

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga

Events

April 24th
Bo Drake -
TCAT/Chatt State

May 1st
NO THURSDAY
ROTARY MEETING

May 2nd
Rotary Friday
Multi-District
Conference
**Reservations
required

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

Club Leaders



Douglas S.
Thompson
President



Edna E.
Varner
President -
Elect



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Costa
President -
Nominee



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Public
Image
Chair



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Director



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Membership
Chair



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McDowell
Club
Service
Chair



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Moss
Club Rotary
Foundation
Chair



David
Steele
Sergeant-
at-Arms

J. Tom
Glenn
iPast
President

Doug Thompson



111th Rotary President

Rotary Meeting

Thursday

April 24, 2025

12 Noon

Chattanooga Convention Center

Ballrooms: 4 / 5 / 6

SPEAKER:

Bo Drake



**Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development
at Chattanooga State Community College**

Vice President of Economic and Workforce Development at Chattanooga State Community College where he leads regional initiatives aimed at strengthening the workforce and expanding economic opportunity. In July 2023, he also took on the role of Vice President of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Chattanooga State, continuing his mission to align education with the evolving needs of industry.

With a passion for community-driven progress, Bo has built a career focused on collaboration and innovation, helping create clear and attainable pathways to economic mobility for individuals across the region. He attended the Harvard Business School's Young American Leaders Program and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission's Leadership and Fellows Program as well as Leadership Chattanooga.

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Friday May 2nd 12 Noon



Club Meeting

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

Friday - May 2nd
12 Noon - 2PM
Chattanooga Convention Center
Multi-District Conference

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Speakers:

Former Rotary International Presidents

John Germ – Rotary Club of Chattanooga
and
K. R. Ravindran – Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Please reply to this email if you plan to attend the lunch on Friday, May 2nd.
President Doug would love to have at least 50 people attend.
Make a reservation and come on down for Lunch on FRIDAY, May 2nd 12 Noon
*Make a reservation**
NO ROTARY MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

New Member Introduction

Jerele Neeld
New Member Introduction




Don McDowell Proposer

New Member Introduction
Todd Ricke



Proposer - Chip Baker

Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025

| Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025  | | |
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| Date | Speaker | Rotary Program |

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| 24-Apr | Bo Drake | TCAT/ChattState |
| MAY 1ST | NO THURSDAY MAY 1ST ROTARY MEETING | NO THURSDAY MAY 1ST ROTARY MEETING |
| Friday 2-May | Multi-District Conference Lunch 12 Noon - 2PM Chattanooga Convention Center RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | Speakers-May 2nd Multi-District Conference Former Rotary International Presidents John Germ – Rotary Club of Chattanooga and K. R. Ravindran – Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka |
| 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 |

Congratulations.....UTC MOCS!!



YEAH!!!! GO...MOCS...

Stephanie A. Urchick, Rotary International President 2024-25 April 2025-Newsletter



Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President 2024-25

April Newsletter

As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve. A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They are also committed to volunteering their

time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.
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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 | 181,099 | 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 |

Four Way Test

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| 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?"