

Rotary

District 6780



Club of Cleveland



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Speakers

July 06, 2021

No Meeting

No Meeting

July 13, 2021

Executive Board Meeting

July 13, 2021

Cindy Gammons

Annual updates from the new District Governor

July 20, 2021

Oktoberfest Committee Meeting

July 20, 2021

Dennis Tumlin

TN Department of Tourist Development

July 27, 2021

Cameron Fisher with Amy Lillios

Club Leaders



Vaughn J Berger
President



Bethany McCoy
President -Elect



Matt Wiseman
Secretary

Tanya E Mazzolini
Treasurer

Passing of the Gavel and Perfect Attendance

Friday, July 2, 2021

Vaughn Berger accepted the gavel from now Past President, Mike Griffin:



Congratulations Vaughn, and thank you for your willingness to serve! Thank you Mike Griffin for a wonderful club year.

Perfect Attendance Awards were given to many of our club members:



- Harrison Brown - 57 Years
- David Chaffin - 35 years
- Ken Jones - 33 years
- Ann McCain - 32 years
- Wayne Wilhelm - 31 years
- Amy Card-Lillios - 31 years
- Don Ritzhaupt - 29 years
- David Carroll - 23 years
- Mike Callaway - 23 years
- Cameron Fisher - 21 years
- Mike Griffin - 19 years
- Victor Boltnew - 17 years



[Kevin D. Brooks](#)
Vice President



[Zachary T. Brooks](#)
Public Image Chair



[Kim Gunter](#)
Bulletin Editor



[Douglas B. Caywood](#)
CCO-Club Comm. Offcr



[David Curtis Chaffin](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair



[Kyle Cooper](#)
Membership Chair



James Harper
Service Projects Chair



Brittany Katz
Sergeant-at-Arms



Andrea Boddeker
Club Programs Chair



James Bently Thomas III
Club Programs Chair



Peggy Ann Pesterfield
Club Youth Services Chair



Michael J Griffin
iPast President



David Curtis Chaffin
Assistant District Governor



Nicholas Lillios - 15 years
Peggy Pesterfield - 9 years
Tanya Mazzolini - 7 years
Doug Caywood - 6 years
Vaughn Berger - 4 years
Matt Wiseman - 3 years
Jim Bilbo - 2 years
Drew Gilliland - 2 years
Don Littrell - 2 years
Lyle Swartzel - 2 years
Bethany McCoy - 2 years
Andrea Boddeker - 1 year
Kyle Cooper - 1 year
Kim Gunter - 1 year

Rotarian of the Year 2020-2021: Mike Griffin

By Cameron M. Fisher on Friday, July 2, 2021



Birthdays

Paul Moyle
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
Bethany McCoy
July 22nd
Hunter Shamblin
July 23rd
Carolyn H. Ingram
July 24th
Ben Chandler
July 27th
Misty D. Allen
July 31st

◆Rotarian of the Year◆ is the highest recognition bestowed upon a member of the Cleveland Rotary Club. It is presented to a member in good standing that has demonstrated over a period of dedicated attendance and leadership, the virtues of Rotary that include, first and foremost, service above self, and

the tenets of the Four-Way Test. The recognition comes through selection by previous Rotarian of the Year award winners and is commemorated through a \$1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation in the honoree's name.

Mike Griffin is in his 25th year as a Rotarian. He spent the first 16 of those years with the Hamilton Place club where he served in several capacities, including president (2004-2005) and treasurer for 15 years. He was awarded their Rotarian of the Year in 2008. Mike is a graduate of the District 6780 Leadership Academy and served on the District Awards Committee. His list of community leadership accomplishments in Cleveland and Chattanooga is lengthy and includes chairman of the board for Erlanger Health Systems, Leadership Chattanooga, Leadership Cleveland, chairman of Ocoee Region United Way board, Museum Center board president, Junior Achievement of Ocoee Region board chair, and incoming chairman of the Cleveland State Foundation. After a career in banking, he now serves as president and CEO of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

