

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga Downtown

### Events

December 7th  
**John Venhuizen , President  
& CEO -ACE Hardware Corp.**  
December 14th  
**Nick Johnson - CEO - One  
Off Robotics**  
December 21st  
**Holiday Program**  
December 28th  
**NO ROTARY MEETING**

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### Tom Glenn



**110th Rotary President**

**Rotary Meeting  
Thursday  
December 7, 2023  
12 Noon  
Chattanooga Convention Center  
Exhibit Hall "C"**

**SPEAKER:**

**John Venhuizen**



**President and Chief Executive Officer  
Ace Hardware Corporation**

Venhuizen, 51, is a 29-year veteran of Ace. Prior to becoming CEO in 2013, Venhuizen served as President and Chief Operating Officer. Since joining the company in 1992, Venhuizen has held several leadership positions overseeing marketing, business development, strategy, supply chain, IT, and International.

Ace Hardware is the largest retailer-owned hardware cooperative and hardline distributor in the world. With over 5,580 stores in all 50 states and over 69 countries, Ace and its subsidiaries operate an expansive network of distribution centers in the U.S., China, Panama, and the United Arab Emirates.

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### Club Meeting

Chattanooga  
Meets at Chattanooga  
Convention and Trade Center  
One Carter Plaza  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.