

Rotary Club of Cleveland

District 6780



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October 27, 2020

Art Rhodes
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Predictions

November 10, 2020

Shawna Staup
United Way - Housing
United

November 17, 2020

Matt Gibson
Siskin Hospital

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Dr. Walker's Ties to Cleveland

By Douglas B Caywood on Thursday, October 22, 2020



Dr. Mark Walker, the new Lee University President, was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Cleveland October 20, 2020 meeting. On August 1, 2020, Walker became the 17th President of Lee University. Walker graduated from Georgia State and Regent University and has spent 25 years in pastoral ministry. He has been married for 36 years and has two children and three grandchildren.

With many ties to Cleveland over the years, Walker has been back in Cleveland for three years. His grandfather was in the second class of the Bible Training School of the COG. Walker grew up in Atlanta as his dad was the pastor at Mount Paran for 37 years. He followed as Pastor of Mount Paran North Church of God for 25 years and in 2017 accepted a VP for Ministerial Development position at Lee.

Walker's pastoral heart expanded to impact students at Lee that are going out all over the world. He loves Cleveland, United Way, and is so excited about the 80 service learning hours that is required by each student and the 60,000 service hours per year that are facilitated here in the community - helping people in need.

In regard to a COVID update, Walker reported that there were only 3 current active cases and a total of 83 positive cases overall this year thus far. With masks, apps for compliance questions, and temperature checks, the Lee procedures have kept the impact to a minimum.



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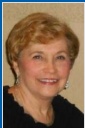
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Sergeant-at-Arms



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November 8th
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November 21st
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November 22nd
Michael Jenne
November 22nd

Dr. Walker explained that each student needs to, "discover who they are and what they are to do as there is a call for each person." Their first call includes three levels - 1)Relationship to God through Jesus Christ, 2)Called to serve God and the world around us, and 3)What is the vocation pathway to achieve that?

Interactive Member Poll: October 20, 2020: at a Dunkin' Donuts shop Sho' nuff, I got props

Friday, October 23, 2020

Rotary Club of Cleveland Member Poll October 20, 2020 - Purple Pinkie Day!

1. Trivia Time! Which board game was created to entertain children in polio wards more than 70 years ago?

Hint: It was designed to be an adventure that spoke to their wants: the desire to move freely in the pursuit of delights, an easy privilege polio had stolen from them

- ☐ Monopoly
- ☐ Chutes and Ladders
- ☐ Candy Land
- ☐ Texas Hold 'Em

(Image of Poll question. Trouble seeing the image? Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC1020Meeting>)



October 20 Program: Art Rhodes, President and CEO, Church of God Benefits Board

Thursday, October 22, 2020



Arthur D. Rhodes was born in Neshoba County, Mississippi to the Reverend and Mrs. A.D. Rhodes. He was reared in the state of Mississippi and now makes his home in Cleveland, Tennessee. Mr. Rhodes graduated with honors from Indianola Academy (Miss.), Mississippi Delta Junior College, magna cum laude from Millsaps College, and from the University of Mississippi School of Law.

After being admitted to the Mississippi Bar in 1985, Mr. Rhodes served as counsel for the Mississippi State Department of Public Welfare. In 1987 he went into private law practice with the firm of Prewitt and Bradley in Jackson, Mississippi where he specialized in construction litigation and in general corporate law.

In 1988 when Mike Parker was elected to represent the Fourth District of Mississippi in the United States House of Representatives, Mr. Rhodes joined his staff in Washington, DC, to serve as Chief of Staff, legal counsel, and as an advisor on legislative matters. He served in that capacity for more than a decade until Congressman Parker retired in 1999. Mr. Rhodes' dedication to the institution of Congress was recognized in 1996 when he was named as a recipient of a fellowship from the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service ♦ the first Mississippian to receive the prestigious award named after Mississippi's former Senator.

Through the years, Mr. Rhodes has maintained a keen interest in politics, having served as an election observer in the contested Florida presidential election in November 2000 and as a member of the Republican National Committee ♦s Legal Strike Force. Mr. Rhodes lost his own race for Congress in 2010 in Tennessee ♦s Third Congressional District.

