

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga Downtown

Events

January 26th
David Carroll Broadcast Journalist
Venue Change
UTC University Center Tennessee Room
****Reservation Required****

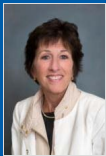
February 2nd
Bob Bernhardt, Maestro Emeritus, Chattanooga Symphony

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



J. Tom Glenn
President - Elect



Douglas Scott Thompson
President - Nominee



Robert C. Taylor Jr.
Secretary



Peterson Hostetler
Treasurer



Michael J. Costa
Club Director

Virginia Anne Sharber



109th Rotary President

Rotary Meeting
January 26, 2023
12 Noon

****Venue Change****

UTC
University Center
Tennessee Room
12 Noon
(HYBRID Meeting)

SPEAKER:
David Carroll



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



[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](#)



Broadcast Journalist & Author

Topic: A look back at 100 years of famous people who have visited our area, and our historic local entertainment venues.

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Welcome New Members

James B. Walker III (JAMIE)

Construction
409 Spring Street
37405
Phone: (423) 267-5471
Email: jwalker@lawsonelectric

Ramsey Brock, Jr **Insurance**

Brock Insurance Agency
823 Chickamauga Ave
Rossville, GA 30741
Phone: (706) 866-3394
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Alton Brown

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**The 2023-2024
Rotary Theme
has been announced!**



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

Meeting will also be via UTC
Livestream



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**

RI President-elect Gordon McNally calls for Rotary to create hope in the world by working for peace and mental wellbeing. He urges members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values.

[#createhopeintheworld](#) [#RotaryInternational](#)

Jennifer Jones
Rotary International President 2022-23
January 2023
Newsletter



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.