

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga Downtown

Events

January 12th
Nick Wilkinson -
CEO - Tivoli
Theater Foundation

January 19th
Rotaract Program-
Tasia Malakasis,
CEO The Company
Lab

January 26th**
Venue Change
UTC TENNESSEE
ROOM
Speaker:
David
Carroll Broadcaster
and Journalist in
Chattanooga

February 2nd
Bob Bernhardt,
Maestro Emeritus,
Chattanooga
Symphony

February 9th
Valentine Program

February 16th
Keri Randolph -
Chattanooga 2.0

February 23rd
Education Panel -
Mark Neal (PEF)
David Baird -Teach
for America

Club Leaders



Virginia
Anne
Sharber
President



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Glenn
President -
Elect



Douglas
Scott
Thompson
President -
Nominee



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Taylor Jr.
Secretary

Peterson
Hostetler

Virginia Anne Sharber



109th Rotary President

Rotary Meeting
Thursday
January 12, 2023
12 Noon
Chattanooga Convention Center
Ballrooms: H I J
(Hybrid Meeting)

SPEAKER:

Nick Wilkinson



Treasurer



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Club Director



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Club Director



Dionne R. Jenkins
Club Director



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Club Director



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Club Membership Chair



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Rotary Foundation Chair
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



Charles M. Nicely
Sergeant-at-Arms



Don McDowell
Club Service Chair



Edna E. Varner
Club Youth Services Chair



CEO Tivoli Theatre Foundation

Nick Wilkinson is the CEO of the Tivoli Theatre Foundation, which oversees and operates the Tivoli Theatre, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium, and the Walker Theatre in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Since joining in 2017, Nick has led the Foundation's dramatic turnaround in the use and financial stability of its venues and increased the average annual show count by nearly 900%, annual revenue by 57%, and invested more than \$10 million back into its three venues.

Nick also leads the efforts of the estimated \$57 million restoration and creation of the new Tivoli Performing Arts Center.

Before the Tivoli Foundation, Nick served as Director of Economic Development for the City of Chattanooga and has served in various finance and development roles.

Nick's involvement in the local community has included service on the boards of the Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition, the Institutional Review Board of the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Chattanooga, GrassRoots MidTown, the Downtown Chattanooga YMCA, the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bessie Smith Cultural Center and African American Museum, and is also a member of the Downtown Chattanooga Rotary Club. Nick founded the McCallie School Alumni Duck Day Golf Tournament, which this coming year will mark its 15th anniversary of raising funds for scholarships to deserving Chattanooga boys.

A lifelong Chattanooga, Nick is married to his former prom date and fellow UGA alum Laura Creel Wilkinson, a nurse with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, and they spend most of their time driving their sons Niko and Hudson to sporting events.

Welcome New Members

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A Blessing Quote

"A Blessing"
May you always have enough
Happiness
to keep you sweet;
Enough trials to keep you
strong;
Enough success to keep you



R. Craig Holley
iPast
President



Erin L. Kelly
Club
Executive
Secretary



David E. Sergeant
Assistant
District
Governor

Club Meeting

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

Zoom

*eager;
Enough faith to give you
courage;
And enough determination to
make
Each day a good day.*

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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	Officers	2023-24
President		Tom Glenn
1st Vice President		Kirby Yost
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Secretary		Marlin Gines
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Director 2023-25 Two Year Term		Jonathan Armstrong
Director 2022-24 Two Year Term		Dionne Jenkins
Director 2022-24 Two Year Term		Mike Costa
Sergeant-at-Arms		Ron Harris
Immediate Past President		Virginia Anne Sharber
President-Elect (2024-25)		Doug Thompson

Jennifer Jones Rotary International President 2022-23



January 2023 Newsletter

Rotary recently surveyed our members and found something that should be unsurprising but still caused many of us in Rotary leadership to sit up and pay attention: The single most important factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. How at home you feel in your club, how rewarding club meetings are, and how engaged you feel in service projects.

I have seen this firsthand across the Rotary world this year. When members feel an emotional connection to their club, they cannot imagine leaving. And that connection is often forged in "Rotary moments," when people feel that special connection to the people around them and the impact of their service. Our Imagine Impact Tour is all about shining a light on those Rotary moments and encouraging our members to tell their stories.

But there's something else that makes an enormous difference in building and sustaining that connection. It's the comfort and care of our members — both Rotarians and Rotaractors. As my Rotary friend Todd Jenkins says, "People can't see how you think, but they sure can see your actions."

We are in the relationship business, and if we take care of each other — genuinely show concern for each other — then we will make friends for life, and we will do anything to widen that circle of friendship.

The question is: How do we live with our eyes wide open and do the things that really matter? We do this by taking time for each other, actively listening to one another, and treating every Rotary member as equally valuable — no matter how long we have been a member or what position we hold.

People like me in Rotary leadership can offer all kinds of advice about how to make your club experience more valuable. But what's most important is for everyone in every Rotary club to speak up and listen to one another. We should never be afraid to share with our fellow Rotary members what we expect to get out of our membership and have an open discussion about how to make that happen.

To lead a Rotary club is to invite such dialogue and to be willing to try new approaches. Good leadership is giving it away. Propping others up. Allowing others to feel the victory.

I have one last request for club leaders. We still need to do more worldwide to increase our female membership. It's up a bit this year, but I know we can and must do better. Rotary is growing again. As I write this, we're just a handful of members away from surpassing 1.2 million Rotarians again. So let's redouble our efforts to bolster our clubs with great new members, then keep them for life by providing comfort and care.