In Feb. 1999, Mr. Rhodes was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Church of God Benefits Board, Inc. in Cleveland, Tennessee. The Benefits Board manages a pension plan for ministers and church-related employees and oversees the investments of the Board, now totaling approximately \$410 million. In addition, in 2010 Mr. Rhodes also became the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Church Loan Fund, Inc., an organization that currently services 135 church loans with an outstanding balance over \$45 million.

Mr. Rhodes, known simply as Art, is married to the former Angela Jolly of Meridian, Mississippi. They make their home in Cleveland, TN. They have two children, Katelyn ♦ a 2020 graduate of Lee University who now lives in Knoxville, and Taylor ♦ a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and now living in Denver where he works as an executive director and lobbyist for a national political organization.

Art has been a lifelong member of the Church of God and has been very active in community and church activities, having once served as a summer missionary to the West Indies. He is a member of the North Cleveland Church of God, a former member of the Church and Pastor ♦s Council at his local church, former Chairman of the Finance Committee for his church, a member of Gideons International, past chairman of the United Way of Bradley County, a past board member of the Bradley Cleveland Public Education foundation and the Family Resource Agency, on the board of directors of the Metro YMCA, on the board of directors of the Youth Counseling Service, Chairman of the Board at the European Theological Seminary (Germany), Chairman of the Global Board of Education for the Church of God, a Director of the Church Benefits Association, past chairman of the Cleveland Rotary Foundation and past President of the Cleveland Rotary Club.

Special District Recognition for David Carroll

Friday, October 23, 2020



Rotarian David Carroll was given special recognition from the District at the October 20, 2020 meeting for his service as Chair of the District Grant Committee, a position he has served in for at least ten years.

"David is a huge asset to the Rotary Club of Cleveland with his deep involvement at the District level in this Chairmanship, Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator (RLI), Paul Harris Society Committee and for serving as Assistant Governor," said President Mike Griffin, who presented him with the plaque.



Bradley Central HS Interact Visit

Thursday, October 22, 2020



Representatives from the Bradley Central High School Interact Club attended the October 20, 2020 meeting of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Faculty Advisor Andy McMahon brought two students, Xander Caywood, son of Rotarian Doug Caywood, and Brooklyn Vaske.

Also pictured: BCHS Principal Patrick Snyder, Bradley County Schools Superintendent and Rotarian Dr. Linda Cash, Rotary President Mike Griffin.

Purple Pinkie Delivery and Donation Success

Friday, October 23, 2020



Schools, first responders, and Rotarian's coworkers all around our club enjoyed Purple Pinkie Donuts on Tuesday October 20th as we raised funds for End Polio Now! Thank you to all who donated, delivered, and participated in this annual project.

Service Opportunity: Reading Books to Bradley County School Children

Friday, October 16, 2020



(Rotarian David Chaffin reading to students in February of 2018)

Rotarian Dr. Linda Cash announced upcoming Bradley County School literacy projects. Rotarians have a service opportunity to be recorded reading books that our students can access. Filming will be done at Oak Grove Elementary, and anyone wishing to participate should contact Dr. Cash or Mike Griffin for more information.


Bradley County Schools is also hosting a book giveaway on Thursday, October 29 at Food City. Please email Linda Cash at lcash@bradleyschools.org to let her know what time you'd like to sign up for:

Food City McGrady Drive, 4pm - 5pm and 5pm to 6pm
Food City Ocoee Crossing, 4pm to 5pm and 5pm to 6pm

Service Opportunity: Support CHS Interact Club Car Show on December 12


Friday, October 16, 2020

The Cleveland High School Interact Club will be hosting a Car Show on December 12th. There are no admission fees but participants are asked to donate toys from the TC Thompson's Wish List. For more information on ways to donate or volunteer, contact Jamie Withrow at jwithrow@clevelandschools.org or text/call 423-802-9442.



**Cleveland
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1st Annual HO HO Raider Car Show for the kids



**When: Dec 12th,
2020**

**Where: CHS Parking
Lot A at
850 Raider Drive
Cleveland, TN 37312**

All entry fee Toys and Donations will go towards putting a bright smile on a child's face this Christmas at TC Thompson's Children's Hospital

Car Entry Fee will be a New toy(s) worth \$20 off the TC Thompson's Wish List or a \$20 donation.
One Participant per car is free.
Everyone else and spectators will be \$3.00 per person
Kids 12 and under are free
Any other monetary donations are greatly appreciated!

