

# Rotary

## District 6780



# Club of Cleveland



Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Speakers

**June 22, 2021**

[Club Social 5pm TRUE @ BHB](#)

**June 29, 2021**

[Mike Griffin and Vaughn Berger  
Passing the Gavel](#)

**July 06, 2021**

[No Meeting](#)

**July 13, 2021**

[Executive Board Meeting](#)

## Club Leaders



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Public Relations Chair

## Commissioner Carter Lawrence Presents the Wide-Ranging Commerce & Insurance Department

By Mica Stephens on Friday, June 18, 2021



*Left to Right: Rotarian Matt Wiseman, Carter Lawrence, Rotarian Mike Griffin*

At our June 15th Rotary of Cleveland meeting, Tennessee's Commissioner of Commerce & Insurance, Carter Lawrence, joined us as our speaker.

As commissioner of this wide-ranging department, Lawrence serves our state as fire marshal promoting fire prevention and working to educate our citizens on safety regulations, investigative fire inspections, ensuring buildings meet code compliance, and setting standards for fire safety. He is also in charge of the divisions of insurance, TennCare supervision, and twenty-six regulatory entities with professions such as accountants, contractors, and boxers. These professional licensures are provided through the Tennessee Commerce department.

Insurance is a field that directly impacts all Tennesseans and an area Lawrence has been proud to refine and cultivate. There is a push for captive insurance allowing companies to own their own risk. The Commerce & Insurance department was also privileged to help the governor with many executive orders through the COVID-19 pandemic, and he stated throughout the outbreak, our goal was always to thrive and not just survive. Tennessee quickly became a leader to the nation in COVID testing, greatly due in part to the Commerce & Insurance.



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Governor

One of the bigger projects that his department has made possible was the Tennessee Promise package, which provides high school graduates the opportunity to attend a community or technical college free of tuition and mandatory fees. This has been a groundbreaking program for our state that has really raised the bar and set education standards high for many other U.S. states looking to increase skilled labor in their workforce.

A current goal of the Commerce & Insurance department is to increase the labor force participation rate as COVID-19 infection rates continue to decline. Businesses should not be competing with the government when looking for workers, and Lawrence's department is working towards plans that incentivize people to get back to work instead of staying at home.



## Interactive Member Poll: This is my fight song

Friday, June 18, 2021

At the June 15 meeting Commissioner Carter Lawrence told an anecdote about sitting front row at an MMA fight for business reasons.

Tell us: Would you want to sit front row at an MMA fight, even if you had to wear a suit and might get some spit and blood on you?

Heck no!

Heck yes!

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0618Poll>

## Birthdays

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

**You are invited! All members please RSVP Accepts AND Regrets**

Friday, June 11, 2021

July 3rd  
Peggy Ann Pesterfield  
July 3rd  
David R. Carroll  
July 4th  
Craig T Mullinax  
July 14th  
Julia Scoggins  
July 15th  
Adam C Cline  
July 17th  
Jay Leggett Jr.  
July 18th



Our meeting on Tuesday June 22 will not be at noon - we're having a Club Social instead!

We look forward to seeing you and your significant other at TRUE @ BHB from 5pm to 7pm for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. We'll enjoy fellowship and a grand opportunity to welcome our newest members.

In order to get a proper headcount, we're asking that ALL club members RSVP, even if it is with regrets (but we hope you accept!)

Please use this link to RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoCSocial>

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## Club Member Mike Jenne Appointed 10th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge

Monday, June 14, 2021





On November 11, Governor Lee announced two Judicial Appointments, Gadson Perry to the 30th Judicial District Chancery Court, and our own Michael Jenne to the 10th Judicial District Circuit Court.

Michael Jenne of Bradley County is a partner at the Jenne Law Firm and formerly practiced litigation at Baker Donelson. He earned his J.D. from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law and a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. Jenne's term is effective July 1, following the Honorable Lawrence H. Puckett's retirement.

Mike has been a member of our club since 1998 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations, Mike!

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## **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](mailto:jharper@leeuniversity.edu) to let him know you'll be there!

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## Hawk to Ross Tarver, the "Brainchild" of Oktoberfest

Friday, June 18, 2021



Longtime club member Ross Tarver was awarded the Hawk at the June 15th meeting. Brad Benson awarded the Hawk to Ross in recognition of his ideation and ongoing service to our upcoming fundraiser, Oktoberfest!

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## Alicia Fox Proposed for Membership

Tuesday, June 15, 2021



Alisha Foxis VP Financial Operations / Chief Financial Officer at Cleveland State Community College and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Dr. Bill Seymour.

Through her work at CSCC, Alisha is excited to bring her experience in financial and project management to our club. Alisha serves on the Community College Business Officers Board of Directors, and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

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## **Welcome New Members: Milan Blake, Lee Montgomery, and Hunter Shamblin**

Friday, June 18, 2021





We welcomed three new members at our June 15th meeting: Milan Blake (pictured above with sponsor Bently Thomas), Lee Montgomery (pictured above with sponsor Stephanie Linkous), and Hunter Shamblin (pictured above with sponsor Mike Griffin).

