



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Speakers

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[Representative Chuck Fleischmann](#)

U.S. Representative for Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District

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Wacker update

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TN Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance

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The State of Tennessee as the Pandemic Winds Down

By Mica Stephens on Saturday, May 29, 2021



(Left to right: Rep. Mark Hall, Speaker Cameron Sexton, Rep. Dan Howell, Mayor Kevin Brooks)

At our May 25th Rotary of Cleveland meeting, we had Cameron Sexton, the 83rd and current Speaker of the House in Tennessee, come join us. He gave us a briefing on where our state stands as the pandemic winds down.

Tennessee is proudly one of seven states to end up with a budget surplus as we look out onto our future post-pandemic. We didn't put businesses out during the shutdowns last year, vastly different from how other states across the country handled their economics. We ended up 10% above where we thought we would be, meaning our state got to cut some taxes instead of adding them to make up the difference.

Our state has also done a fantastic job at keeping our government lean. Other states are focused on where to cut programs to make up for lost revenue, while we have the opposite outcome, we're actually experiencing growth. We currently have 16 billion in our budget, of which 29% goes towards education and human services.

Tennessee did not incur any new debt last year, and is excited to be bringing back the sales tax holiday to additionally boost and stimulate consumer spending at retail and restaurants across the state.

One area that our great state plans to pay particular attention to is workforce development. At the end of



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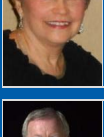
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12th grade, we want our students completely prepared for that next step in life. Education is fundamentally important in creating a proficient workforce for our state. It is imperative that our students understand not everyone has to go to college in order to be successful. What creates success is the ability to make a difference with our work.

While our economic development is flourishing with increased wages and job opportunity growth, we unfortunately have a fractured healthcare system. A lot of this has to do with insurance companies. Doctors now have to receive permission in how to treat a patient before proceeding with care. This isn't right, and is something we direly need to work on.

Another area of focus is going to be criminal justice reform. We need to honor the victims of violent crimes by keeping their offenders off parole until their full sentence has been served. It's part of the punishment and keeps our citizens feeling safe.

Cameron went on to commend Tennessee for its recent bill being passed. The bill prevents any member of the general assembly from conducting private business with the state while in office, and for two years thereafter. This keeps elected officials from getting rich based off their elected position, and instead focusing on what they were brought into office to accomplish.



Interactive Member Poll: Welcome to my house

Saturday, May 29, 2021

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?

- ☐ Tennessee's Budget Surplus
- ☐ Workforce development
- ☐ Healthcare System
- ☐ Criminal Justice Reform
- ☐ General Assembly members not conducting private business with the state while in office
- ☐ Other (please specify, and please limit yourself to topics covered by Speaker Sexton)

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCOC0525Program>

Birthdays

James Richard Cogdill

June 1st

Donald Leon Shahan Jr.

June 1st

Jim Bilbo

June 3rd

Jonathan Cantrell

June 3rd

Jane Hardwick-Triplett
June 3rd
Ross Tarver
June 4th
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

June 1 Program: Congressman Chuck Fleishman

Thursday, May 27, 2021

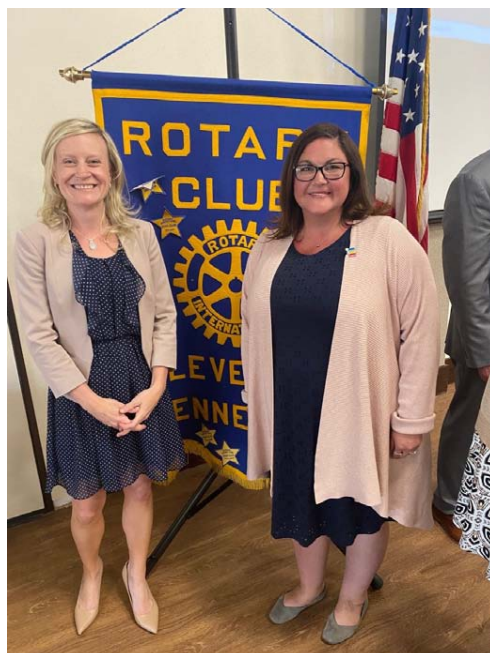


Chuck Fleischmann is a fiscal and social conservative who is the Congressman from Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District. Since being elected, Congressman Fleischmann has voted to cut \$1.6 trillion from the federal budget, repeal ObamaCare, defund Planned Parenthood, rein in the EPA, and has a 100% pro-life and 2nd Amendment voting record. He is a proven conservative. Chuck serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and a number of subcommittees that are vitally important to the residents of the 3rd District.

From a young boy overcoming the loss of his mother, to living on his own at 16, to mopping the floor of a McDonald's, to working in a library, to starting a business with his wife and finally becoming a member of Congress, Chuck Fleischmann has lived the American dream. He ran for office so he could try to bring that American dream that he's been privileged to be a part of, to you, to your family, and to your grandchildren.

Welcome New Member: Brandi King

Saturday, May 29, 2021



We welcomed a new member at our May 25th meeting: Brandi King (pictured above with sponsor Kim Gunter).

