

Rotary

District 6780



Club of Cleveland

A Visit with Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis

By Mica Stephens on Friday, January 29, 2021



At the January 26th Rotary of Cleveland Meeting, Mayor Brooks joined us via Zoom to give us an update on the city. He was proud of the many accomplishments that have been made over the past year and looks forward to more growth in the new year.

Some of the accomplishments include: a new courthouse roof, the Bradley County Health Department renovation, Taylor Spring Park update; The Valley View Freedom Park completion, Black Fox Elementary & Lake Forest Middle School update, the new Veterans Home, and Spring Branch Development.

Last year Cleveland was able to reduce its debt by 6.5 million in principal payments. The city still owes 68 million and this is mostly from school funding. The City of Cleveland was awarded the Distinguished Budget Award for the 12th year in a row.

In other good news, Bradley County's COVID cases continue to decline and vaccines are being put in arms every day. This process may take a while, but the health department is doing a fantastic job and processes are perpetually improving and increasing in efficiency.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Speakers

February 02, 2021

[Dr. Phyllis Miller](#)
Personal Life Story

February 09, 2021

[Dr. Kenneth Thibodeau](#)
The Perfect Archival Storm or
What You Can Do With
\$500,000,000.

February 23, 2021

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

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Birthdays

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

Interactive Member Poll: January 19, 2021 - Takin' Care of Business

Friday, January 29, 2021

At the January 26, 2021 meeting County Mayor Gary Davis noted that Bradley County's new COVID cases has been declining.

We want to know: Has your work/place of business/organization seen an increase in business/interest/activity recently due to the decline in new cases?

- Decrease in activity/business/interest
- Activity/business/interest is the same
- Increase in activity/business/interest due to case decline
- Increase in activity/business/interest due to something else
- Other (please specify)

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0126Program>

February 2nd Program: Dr. Phyllis Miller - First woman to head the Tennessee Medical Association

By Kim Gunter on Friday, January 29, 2021



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
Robert Cuthbertson
February 28th

Our speaker, Dr. Phyllis Miller, is an extraordinary person, who is the subject of a newly released biography. Here is a little bit of history about Dr. Miller and her book. The best introduction for our speaker comes from this article from [The Chattanooga.com](http://TheChattanooga.com):

Climbing Mountains: Dr. Phyllis Miller's Upward Journey, is described as "an inspiring new biography about the extraordinary life of a prominent Tennessee physician." Written by local author, Lynelle Mason, the book profiles Dr. Miller's humble beginnings in a Polk County farmstead to an outstanding career and her eventual election as the first woman to head the Tennessee Medical Association.

Dr. Miller's parents died while she was still in high school, but through tenacity and the assistance of some key teachers and mentors, she completed high school and earned a scholarship to Tennessee Technological University. She worked her way through college and the University of Tennessee School of Medicine with a variety of jobs, most notably in the urine room at John Gaskin Hospital.

After a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Erlanger, Dr. Miller began a long career in Chattanooga, delivering thousands of babies over the next 20 years and caring for thousands of women.

While caring for her patients, Dr. Miller garnered the respect of her peers. She was a trailblazer for women in medicine. Her firsts included serving as the first woman president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, the first woman president of the Tennessee Medical Association, and the first woman to serve as chief of staff at Erlanger Hospital.

Dr. Miller continues to care for patients as part of Erlanger Women's Institute for Specialized Health. She is board-certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Author Lynelle Mason spent 30 years as an elementary school educator in Georgia with 25 years as a special education resource teacher. She is the author of eight books, including her own autobiography, Tarnished Haloes, and her Trailblazer trilogy aimed at middle-grade youth to adults.

Climbing Mountains is available locally through Dr. Miller at phyl0876@aol.com. The cost is \$18 (plus \$2.80 for shipping). It is also available through Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Good Faith Media at <https://goodfaithmedia.org/product/climbing-mountains-by-lynelle-sweat-mason/>.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of Climbing Mountains will be donated to the Polk County Education Foundation to provide college scholarships for deserving students in Polk County. Dr. Miller was a founding member of the Foundation in 2004.

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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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.

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@unitedwayocee.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.

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:

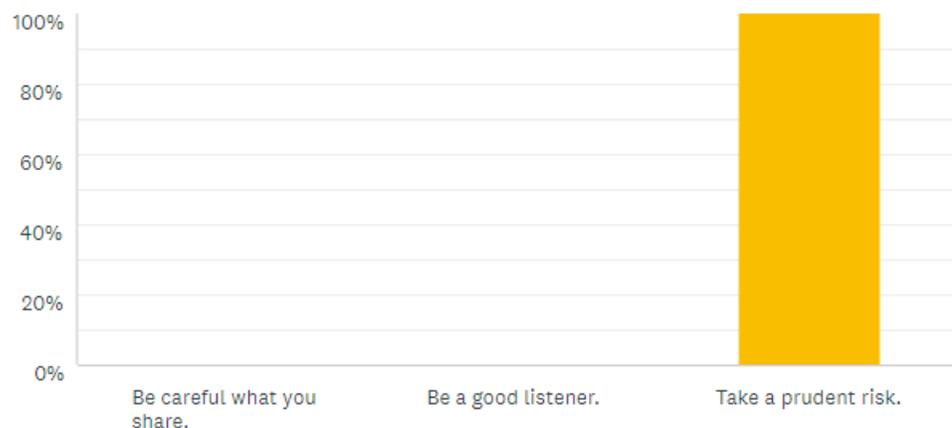


Results from last week's poll: What Advice from Tom Griscom Did You Need?

Friday, January 29, 2021

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

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



Only two people answered because it turns out the advice the survey author really needed was "check to make sure your links work". Each week there are three places in the newsletter linked to the survey, and the two most prominent ones didn't work. I apologize to anyone who tried to participate in the poll but was stymied, and kudos to the one person who figured it out, whoever you are! (The second person being your survey author, of course).

Answer this week's poll: Has your business seen increased activity due to the reaction in new COVID cases? <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0126Program>

Club Meeting



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