

# Rotary



# Club of Chattanooga

## Events

- January 30th  
Dr. Alfred Degrafinreid - CEO Leadership TN
- February 6th  
Coty Wamp, Hamilton County DA
- February 13th  
Valentine Social
- February 20th  
Dr. Vince Viscomi - Sleep Expert
- February 27th  
Austin Garrett- Hamilton County Sheriff

## Club Leaders



Douglas S. Thompson  
President



Edna E. Varner  
President-Elect



Larry S. Parks  
Secretary



Mark A. Stewart  
Treasurer



Jens Christensen  
Club Director



Robin B. Derryberry  
Public Image Chair



Emily C. Mack  
Club Director

Kurt J. Faires  
Club Membership Chair

## Doug Thompson



### 111th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting**  
**January 30, 2025**  
**12 Noon**  
**Chattanooga Convention Center**  
**Ballrooms: 4 / 5 / 6**

**SPEAKER:**

### Dr. Alfred Degrafinreid II





Don McDowell  
Club Service Chair



Robert D. Moss  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



David Steele  
Sergeant-at-Arms



J. Tom Glenn  
iPast President

Dr. Alfred Degrafinreid II is the CEO of Leadership Tennessee and recently completed his Doctorate in Education from Vanderbilt University.

Under his watch, Leadership Tennessee has emerged as the pre-eminent hub for leaders to learn to work together to solve hard problems in a nonpartisan manner.

In addition, he is also the current President of the Rotary Club of Nashville.

## Golden Rule of Rotary Clubs



What we do in Rotary is not primarily for our own benefit, but people must enjoy Rotary if it is to survive.

This is the real Golden Rule of Rotary clubs:

***If what we do isn't fun, then it's not worth doing.***

## Valentine Cocktail Party



**Valentine Cocktail Party**  
**Bring your Plus 1!**



**Thursday**  
**th**

### Club Meeting

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

February 13 .....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 No

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

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**Celebrate National Blood Donor Month!**

**Need a Make-up????**

**Celebrate National Blood Donor Month!**

Donors who give blood during the  
**National Blood Donor Month of January\***  
will receive a 'Save a Life' long sleeve tee as a thank-you  
from  
Blood Assurance.

**(Just like President Doug's shirt)**



**As an extra Rotary bonus:**

**\*Give blood in January or February  
and receive a Rotary Make-Up.**

**Give Platelets and get TWO (2) Rotary Make-ups.**

**To receive your make-up,  
reply to this email and let the Rotary Office know the date you gave**

**blood.**

## **DID YOU KNOW:**

**Our own Rotarian, John Germ, was Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Blood Assurance.**

**John was also Rotary International President 2016-17.**

### **Rotary Tid-Bit:**

**In 1972, Rotarian, Grady Lane became the first employee of Blood Assurance.**

**He later became Senior Vice President of Community Relations.**

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## **Chattanooga Rotary Club Provides LifeVac To Every School In Hamilton County**



Members of the Chattanooga Rotary Club are providing Hamilton County Schools with LifeVac anti-choking units for every public school in the County. The value of the donation is approximately \$20,000.

Rotary Club Project Chair Don McDowell noted that Rotarian Paula Henderson brought the idea to the club after a presentation featuring information about the life-changing units that are currently in over 2,700 restaurants and public spaces throughout the county's footprint.

"When Paula shared that 3,000 lives have been saved through the use of these units, we knew it made perfect sense for our Club to support," Chair McDowell said. He noted that the Club has been working with non-profit Greg 02 on the effort.

Officials said, "Greg 02 began when local businessman Greg Creswell lost his life when his windpipe became blocked with food at a local restaurant. With few options besides the Heimlich, Greg passed away from a preventable situation. Greg's older brother, Rob Creswell, spoke passionately to Rotary about the LifeVac device and the seeds to support it throughout the county were planted."

The units will be placed strategically near food service and teacher lounges in the schools.

Chair McDowell anticipates that each school will receive two or three devices.

"Rotarians are ordinary people doing extraordinary things and this project is certainly proof of this. The facts show that LifeVac has saved the lives of several of our citizens and we are honored to step up to provide units that will assist in keeping our students safe," he said.

Press Release provided by Robin Derryberry

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# Chattanooga Rotary 2025 Program Calendar



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	Mountains 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 Ballet
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

**New Member Introduction Morgan Maclellan**



Morgan Maclellan gave his New Member Introduction today.  
(As an added bonus, his son Peter Maclellan attended)  
Mike St Charles is his Proposer



## GPS Magazine



**We just never know where President Doug's photo will be....  
Happy to have Eileen (President Doug's niece)  
and Olivia, visit Rotary.  
Photo from the GPS magazine.**

## Largest Rotary Clubs in the United States

<b>Rotary - United States</b>			
	<b>Club</b>	<b>City Pop.</b>	<b>Members</b>
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?"**