



Events

January 23rd

Dr. Russ
Wigginton,
National Civil
Rights Museum

January 30th

Dr. Alfred
Degrifinreid - 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



Larry S.
Parks
Secretary



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Stewart
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Christensen
Club
Director



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Derryberry
Public
Image
Chair



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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.

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Valentine Cocktail Party



Valentine Cocktail Party Bring your Plus 1!



**Thursday
February 13th5pm – 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

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.**

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 Degrifinreid | 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 Visconti | 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 Hoeferle | 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 McConnico | 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 |
| 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



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?"**