

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga Downtown

Events

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

January 26th
David Carroll Broadcast
Journalist

**Venue Change: UTC
Tennessee Room
Reservations Required**

February 2nd
Bob Bernhardt, Maestro
Emeritus, Chattanooga
Symphony

February 9th
Valentine Program

Club Leaders



Virginia Anne Sharber
President



J. Tom Glenn
President - Elect



Douglas Scott
Thompson
President - Nominee



Robert C. Taylor Jr.
Secretary



Peterson Hostettler
Treasurer



Michael J. Costa
Club Director

Robin B. Derryberry
Vice President
Public Image Chair

Virginia Anne Sharber



109th Rotary President

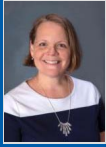
**Rotary Meeting
January 19, 2023
Chattanooga Convention Center
12 NOON
Ballrooms: H I J
(Hybrid Meeting)**

Speaker:

TASIA MALAKASIS



Kathryn Cooper Harbison
Club Director



Dionne R. Jenkins
Club Director



Bernie Miller
Club Director



Kurt J. Faires
Club Membership
Chair



Robert D. Moss
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



R. Craig Holley
iPast President



Erin L. Kelly
Club Executive
Secretary



David E. Sergeant



**CEO The Company Lab (CO.LAB)
Founder BELLE CHEVRE
AUTHOR OF TASIA'S TABLE, and SOUTHERN MADE FRESH**

Tasia Malakasis is the newly minted CEO of The Company Lab (CO.LAB), a nonprofit dedicated to accelerating startups in Chattanooga, TN.

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**Venue Change January 26th
Reservations Required**

**On January 26th we will meet at
UTC- University Center - Tennessee Room**

Speaker: David Carroll - Broadcast Journalist

*****Reservations Required*****

**If you plan to attend and have NOT made a reservation,
please do so by January 19th.**

Welcome New Members

**Ramsey Brock, Jr
Insurance**

Brock Insurance Agency
823 Chickamauga Ave
Rossville, GA 30741
Phone: (706) 866-3394
email:ramseyb@brockins.com

Alton Brown
Communications
Chattanooga Times Free Press
400 East 11th Street



Assistant District
Governor

37403
Phone: (423) 757-6370
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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

ZOOM

Jennifer Jones Rotary International President January 2023 Newsletter

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.