

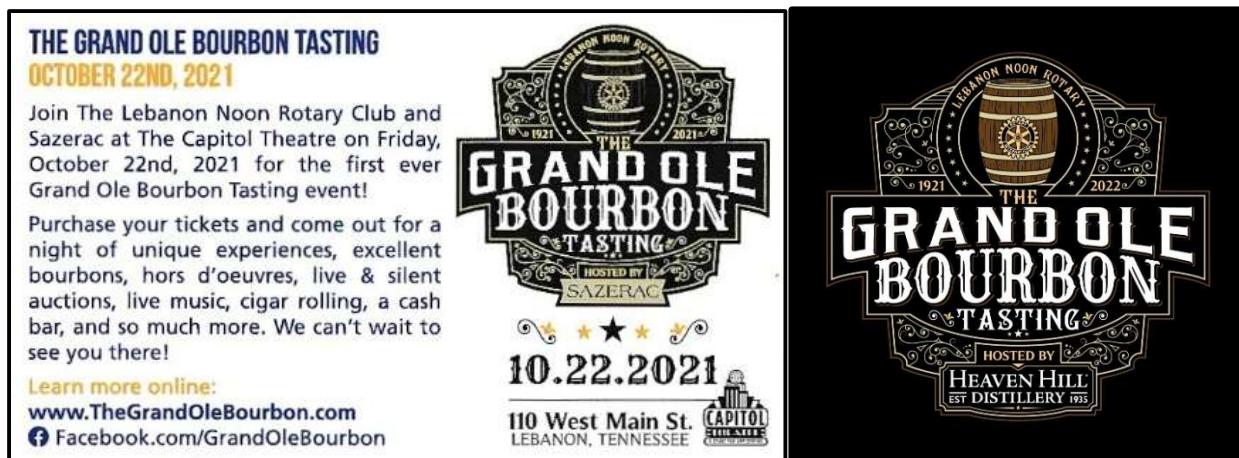
THE ROTARY CLUB OF LEBANON

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

Grand Ole Bourbon Events

Two “**Grand Ole Bourbon**” whiskey tasting events have been held at the Capitol Theatre in Lebanon (2021 and 2022), raising a combined net total of approximately \$75,000. Net proceeds from both years have supported various nonprofit efforts in Lebanon, Wilson County. At the Club's 100-Year Celebration at the Capitol Theatre in November 2021, \$10,000 was donated to Rotary International.



Annual Gwynn Lanius Memorial Golf Tournament

The annual tournament, begun in 1985, raises funds for The Rotary Club of Lebanon Foundation, which supports various local nonprofit efforts in Lebanon and in Wilson County, Tennessee. The tournament has provided approximately \$400,000 in gross revenues over the last 40 years (1985-2025). **Gwynn Lanius** was a longtime member who helped coordinate the tournament for many years.



Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair: The Lebanon Rotary Clubs' Concessions Booth

Since 1994, in partnership with the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club, the “fair booth” opens for business every August for ten days and serves fairgoers with delicious fair food. Members in each club share the responsibility of helping work at the concession booth. The booth is a major fundraiser and profits help to support many projects in the community.



Purple Pinkie Day

Purple Pinkie Day is a Rotary International event celebrating **World Polio Day** to raise awareness and funds for the global fight to end polio. When children are vaccinated against polio, health workers dip the child’s little finger in purple dye to mark that they’ve received the vaccine. Our club partners with Dunkin’ Donuts to purchase “purpled” donuts with all proceeds-benefitting **PolioPlus**.