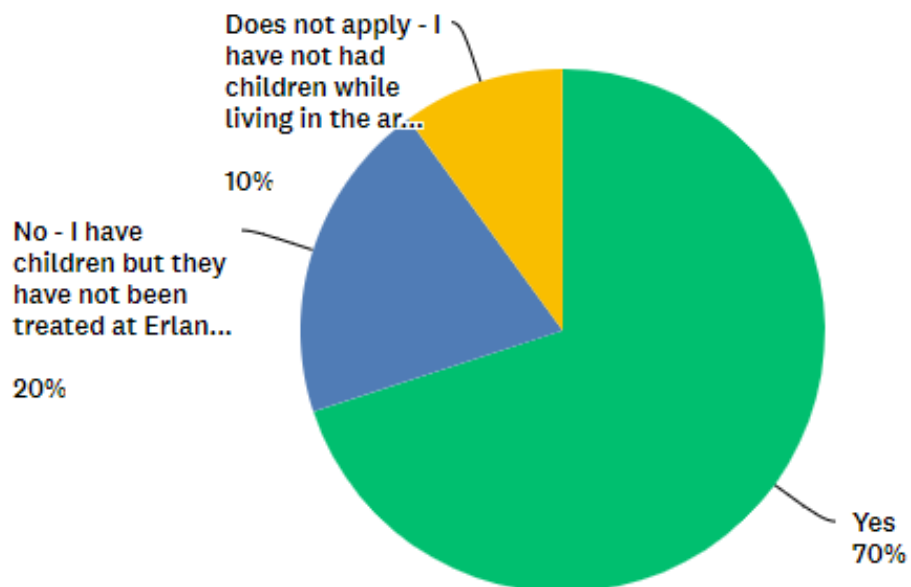
Milan Blake is a Systems Analyst with ADP, Lee Montgomery is District Vice President with YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga, and Hunter Shamblin is a Partner at S & S Investments. It's an honor to welcome them to our club!

## Results from last week's poll: Has your child been treated at Erlanger Children's?

Friday, June 18, 2021

At the June 8 meeting, Dr. Dave Bhattacharya told us about the advanced technologies and techniques for pediatric surgery available in Chattanooga through his practice and Children's Hospital at Erlanger.

We asked: Has your child been treated at Erlanger?



Don't forget to answer this week's poll: [Would you want to sit front row at an MMA fight?](#)

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## 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=YU0rM2F4RjI1MHpvGo0V2tleMzUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 1948 3686

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## District Governor's June Message



As we head into these final days of **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, reflection on what has been or what could have been is a natural train of thought. We had high hopes of a great year with a great theme and a great group of clubs and Rotarians. The pandemic changed our course, but it did not change our passion for Rotary and for helping people in need.

The 2020-21 year was certainly a challenge, but our Rotarians refused to accept anything less than doing their very best under the circumstances. Clubs helped in so many ways in their communities, often with direct support of COVID-related health projects, feeding the hungry, and helping others in distress. Our club presidents and our assistant governors showed their individual talents as they led the clubs through difficult times by staying positive and being engaged.

Rotary is a very large international organization, and as such it cannot



always be all things to all people. But with its wide array of services and connections and good people, Rotary can provide something for every person, whether it be for service, for networking, for socialization, for professional development, for ethics, or for any combination. Rotary is indeed our Teddy Bear of opportunities for all of us and for our communities by bringing happy thoughts, hope and smiles through our fellowship, integrity, diversity, leadership, and service.

We have superb Rotarians throughout our district. The next Rotary year will be truly spectacular under the leadership of incoming District Governor Cindy Gammons of Lafayette. The future of District 6780 is bright!

I am honored to have served as your District Governor this year. Karen and I thank you for your support and for your hard work during this last year, and we wish you all the very best in the years ahead.

DG Ron and Karen

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**District Celebration Coming June 26!**



District Governor Ron Appuhn invites you to attend our District 6780 Celebration on Saturday, June 26, in the Bishop Center at the Webb School of Knoxville. This will be a hybrid event, but you must register to attend either in person or by Zoom. The celebration event will begin promptly at 1:30 PM EDT and should conclude around 4:00 PM EDT.

We have much to celebrate this year! Although it has been a year of challenges, our Rotary clubs and our Rotarians have continued to demonstrate "service above self" and have completed many service projects locally and internationally. Over 50 clubs are expected to have earned at least one award! Additionally, we will remember those Rotarians who passed this year, we will hear about our youth in action, and we will recognize our current and future leaders for our clubs and our district.

A special part of our celebration will be the installation and pinning ceremony for our 2021-22 district governor team of District Governor Cindy Gammons (Lafayette), District Governor-elect Al Clark (Franklin County AM), and District Governor-nominee Susie Cantrell (Cookeville Sunset). Their energy and enthusiasm will lead our district to even greater heights in the years ahead!

Our Celebration event is free of charge, but **you must register by June 18** so that we have adequate refreshments on hand and can make sufficient space planning.

Please register to attend either in-person or by Zoom at this link:  
<https://dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77531802>.

The final program agenda and location details (campus map and parking) will be provided to all registered in-person attendees a few days before the event. The final program agenda and the Zoom link will be provided to all registered virtual attendees a few days before the event.

We are working with Webb School on a mask and social distancing policy that is the most appropriate. Although the guidelines are not yet final, these are our current draft guidelines:  
Fully vaccinated adults and children are not required to wear a mask.

- Adults and children who are not fully vaccinated should strongly consider safety issues before deciding to attend, and if attending, they should wear a mask.
- Social distanced seating will be provided in parts of the Bishop Center for those who are not fully vaccinated and for those who feel more comfortable with social distanced seating.

Questions about the event should be sent to District Governor Ron Appuhn at [rappuhn53@yahoo.com](mailto:rappuhn53@yahoo.com).  
Questions about registration should be sent to Past District Governor Greg Maciolek at [greg@gregmaciolek.com](mailto:greg@gregmaciolek.com).

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 26!

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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