. After that event, metal detectors were installed and are in use to this day.



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As one of the most informative speakers, Griscom closed with a few recommendations - Be careful what you share. Be a good listener. Take a prudent risk.



Interactive Member Poll: January 19, 2021 - I'm Gonna Make a Change

Friday, January 22, 2021

At the January 19, 2021 meeting former White House Communications Director and Chattanooga Times Free Press Publisher offered some sound advice.

Which of these three recommendations was the advice you needed to hear most in your current life?

☐ Be careful what you share.

☐ Be a good listener.

☐ Take a prudent risk.

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0119Program>

January 26, 2021 Program: County Mayor Gary Davis

Friday, January 22, 2021



Gary Davis grew up on a dairy farm in the Taylor Community of Bradley County. He is a graduate of Bradley Central High School and Cleveland State Community College. Mayor Davis received his Certified Public Administrator designation in 1999 from the University of Tennessee Center for Government Training. He is one of 17 County Mayors across the state who has received such distinction. Mr. Davis is recertified annually for this designation.

Mayor Davis is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Local Government Leadership Program. Mr. Davis was listed as an honored professional in the Nationwide Register Who's Who in Executives (2000) and Continental Who's Who Registry of Executives (2002).

Birthdays

Tommy Arrendale
January 25th

Carmin Chastain
January 28th

Edward Lay
January 29th

Ish Patel
February 1st

Miaosheng Peng
February 1st

William Cecil Stanbery II
February 1st

Harrison Brown
February 2nd

Richard G. Burnette
February 2nd

Brittany Katz
February 6th

Keith Barrett
February 7th
William Grover Reynolds
February 8th
Stephanie Linkous
February 8th
John S. Stanbery
February 9th
Douglas B Caywood
February 10th
Cameron M. Fisher
February 13th
Richard Andrew Butler
February 18th
Christopher Beckstrand
February 19th

Mayor Davis was elected to the Bradley County Commission in 1990. He served as the Chairman of the County Commission in 1993-1994. From 1995-1998, he served as a member of the Bradley Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees. Mayor Davis was elected as the Bradley County Executive in August 1998. As County Mayor he is also a member of the Tennessee Association of County Mayors.

Davis and his wife Sonya have four children: April, Blake, Cameron and Callie. Davis also has four grandchildren: Greyson, a Senior at BCHS; Hannah, a Junior at WVHS; Aiden, a 7th grader at Ocoee Middle & Noah a 4th grader at Michigan Avenue School.

Happy New Year! January Meetings Continue Via Zoom

By Douglas B Caywood on Friday, January 1, 2021



We hope everyone had a Happy New Year! As a new year begins, Rotary Club of Cleveland will hold its first two meetings via Zoom. Please join us via the login information below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82774229880?pwd=ZkphU3k2MytRL01zWFc3dIF2bGNtQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 7422 9880

Passcode: 291591

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New Members: Tim Cook and Felix Garcia

Thursday, January 21, 2021



(Left to Right: New Member Tim Cooke, New Member Felix Garcia, President Mike Griffin, Tim's sponsor Rotarian Kevin Brooks, Felix's Sponsor Rotarian Jimmy Harper.)

The Rotary Club of Cleveland welcomes Tim Cook and Felix Garcia as our newest members.

Tim Cook serves as Executive Director and Director of Belevolence at Legacy Senior Living in Cleveland, Tennessee. He has been nominated for membership by Rotarian Kevin Brooks. Tim previously served as the Associate Pastor for Worship Arts at Lookout Valley Baptist Church in Chattanooga and as keynote speaker and worship leader at The Journey Ministries. He also has extensive experience teaching, leading and training worship teams across the country.

Felix Garcia is a Managing Member of FOSS Organization LLC has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Cleveland by Rotarian Jimmy Harper. Felix has working with off-market properties and real estate needs. He speaks Spanish and strives to help Cleveland grow.

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.

