

Rotary



Club of Smyrna

Events

January 16th, 11:00-12:00 PM

2025 WOFFF Meeting

Speaker: Eric Brown

Subject: Our 1st Meeting for the 2025 WOFFF

January 23rd, 12:00-1:00 PM

Smyrna Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: PDG Eddie Allred

Subject: Eddie will be talking about the Rotary Foundation.

February 6th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Smyrna Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Kelly O'Connor

Subject: Becoming a Peacebuilder Club

January 16th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Smyrna Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: ID General Warner A. Ross, Adjutant General

Subject: Moving Army and Air Guard Units from Berry Field to Smyrna

January 30th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Smyrna Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Club Assembly

Subject: Hear from the club's committee chairs.

February 13th, 12:00-1:00 PM

Smyrna Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Fran Dunne & Smyrna Senior Activity Center

Subject: Senior Activity Center Community Update

President's Note

By Judy King on Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Good afternoon,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful snow last week and had plenty of milk and bread to get you through it. Snow days as an adult are quite different from childhood snow days.

Picture it, rural Alabama, early 80s, a yellow Volkswagen Beetle, a chain, and a piece of tin (curved up to make sure it would glide and not dig), and a lot of fun and laughter by kids being slung around the yard on the tin by the Beetle. Of course, this was followed by a mother running out the front door screaming at a father to stop before the kids got hurt. Neither happened, of course.

Another memory was a big snow and ice storm in the early 80's that was both crippling and beautiful. Every tree limb, power line, and bush looked as though they were adorned by diamonds, glistening in the sunlight. Living on a bluff made for great excitement in a car because of the layer of ice on the roads. My brother had a 70's model Gremlin that he didn't love. My mom decided she needed to drive off the bluff down into the cove and take pictures of the beautiful landscape, so she chose to drive the Gremlin. Armed with a Kodak 110 camera and enough layers to make an Eskimo hot, Mom and I ventured down the bluff to the cove, slipping, sliding, praying, and flashing photos. Momma, the Gremlin, and I all made it back home, unharmed (my brother was disappointed and had hoped for a different outcome for the Gremlin).

Those are 2 of my favorite snow day memories from childhood. Last week, I watched it snow from the inside of the house and only ventured outside to take the trash out. My how things have changed.

**2025 WOFFF Meeting Tomorrow
11am - Eric Brown will be your host.**

**Join us for this week's Rotary meeting.
Guest Speaker - ID General Warner A. Ross, Adjutant General
Topic - Moving Army & Air Guard Units from Berry Field to Smyrna**

The bell will ring at 12:15pm.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

WOFFF Meeting - Thursday, January 16 @ 11am, hosted by Eric Brown

Club Assembly - Thursday, January 30, noon - Hear from Club Committee Chairs and get plugged in.

Rotary District 6760 RLI Classes Parts 1, 2, and 3 - Saturday, February 8, located at Union University, 205 Indian Lake Blvd., Hendersonville, TN, now open for registration via DACdb. The cost (\$60) is reimbursed by the club. If you are interested in a leadership position or board position, you are highly encouraged to attend.

6th Annual Rotary Panel Build - Habitat for Humanity - Saturday, February 8am-2:30pm, 1 1/2 hour shifts, Sign-up Genius

has been sent via email. See Michael Wilson for more information.

Smyrna West Job Shadow Day - February 20, if you would like to host a student at your place of business for the morning, please let me know.

Don't forget to "like" and "share" any postings on Facebook about our club. Be sure to "like" and "follow" our club's Facebook page, "Rotary Club of Smyrna, TN."