

Rotary
District 6780



Club of Cleveland

Chuck Fleischmann Visits Our Club

By Mica Stephens on Saturday, June 5, 2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Speakers

June 08, 2021

David Wilhoit
Pediatric Surgery

June 15, 2021

Carter Lawrence
TN Commissioner of Commerce
and Insurance

June 22, 2021

Club Social

June 29, 2021

Mike Griffin and Vaughn Berger
Passing the Gavel

Club Leaders



Michael J. Griffin
President



Vaughn J. Berger
President-Elect



Bethany McCoy
President-Nominee
Vice President



Matt Wiseman
Secretary

Tanya E. Mazzolini
Treasurer



Left to Right: Rotarian Mayor Kevin Brooks, Representative Chuck Fleischmann, Mayor Gary Davis

At our June 1st Rotary of Cleveland meeting, Chuck Fleischmann our congressman for the 3rd congressional district, joined us for an update on what he has been busy doing in D.C. and what some of the top issues on his plate are right now.

Chuck wanted to start by explaining what exactly it is that he does for our district. He has been placed on the House Appropriations Committee. This committee is responsible for budgeting and financing everything on the discretionary budget. Chuck expressed that that this position has really opened his eyes to certain things going on in congress. Some of the areas he specifically works with are labor, education, and health & humanities.

As far as where things are in D.C., we are bitterly divided between party lines, especially after the questionable outcomes generated from November's election. Chuck said that it is a difficult place and time to serve right now as both parties are quite firmly placed in their positions with little room to budge. It's making it difficult to get the conversation going between the two parties. One thing that has assisted in this process is the caucus system, which brings together congressional leaders on a platform of common interest. Getting members joined up in active enjoyable interests such as baseball, hunting/fishing, etc. the mood between the two parties seems to lift, and the possibility of compromise and movement becomes reachable.

Another problem being faced is that the executive branch has been gaining much more power over time. Right now there is an imbalance in power in our government, we need to monitor this situation as there is talk of adding more Supreme Court justices.

Chuck gave our members the opportunity to ask some of our own questions before the meeting closed. Here are some of the questions and answers Chuck was able to address:



Zachary T Brooks
Public Relations Chair



Kim Gunter
Bulletin Editor



Douglas B Caywood
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



David Curtis Chaffin
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Kyle Cooper
Club Membership Chair



James Harper
Service Projects Chair



Donald L. Littrell
Sergeant-at-Arms



Andrea Boddeker
Club Programs Chair



James Bently Thomas III
Club Programs Chair



Peggy Ann Pesterfield
Club Youth Services Chair



Dwight W. Richardson
iPast President



David Curtis Chaffin
Assistant District Governor

Are there any plans to distribute our excess vaccines to other countries facing a shortage? Chuck explained ♦as we move forward, things will get better, it has been a difficult process and this is something we are looking into♦.

JBS, the largest meat supplier in the world was hit by a cyber-attack this past week; how vulnerable are we to these attacks? Chuck answered that we are ♦very vulnerable and are actively funding cyber security defense♦. The pipeline is another example of this recent ploy of attack and an area that direly needs to be addressed, we are generating a bipartisan effort to fight these attacks.

Right now our country has 30 trillion in national debt, what is the tipping point on when this needs to be buckled down? Chuck expressed that as long as people continue to buy our debt, we♦ll be okay. When we reach the point where our debt stops being bought, that♦s going to be when we♦re in trouble and there is really no way to predict when that will be.

When asked about the integrity of our elections, Chuck answered that the best we can do is get everyone we can out there to vote and ensure that vote is only counted once. One person, one vote. There is a disproportionate amount of money funded towards pediatric cancer research compared to other areas of research, why is that and what is being done about it? To which Chuck explained, they♦ve had a great bipartisan effort towards allocating more money to pediatric cancer research, and he♦s going to do everything he can to see that more money gets moved towards this ever important area of research.

Interactive Member Poll: Beyond the great divide

Saturday, June 5, 2021

At the June 1 meeting Representative Chuck Fleischmann spoke to our club about his work and answered questions.

Which of these topics that he covered is top of mind for you?