**Registration
9:00 to 10:30
Judging at 12:00
Trophies at 2:00**




Award Categories

- 100- 1900-1920
- 200- 1921-1939
- 300-1940-1949
- 400-1950-1959
- 500-1960-1969
- 600- 1970-1979
- 700 -1980-Present
- 800- Trucks
- 900-Hot/Street Rods
- 1000-Foreign Pre 1980
- 1100-Foreign 1981-Present

Best Club Participation

- Principals Choice
- Director of School's Choice
- People's Choice
- Best of Show

Knubby's Bar-B-Que and Wild Dawgs
Food Vending will be available!

Mail Registration to :
CHS C/O Jamie Withrow, CHS Interact Club
850 Raider Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312
Please make all checks out to CHS Interact Club

For More Information please contact Jamie Withrow at
jwithrow@clevelandschools.org or text/call 423-802-9442

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____
 Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

May we text you any information/updates?

Waiver: By signing below I hereby acknowledge and accept the inherent risks involved in car show activities. I agree to indemnify and hold Cleveland City Schools, its employees, agents, volunteers and assigns harmless against any and all claims of injury, loss or other claim of whatever nature that may in any way arise out of my participation in the charity car show or its attendant activities.

Participant Signature _____

Wish list can be found here:
<https://www.childrenshospital.org/childrens-hospital/our-services/specialized-services/child-life-wish-list>

Pre-Registration ends on Dec 1st. After Dec 1st participants will have to register on site.
Please be watching for an email with information about the event!

Date _____

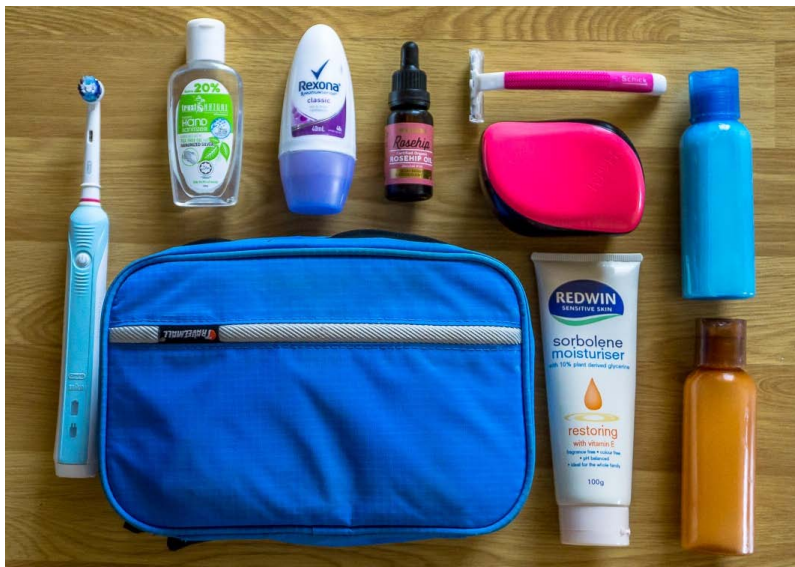
Door Prizes!

The event was announced at the October 13 meeting by visiting CHS Interact Club Members.



Service Opportunity: Supplies for The Salvation Army & Caring Place

Friday, October 23, 2020



Rotary Club of Cleveland has been presented with a service opportunity: The Salvation Army and The Caring Place are in need of toiletries and supplies. Please bring these items to our Club Meetings or drop them by the Chamber Office:

- Men's and Women's Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrushes
- Deoderants
- Small Hand Sanitizers
- Socks