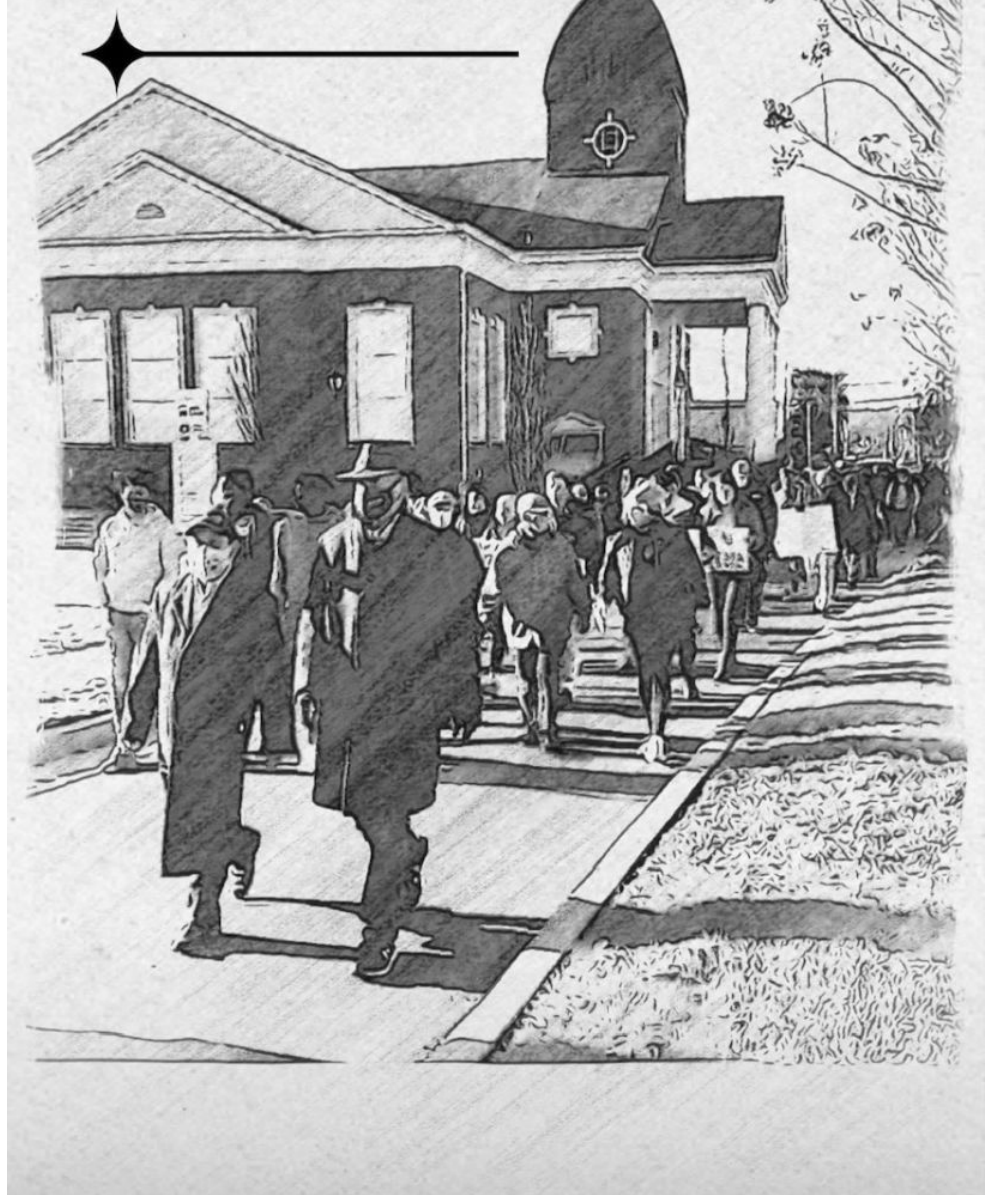
For further info, contact Donna Fare at dfare@blomand.net.

Donna Fare
Rotary District 6780
RLI Coordinator
Cell 931.607.2130

Rotarians Represent at CSCC MLK March

Saturday, January 23, 2021

We shall Overcome



Rotarians Mike Griffin and Bill Seymour are in the foreground of this picture from Cleveland State Community College's 2021 MLK March, with Pangle Hall in the background. Thank you, Mike and Bill, for participating in this meaningful community event and representing the Rotary Club of Cleveland!

