

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga Downtown

### Events

January 23rd

[Dr. Russ Wigginton, National Civil Rights Museum](#)

January 30th

[Dr. Alfred Degrafinreid - CEO Leadership TN](#)

February 6th

[Coty Wamp, Hamilton County DA](#)

[Change of Venue Marriott Hotel](#)

February 13th

[Valentine Social 5pm - 7pm](#)

### Club Leaders



[Douglas S. Thompson](#)  
President



[Edna E. Varner](#)  
President - Elect



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Secretary



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Club Director



[Robin B. Derryberry](#)  
Public Image Chair



[Emily C. Mack](#)  
Club Director



[Kurt J. Faires](#)  
Club Membership Chair



[Don McDowell](#)  
Club Service Chair

### Doug Thompson



111Th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting  
January 23, 2025  
12 Noon**

**Chattanooga Convention Center  
Ballrooms: H / I / J**

**SPEAKER:**

**Dr. Russ Wigginton**



**President of the  
National Civil Rights Museum**

Dr. Wigginton assumed this role in August 2021 and brings vast experience in education,



Robert D. Moss  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
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 37402  
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM



fundraising, operations, and community engagement. Prior to assuming this role, Russ served as the Chief Postsecondary Impact Officer for Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE), where he led the organization's work for post-secondary access, retention, and completion.

[Read More](#)

## Valentine Cocktail Party

### Valentine Cocktail Party Bring your Plus 1!



**Thursday**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup> .....5pm – 7pm**  
**Chattanooga Convention Center**  
**Ballrooms: H I J**

**Entertainment provided by:**  
**Mountain Cove Bluegrass Band**  
**Make your reservation(s) now!! *REPLY to this email.***

Yes

*Plus 1*

**(You get one free guest. This is part of your Special Occasions Fee)**

No

**Reservations are due to the Rotary office by February 10th.**

**New Member Introduction Morgan Maclellan**



**Morgan Maclellan gave his New Member Introduction today.  
(As an added bonus, his son, Peter Maclellan, came to the meeting).  
Mike St Charles is his Proposer**



**Morgan and son Peter**

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### **Change to your 2024-25 Board of Directors**

**When we lost Pete Cooper, we also lost the 1stVP position on our Board.**

**The Current Board approved Richard Johnson to fill the 1stVP position for the balance of the Rotary year.**

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### **Chattanooga Rotary 2025 Program Calendar**


  
**Rotary**
  
 Club of Chattanooga

Month	Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
-	-	-	<i>Meeting at the Chattanooga Convention Center</i>
Jan.	16	Cam Doody	Co-Founder of Brickyard
Jan.	23	Dr. Russ Wigginton	National Civil Rights Museum
Jan.	30	Alfred Degrafinreid	President & CEO Leadership Tennessee
Feb.	6	Coty Wamp	Hamilton County District Attorney ( <i>Location Change-Marriott</i> )
Feb.	13	Mountain Cove Bluegrass Band	Valentines Day Social - 5pm to 7 pm
Feb.	20	Dr. Vince Viscomi	Sleep ; The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
Feb.	27	Austin Garrett	Hamilton County - Sheriff
Mar.	6	Catherine Colby	Rotary Water Projects Update
Mar.	13	Scott Worland	TBD
Mar.	20	Troy Keith	State of Tennessee Environmental Consultant
Mar.	27	Weston Wamp	Hamilton County Mayor
April	3	Christian Hoferle	Cultural Mastery
April	10	Chatt Public Arts Specialist	Austin Center
April	17	Dr. Anna George	Tennessee Aquarium
April	24	Bo Drake	TCAT/ Chatt State
May	2	Multi- District Conference	Friday Meeting Host Club for Multi District (KY, AL, TN) Conference
May	8	Richard Kennedy	*ED TN Commission on Children & Youth
May	15	Donna McConico	Joint Meeting with Signal Centers/ Global Access Awareness
May	22	Spring Outing	Rotary Miracle Field to watch a game
May	29	Brian McSween	Chattanooga Ballett
June	5	Tim Kelly	Mayor of Chattanooga
June	12	Dennis Tumlin	TN Department of Tourism
June	19	Doug & Edna	Year in Review & Edna Varner Inauguration
June	26	No Meeting	

**Members**

Deadline for Guest Reservations → NOON Monday of Program Week

1. Guest Fee is \$35 (pass through of Club's cost)
2. Guests may pay at the Door; otherwise, Guest Fee charged to Member's Account
3. No shows after Deadline will be charged to Member's Account

\* Chattanooga Rotary was est. in 1914 and is currently the 12th Largest Club in the USA

**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
<b>12</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Chattanooga</b>	<b>181,099</b>	<b>322</b>
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

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:**

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**