- Elected Officials Divided Down Party Lines
- Power Balance Between Government Branches
- Distributing Excess Vaccines to Other Countries In Need
- Cyber Security
- National Debt
- Election Integrity

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0601Program>

June 8 Program: Dr. Dave Bhattacharya on Pediatric Surgery

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Birthdays

Cooper Hill
June 14th

Debbie Melton
June 18th

Dwight W. Richardson
June 21st

Felix R. Garcia
June 24th

Paul Dellinger
June 25th

Amy Card-Lillios
June 27th

Jordia Waller
June 28th

Paul Moyle
July 3rd

Peggy Ann Pesterfield
July 3rd

David R. Carroll
July 4th



Dr. Bhattacharya is a fellowship trained pediatric surgeon who specializes in general and thoracic surgery needs. He has been invited to lecture nationally on cancer biology and tumor metastasis. He joined University Surgical Associates in 2016.

Milan Blake Proposed for Membership

Saturday, June 5, 2021



Milan Blake is a Systems Analyst with ADP and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Bently Thomas.

Octoberfest Committee Meeting: 10:30am, Tuesday June 8

Saturday, June 5, 2021



Do you like festivals, fun, and fundraising? The Oktoberfest committee continues planning with a meeting scheduled for 10:30 am on Tuesday June 8th at the Museum (before our weekly club meeting).

A BIG DANKE to Brad Benson for Chairing the Oktoberfest committee!

Komm zum Treffen!

Hawk Awarded to Vaughn Berger

Saturday, June 5, 2021



Lyle Swartzel passed the Hawk to Vaughn Berger for his example of leadership as the incoming President, and for all his help with the Dictionary Project. As part of being a great leader, Vaughn led the Hawk straight to Reagan Outdoor Advertising and put him to work:



Rotarians Needed for United Way Day of Action Team: Friday July 23

By Kim Gunter on Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Mark your calendars for a fun and fulfilling Club activity: United Way Day of Action.

Service Chair Jimmy Harper will be organizing our group, which will work together on July 23 at a our volunteer work site, where we will enjoy a light breakfast and then work on our project and wrap up with lunch together at noon.

Email Jimmy at jharper@leeuniversity.edu to let him know you'll be there!

Zoom Info for May and June

Friday, April 30, 2021

Topic: May and June Rotary Meetings

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84619483686?pwd=YU0rM2F4RjJlMHpvG0V2t1emEzUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 1948 3686

Passcode: 337880

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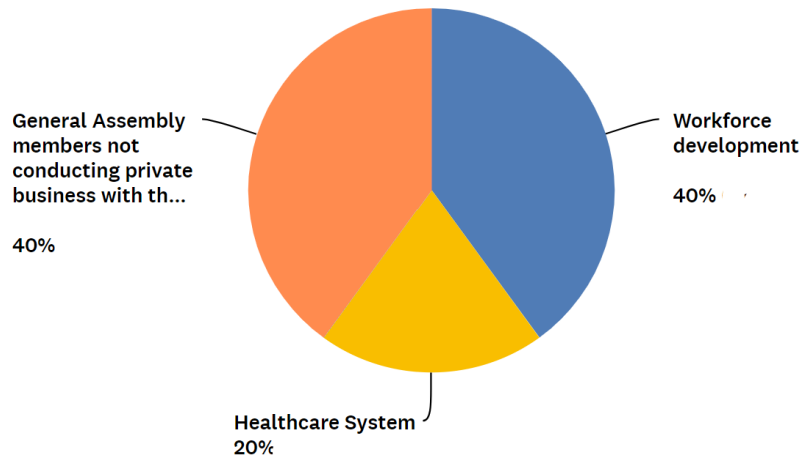
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Results from last week's poll: Which topic discussed by Speaker Sexton is top of mind for you?

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At the May 25 meeting, Speaker of the House Cameron Sexton visited the club to discuss topics of interest as the pandemic winds down.

Which of these topics is top of mind for you?



Don't forget to answer this week's poll: [Which topic discussed by Representative Fleischmann is top of mind for you?](#)

Mark Your Calendars for the June 26 District Celebration Event

District 6780 will celebrate the great 2020-21 accomplishments of clubs and Rotarians during this challenging year with a live event at Webb School of Knoxville on June 26. The celebration will begin at 1:30 PM EDT /12:30 PM CDT, and the event will also be available on Zoom. The session should end on or before 4:00 PM EDT. More details will be released soon.

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