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. 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. 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>.

Zach Brooks: Your Facebook Friend in Rotary

Saturday, January 23, 2021



Public Relations Chair Zach Brooks wants to share your story! If you've been serving and representing Rotary, please share your pictures and stories with Zach so he can share them on Facebook. And if you'd like to help serve on the Public Relations Committee, the help is always welcome! Contact Zach at zbrooks@keystone.solutions.

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:



More Service Opportunities: Opportunities to Serve From Your

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.

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@unitedwayocoe.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:

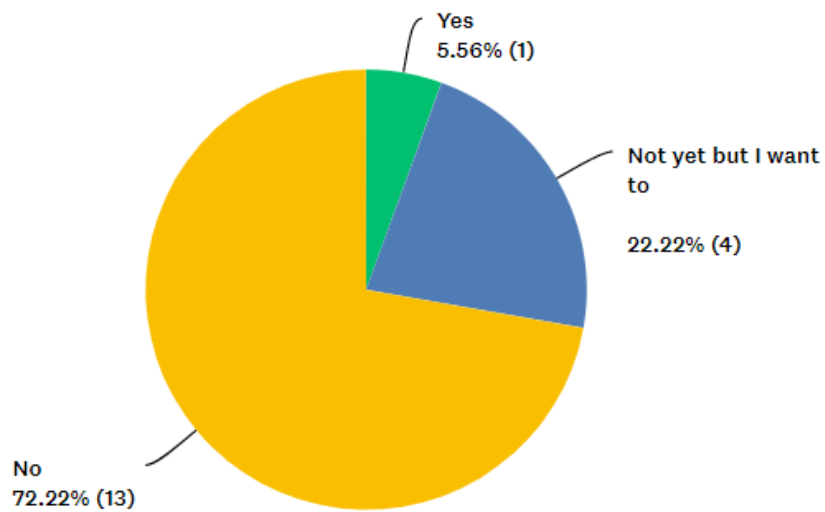
The United Way needs someone to help sticker books and put new addresses on the ones that were returned because the child moved to another address. There are tubs of books that can be picked up at the UW office and done at the volunteer's home.

Results from last week's poll: Have you played pickleball on our home courts?

Friday, January 22, 2021

At the January 12, 2021 meeting Mayor Kevin Brooks talked about plans to Build Our Future in the City of Cleveland. He mentioned that a newer addition to our parks, the Pickleball courts, have been wildly popular.

We asked: Have you played pickleball at one of our home courts?



One could infer from the pre-meeting banter on Zoom this week that Don Ritzhaupt is the one yes, and Lyle Swartzel didn't answer the survey. Also, Don and Lyle might have a good crowd for a small Rotary Pickleball Tournament!

Answer this week's poll: which of the advice shared by speaker Tom Griscom is the most applicable to your life right now? <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0119Program>

District Governor's January Message



The calendar has flipped from 2020 to 2021, along with challenges and opportunities. The challenges and consequences of the pandemic continue to affect all of us every day. We have lost several Rotarians, family members, and friends, and this reminds us that the people we know, we love, and we serve are the most important part of our lives.

Opportunities are also available in these times. For example, January is Vocational Service month in the Rotary calendar. Rotary's vocational service programs connect professions and professional networks with our Rotary club activities and use our expertise to address community problems and help others discover new vocational opportunities and interests. Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards in business. Two useful tools for assessing our performance in these areas are [The Four-Way Test](#) and the [Rotarian Code of Conduct](#).

Our district has re-formed the Vocational Service Committee, which has made presentations to district leadership groups, to the club presidents, and on the January 14 district Facebook Live meeting. Let's take this opportunity to revisit Vocational Service and bring this avenue of service more into focus in our clubs in the months and years ahead. Please contact committee chair Richard Bettis (rwbettis@gmail.com) for more information.

We have just over five months left in this Rotary year of ♦Rotary Opens Opportunities♦. Every day is precious and gives us an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in need. We need to be positive and be engaged ♦ and I know each one of you can meet that challenge and turn opportunities into positive actions. Stay safe and be healthy!

DG Ron and Karen

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