While any sitting president of our Rotary club might be considered for this award, the circumstances under which President Mike served in 2020-2021 elevated his standing for excellence in leadership in Rotary. Taking the office four months into the Covid-19 pandemic, another level of critical decisions was added on top of traditional presidential duties. Challenges included deciding when and how to meet, when to cancel, when to be virtual, and when to go hybrid. The meeting site was shut down for several weeks and food service was cancelled requiring weekly coordination of box lunches. An entirely new system of meeting delivery - Zoom - had to be implemented with virtual speakers. Mike recognized this as an opportunity and facilitated scheduling many prestigious guests that under regular circumstances might not be able to address our club. He also recruited several impressive in-person speakers.

While dealing with these situations, Mike never lost sight of the Rotary vision. He stayed in touch with district leaders and strived for our club to keep up with requirements for district recognitions. President Mike set the standard in the district for building membership, leading the way in recruitment of new members, despite the pandemic. The impressive list of 2020-2021 awards includes Star Club, Globe Club, William T. Sergeant Polio Eradicator, YES Award, the Mexico 100 in 100 Project Partner, second place in the newsletter category, District Governor Citation with Distinction, and the Rotary Citation. In addition, District Governor Ron Appuhn singled out Mike Griffin as a Champion of Membership in the district, citing our club's addition of 17 new members in this pandemic year.

Mike has been married to Kim for 37 years and they have two grown children, Julia and Graham. Mike is an avid tennis player, a graduate of UTC and served as president of their alumni board.

Congratulations to Mike Griffin, the 2021 Cleveland Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year!

Interactive Member Poll: Ring bells bang the drums, you're gonna love this guy

Friday, June 25, 2021

Outgoing President Mike Griffin was awarded the Rotarian of the Year Award at our June 29th meeting.

Tell us: Which of Mike's accomplishments do you think was the biggest challenge?

- 17 New Club Members
- Deciding when to meet in person and when to zoom during the pandemic
- Consistently engaging, interesting, or inspiring programs
- 8+ District Awards at the Annual Celebration

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0629Program>

Group Photo at July 13 Meeting

Friday, July 2, 2021

We will be taking a group photo of our club at the July 13th meeting, so please make every effort to attend!

Okay guys, I have a great idea for a group photo



Club Awards at District Celebration

Friday, July 2, 2021

Several members of our club attended the Annual District Celebration on Saturday June 26th, and were able to collect a number of awards on behalf of our club:



David Carroll won the Rotary Foundation's citation for Meritorious Service



Past President Dwight Richardson was celebrated as a graduate of the District Leadership Academy



President Mike Griffin was awarded the Champion of Membership trophy.

Congratulations to our outstanding club leadership!

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.

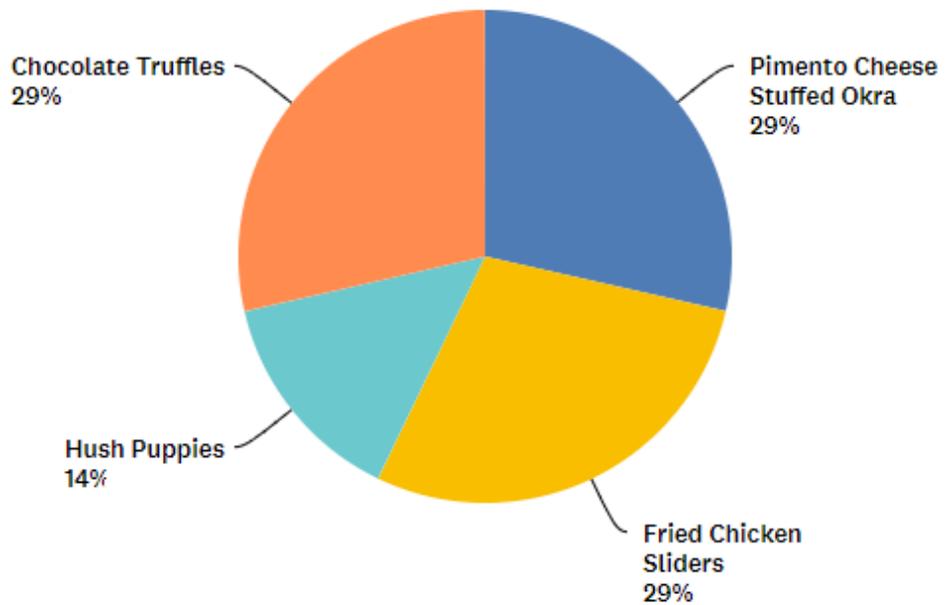
Email Jimmy at jharper@leeuniversity.edu to let him know you'll be there!