Rotary Student Exchange Program

By Douglas B Caywood on Friday, October 16, 2020

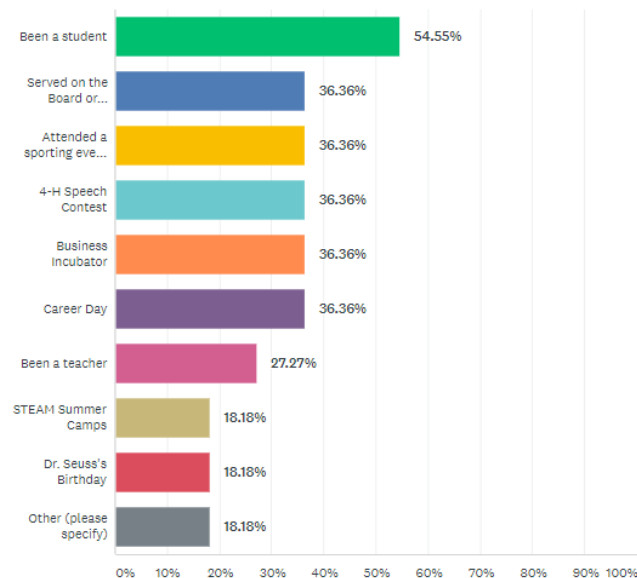


At the October 13 meeting, Rotarian Victor Boltnew announced that the planning has begun for next year's student exchange program. He encouraged Rotarians to share about the opportunities for local students to go overseas, summer programs, and the potential of being a host family for next year. See Victor Boltnew for more information.

Results from last week's poll: How have you engaged with Cleveland State Community College?

Friday, October 23, 2020

Speaker and Rotarian Dr. Bill Seymour talked about how Cleveland State Community College is focused on being engaged in the communities they serve. In which of these ways have you and your family engaged with CSCC?



More than half of respondents have been a student or had family that was a student!

Other answers included:

- President/ Chairman Board of Trustees for 5 years, first and only female and longest serving President
- Library

Answer a trivia question and give donut advice in this week's poll: [Which classic kids board game was created for children in the polio ward? PLUS - tell us if and how you would change the Purple Pinkie Day Donut](#)

Meet in person OR by Zoom in October

Friday, October 2, 2020

Our club will be meeting in person at the Museum in October

For those unable to attend in person, Zoom is still an option. Please see below for Zoom Meeting Instructions for October:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82888767252?pwd=VlNKMVY3dHgzNjlobW5RaWMzYldpdz09>

Meeting ID: 828 8876 7252

Passcode: 914006

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 828 8876 7252

Passcode: 914006

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kdbfn1wO6>

Rotary Youth Exchange "Builds Goodwill and Better Friendships"

By Bill Nichols, District Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Chair

The Rotary Youth Exchange programs does exactly what our maxim says: Outbound Exchange students from District 6780 do a make a positive impression in foreign countries in which they reside for 10 months.

The proof is in the ♦Service Above Self♦ as expressed by these high school students♦ actions. Besides learning a new language, these high school students learn about new culture in the Host Rotary Country. For example, one student stated I learned to be of service when I saw a need for a clothing pantry for the needy in the community in which I lived. I got the help and support of the local Rotary Club to start a clothing pantry. Other students talk about going into the interior of the Amazon and painting and repairing a school for the indigenous children in the Amazon while living on a houseboat.

Parents are constantly telling the members of the District Youth Exchange committee how their son or daughter made positive changes in their lives while being an Exchange student. One parent told us about their introverted son who was a shy, non-athletic high school student here at home. Now the parent says he is so outgoing that they cannot stop him from talking since his return from his Exchange. He took up competitive ping pong and became a member of his high school cultural dance team while in Japan.

One former Exchange student to France related to the Committee that it was a dream come true to be walking the streets of Lyon drinking hot chocolate while Christmas shopping for presents for her Host family. Another Exchange student talked about learning to cook crepes and wanted to start a crepe pastry store in her hometown. Another student said he spent his free time visiting over 50 museums and art galleries when living in Brussels as

well as learning to speak German, French and Flemish, the languages of Belgium, in his Exchange year.

These and many similar stories by Exchange students tell us that their lives have changed and this experience has impacted them forever. We hear them say: ♦ I know that I can make my own positive decisions without my parents help♦; ♦I can make a public speech in a foreign language♦; ♦I have friends from all over the world that I communicate with regularly and I have been invited to visit them in their home♦; and finally I love this one ♦, I so miss the fresh baked bread and croissant♦s with butter and jam for breakfast♦.

It is the hope of the District Youth Exchange Committee that each Rotary Club President in District 6780 will designate a Youth Service Officer, who will promote all the Youth Service programs whether it be the Long Term (10 months) or the Short-Term Summer (28 days) Exchange program or RYLA or the Interact program.

If the Youth Service Officer will take just 30 minutes of their time and speak to high school administrators, teachers, counselors as well as students about the Rotary Youth Exchange programs, you may make a big difference in a student♦s life. Just think of the great personal reward you will have in knowing that you helped a high school student to make a significant and dynamic change in his or her life.

If you have additional questions about the Rotary Youth Exchange program, please feel free to contact me directly.

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