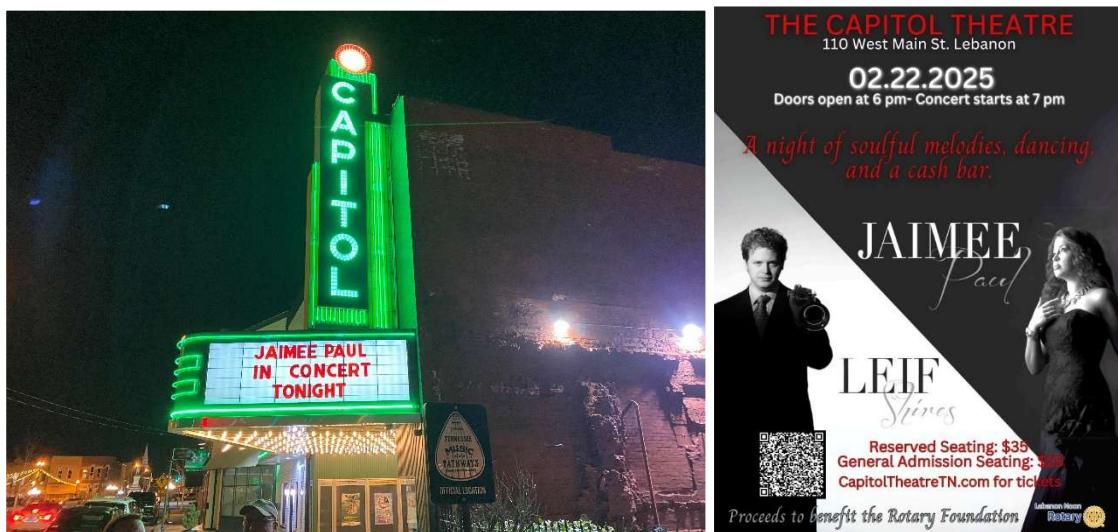
100 Reasons to Be Thankful

Begun in 2024, this is a club-specific fundraiser. For a donation between \$1-\$100, a member "buys" the ability to share his/her reason to be thankful.



An Elegant Evening With Jaimee Paul

This 2025 fundraising event was in partnership with the Capitol Theatre. The benefit concert featured Jaimee Paul, an American jazz singer and her husband, Leif Shires, a trumpet player and recording artist.



SERVICE PROJECTS:

Christmas Baskets

For over 100 years, collecting and delivering Christmas Baskets to those in need has been an honored Rotary Club of Lebanon tradition. It is one of the club's favorite annual service projects.



Stuff the Bus (Lebanon Special School District)

This is an annual community initiative that collects school supplies and other classroom essentials for underserved students across the district.



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes for deserving families. Annually, the four Rotary Clubs in Wilson County work together on a build.



Joseph's Storehouse Food Ministry

Joseph's Storehouse is a nonprofit organization located in Lebanon, Tennessee, dedicated to providing food assistance and support to individuals and families. Over \$100,000 worth of food, toiletries and household items is distributed each month to an average of 800+ families. The food program targets the low-income, disabled, elderly, and single parents. The Rotary Club of Lebanon members volunteer to help in the distribution process.



SUCCESS Grant

Rotarians gave funds to the **Lebanon Special School District** for Cooking and Savings classes, with students designing products and pitching their entrepreneurial ideas to the Rotary panel for funding approval. Each winning team received \$500.



Read To Succeed

Read To Succeed is an educational literacy program designed to help children improve their reading skills, comprehension, and overall academic success. During the school year, The Rotary Club of Lebanon partners with the two Mt. Juliet Rotary Clubs in purchasing and delivering a new book to every 1st grade student in the Wilson County School district and the Lebanon Special School District.



Author's Grove at Cumberland University

The Rotary Club of Lebanon secured a District Grant to create an historical **Author's Grove** on the campus of Cumberland University to enhance education in the outdoor classroom. Five trees (from the homes of William Faulkner, Mark Twain, Henry David Thoreau, Alex Haley and Helen Keller) were planted. A Rotary buddy bench serves as a place to relax and contemplate.



Compassionate Hands

Compassionate Hands began in 2012 when a group set out to ensure that nobody froze to death in Wilson County. Today, in partnership with Compassionate Hands' own facility, over 50 churches use their locations to provide winter shelter to individuals (men and women) experiencing homelessness. Since 2013, over 50,000 meals have been served with the help of Rotary Club of Lebanon members.



Easter Bags for Assisted Living Residents

Easter 2025, our Rotarians partnered with Wilson Rides Inc. to fill and decorate over 150 Easter bags which were delivered to residents of assisted living, memory care and rehabilitation facilities in Wilson County, TN.



Tree-Planting

This Fall 2021 service project was an environmental and beautification initiative focused on planting trees to enhance erosion control, beautify green spaces, improve air quality, and promote sustainability at Lebanon's WeGo (passenger railroad) Station and at local parks.



Youth Baseball League Sponsorships

In partnership with the Lebanon Kiwanis Club, the Lebanon Noon Rotary has sponsored youth baseball leagues in Lebanon since 2001, creating a rewarding and fun athletic experience for hundreds of children every year.

Picnic Tables for Empower Me Center

Empower Me transforms the lives of individuals with disabilities. Rotary members provided picnic tables and umbrellas for use at their Center's outdoor events.