Results from last week's poll: Which food item was your favorite at our Club Social?

Friday, June 25, 2021

We enjoyed a Club Social at TRUE the evening of June 22, in lieu of our regular lunch meeting.

We asked: Which hors d'oeuvres was your favorite?



No one chose the Deviled Eggs, but that doesn't mean they weren't good! It just means those Fried Chicken Sliders were better . . .yummmmm.

Don't forget to answer this week's poll: [Which of ROTY Mike Griffin's accomplishments do you think was the most challenging?](#)

District Rotarians Provide Prosthetic Hands in the Dominican Republic

As part of a District-wide initiative the Chattanooga Rotary collaborated with the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation last April by delivering prosthetic hands and conducting training and fittings in the Dominican Republic. This effort is part of a larger Rotary-wide partnership supporting the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation with the goal of providing free prosthetic hands globally to people with no access to such quality devices.



Chattanooga Rotarian Dr. Catherine Colby along with Emory Evans, a graduate student in Public Health at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, were initially working on the Chattanooga Rotary's ongoing potable water projects in the Dominican Republic when this opportunity arose. Colby and Evans realized that the lead Dominican water educators, trained by the Chattanooga Rotary nearly ten years ago, also have the compassion, capacity and interest to be volunteer promoters and ambassadors for the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation.

Nurse Michel Marcel, a dynamic Haitian-Dominican educator for Rotary, completed the online prosthetic trainings and has become the professional lead for this project, finding people who need hands, fitting them, and showing them the various grasps for different activities to assist in daily life. [Read More](#)

Welcome District Governor Cindy Gammons

Cindy has been a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club since 2000 where she served as president in 2011-12. She has served on many committees over the years. Cindy is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and has worked at the district level for the past 8 years; serving as an Assistant Governor for three years and Assistant Governor Coordinator for two years.



Additionally, she has been on the District Conference Planning committee and currently serves on the Governor's Committee and is a trainer for the Rotary Leadership Institute. Cindy is also serving on the Zone 30 & 31 Rotary Conference Team, gearing up for Pathways to the Future in Chattanooga September 28th - October 1st. Cindy is a PHF+3 and a member of the Bequest Society Level 1.

A graduate of Middle Tennessee University, Cindy received her BA in the area of Instrumental Music, K-12. She was the band director and choral director at Macon County High School for 9 years. During that time, she received her MA and EdS from Tennessee Tech University in the area of school administration. She was an elementary school principal for one year and then served as the principal of Macon County High School for seven years. For the past 17 years, Cindy has served as the Federal Programs Director of Macon County where she oversees the entire Title program as well as several other federal grants.

Cindy's pride and joy is her family. She has three wonderful children and six Gigi babies, all boys. Her daughter Meaghan serves as a probation officer. She has a 3-year-old step-son and a son who just turned one. Lauren, her middle daughter works for the sheriff's department and has twin boys that are six, a four-year-old son and a 20-month old son. Cindy also has a son, Jon, who attends Tennessee Tech University and just finished his freshman year of college. He is studying to be a teacher and hopes to coach football.

In her spare time, Cindy is a huge sports enthusiast. Football is her passion and she is a huge UT and Titans fan. She has been an avid runner for the past 20+ years and has run in over fourteen half marathons in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Hendersonville and Cincinnati, OH.

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