Brandi is also sponsored by Matt Wiseman. Brandi has an impressive career in communications, including her start as a high school reporter for the Cleveland Daily Banner, US101, WIVK, fourteen years as a Good Morning Chattanooga anchor with News Channel 9, and her current role as Communications Specialist for Whirlpool. Brandi has four children with her husband Richie King.

Welcome Back Ginger Wilson Buchanan

Saturday, May 29, 2021



We're happy to welcome back past Club President and trusted local attorney Ginger Wilson Buchanan.

Dictionary Details: More Photos, Hawk for Lyle

Saturday, May 29, 2021



Lyle Swartzel receives the hawk for his work on the 2021 Dictionary Project. At the May 25th meeting Lyle reported 40 volunteer hours for our club as almost 1300 dictionaries were distributed to third graders in our city, county, and private schools.

Bill Seymour and Brad Benson brought their brains and the books to Taylor Elementary:



Bill Martin Proposed for Membership

Tuesday, May 18, 2021



Bill Martin is Market President at First Horizon Bank in Cleveland and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Mike Griffin.

Bill and his wife Krissi and their family reside in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Lee Montgomery Proposed for Membership

Tuesday, May 18, 2021



Lee Montgomery is District Vice President with YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Stephanie Linkous

In his role with "The Y", Lee serves as the leader of the Cleveland and Hamilton Family YMCAs.

Hunter Shamblin Proposed for Membership

Tuesday, May 18, 2021



Hunter Shamblin is a Partner at S & S Investments and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Mike Griffin.

Jamie Kyle Proposed for Membership

Tuesday, May 18, 2021



Jamie Kyle Vice President Community Banking with Simply Bank, and is sponsored for Rotary Club of Cleveland by Vaughn Berger.

In addition to his well-established career in banking, Jamie created the The Refuge, a nonprofit that provide assistance with job searching, education (life skills & job skills), literacy, and identification of available community resources. He also launched a Nascar radio show called Finish Line Radio on 101.3 The Buzz in Cleveland.

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.

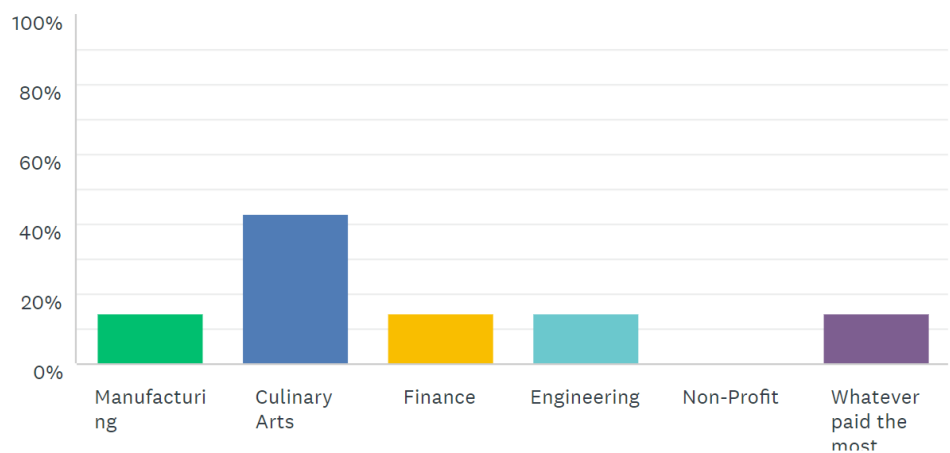
Service Chair Jimmy Harper will be organizing our group, which will work together on July 23 at a our volunteer work site, where we will enjoy a light breakfast and then work on our project and wrap up with lunch together at noon.

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

Results from last week's poll: Which PIE Center skill would you like to try for a day?

Saturday, May 29, 2021

If you had the opportunity to work and study as a student in the PIE Center for one day, which field would you like to try?



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

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=YU0rM2F4RjI1MHpveGo0V2tlemEzUT09>

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District Golf Tournament A Fun Success

The May 7 Annual District Golf Tournament was a resounding success! Twenty-six teams registered to play at the beautiful Avalon County Club in Lenoir City. Despite most of the day being a bit cool and breezy, the golfers had a great time in the sunshine, having fun and enjoying each other's company.



Several generous corporate sponsors supported the event, along with many district clubs who were hole sponsors. Tom Marsh and his golf tourney team did a sensational job in making the entire day fun and special. Although the numbers are not yet final, it is estimated that the tournament raised over \$10,000 toward the End Polio Now campaign, and those funds will be matched two-for-one by the Gates Foundation. Win-win all around!

The Rotary Club of Cookeville wrested the Governor's Cup from two-time defending champion Chattanooga Hamilton Place with a score of 13 under par. The winning team members (pictured) were Brad Horner, Chad McDonald, Bobby Garrison and Rick Woods. In the Ladies Division the Farragut team

took the title. They did not get a trophy, but the team of Val Privett, Lilly Rayson and Denise Bash shot an even par score.

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