

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga

Events

May 8th
Richard Kennedy -
ED TN Commission
on Children &
Youth

May 15th
Signal
Centers/Global
Access Awareness -
Chris Downey -
Speaker

May 22nd
Spring Outing -
Rotary Field
Miracle League of
Chattanooga

May 29th
Brian McSween -
CEO/Artistic
Director
Chattanooga Ballet

Club Leaders



Douglas S.
Thompson
President



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Varner
President -
Elect



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Costa
President -
Nominee



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Director



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Mack
Club
Director



Kurt J.
Faires
Club
Membership
Chair



Don
McDowell
Club
Service
Chair



Robert D.
Moss
Club Rotary
Foundation
Chair



David
Steele
Sergeant -
at Arms



J. Tom
Glenn
iPast
President

Club Meeting

Chattanooga
Meets at Chattanooga
Convention and Trade
Center
One Carter Plaza
Chattanooga, TN

Doug Thompson



111th Rotary President

ROTARY MEETING

Thursday, May 8th

12 NOON

Chattanooga Convention Center

Ballrooms: 13 / 14 / 15

SPEAKER:

Richard Kennedy



**Executive Director
of the**

Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth

Richard is a lifelong advocate for children and youth, and has served as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) since June 2018.

With a career spanning over two decades at TCCY, he has held key leadership roles focused on improving policies and services for Tennessee's children, youth and families.

Kennedy holds degrees in Political Science from Lambuth University and Counseling from Trevecca University.

His involvement in the community includes having served on the Board of Directors for Nurture the Next, both as a Member and Board Chair,

The Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, and the United Ways of Tennessee, where he is currently serving as Board Chair.

He has also volunteered as a Big Brother with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Nashville.

Save the DATE:
Thursday, May 22, 2025
5:30pm - 7:30pm

"SPRING OUTING"
Rotary Field
Miracle League of Chattanooga
Warner Park
5:30 pm – 7:30pm

Watch a ballgame and enjoy some good Rotary Fellowship!

You and a guest are invited.

RSVP to the Rotary Office by responding to this email.

Yes_____ GUEST_____

Will NOT attend_____

NO NOON ROTARY MEETING ON MAY 22ND

Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025

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Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
8-May	Richard Kennedy	ED TN Commission on Children & Youth
15-May	Donna McConnico	Signal Centers/Global Access Awareness
22-May	Spring Outing	Rotary Miracle Field Watch a game
29-May	Brian McSween	Chattanooga Ballet
5-Jun	Tim Kelly	Mayor of Chattanooga
12-Jun	Dennis Tumlin	TN Department of Tourism
19-Jun	Doug & Edna	Year in Review & Edna Varner Inauguration
26-Jun	No Meeting	NO ROTARY MEETING

New Member Introduction

Doug McClure
New Member Introduction



President Doug Thompson

New Member Introduction
Will O'Hearn



Dionne Jenkins- Proposer

**New Member Introduction
Todd Ricke**



Proposer - Chip Baker

**Jerele Neeld
New Member Introduction**



Don McDowell Proposer

**Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President 2024-25**



No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change.

As you read his message,
I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn. — Stephanie Urchick

I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

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Four Way Test

Is it the Truth?	Is it Fair?
Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?	Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE 4-WAY TEST

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Largest Rotary Clubs in the United States

Rotary - United States			
	Club	City Pop.	Members
1	Birmingham, AL	1,144,919	581
2	Oklahoma, OK	681,054	570
3	Atlanta, GA	6,193,000	492
4	Baton Rouge, LA	227,470	474
5	Nashville, TN	715,884	453
6	Madison, WI	272,903	421
7	Louisville, KY	624,444	360
8	Milwaukee, WI	577,222	343
9	Wichita, KS	396,192	338
10	Toledo, OH	266,301	332
11	Downtown Sioux Falls, ID	202,078	330
12	Rotary Club of Chattanooga	161,099	322
13	Little Rock, AK	202,591	315
14	Rochester,NY	209,352	313
15	York, PA	456,438	298
16	Cincinnati, OH	309,317	258
17	Mobile, AL	187,041	245
18	Columbus, OH	913,175	244
19	Lincoln, NE	292,627	243
20	Charlotte, NC	879,709	237