

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga Downtown

### Events

November 18th  
**Rotaract Program Speaker**  
**John Germ**

November 25th  
**Thanksgiving -**  
**NO ROTARY Meeting**

December 2nd  
**Bob Rolfe-Commissioner**  
**Economic & Community**  
**Development**

December 9th  
**Kelly Arnold - Clinico**  
**Medicos**

December 16th  
**Rotary Holiday Program**  
**5PM**  
**NO NOON Meeting**

December 23rd  
**Christmas -**  
**NO ROTARY MEETING**

December 30th  
**Happy New Year -**  
**NO ROTARY MEETING**

### Club Leaders



R. Craig Holley  
President



Virginia Anne Sharber  
President-Elect



Erin L. Kelly  
Executive Director



Robin B. Derryberry  
Secretary



Peterson Hostetler  
Treasurer



Julia Betts Brandao  
Club Director



Kathryn Cooper  
Harbison  
Club Director



Andrew V. Kean  
Club Director



Bernie Miller  
Club Director

### Craig Holley



108th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting**  
**(Hybrid)**  
**11/18/2021**  
**12 Noon**

**Chattanooga Convention Center**  
**Ballrooms: E/F/G**

**Speaker:**

**John Germ**



### Past Rotary International President

John F. Germ joined Rotary in 1976. John served as Rotary International President in 2016-17.  
John is an active member of the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club.

In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change.

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### Welcome New Member

**Linda M. Mines (LINDA)**

*Community Volunteer*

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Kurt J. Faires  
Club Membership  
Chair



Stacy G. Lightfoot  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Don McDowell  
Service Projects Chair



Robert D. Moss  
Club Foundation Chair



Edna E. Varner  
Club Youth Services  
Chair



Elaine Swafford  
iPast President



David E. Sergeant  
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

## Shekhar Mehta Rotary International President 2021-22



### Rotary International President Newsletter

I first discovered the value of service when I saw how a few simple acts can immeasurably change lives. It began when I joined others in my club for a project to bring toilets and clean drinking water to rural villages near our city. It moved forward when we promoted sanitation and provided opportunities for education across the country, thanks to generous gifts from supporters who believed in our projects as much as those of us on the ground did.

There is no better time of the year to be reminded of that generosity than November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

As the charitable arm of Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that powers so many Rotary projects throughout the world. The Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives. It is the Foundation that helps us to get closer to our goal of eradicating polio, to show more people how we promote peace through tangible actions, and to demonstrate the impact our projects have in our areas of focus.

Consider some recent projects that were made possible by the Foundation:

The Rotary clubs of Guatemala La Reforma, Guatemala, and Calgary, Alberta, received an \$80,000 global grant to organize a comprehensive plan to train nurses and rural health care workers to prevent and treat cervical cancer and to implement a sustainable system of referrals in seven regions of Guatemala.

More than two dozen hospitals in Honduras received personal protective equipment for their medical staff thanks to a \$169,347 global grant sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Villa Real de Tegucigalpa, Honduras, and Waldo Brookside-Kansas City, Missouri.

The Rotary clubs of Cotonou Le Nautile, Benin, and Tournai Haut-Escout, Belgium, received a \$39,390 global grant to provide agricultural training at an ecologically responsible permaculture mini-farm connected to a center for children in Sowé, Benin. This will help a new generation of farmers become economically self-sufficient.

I like comparing The Rotary Foundation to the Taj Mahal, a monument of one man's love for a woman. The Foundation is a dynamic monument of our love for all of humanity. This month I am asking all Rotary clubs to bring attention to the Foundation. It is what connects all Rotarians worldwide and transforms our collective passions into projects that change lives. Visit [rotary.org/donate](https://rotary.org/donate); once there, you will have an opportunity to give directly to the program you're most passionate about.

Thank you for giving your all to Rotary. You are the reason that Rotary is able to *do more* and *grow more*. Let's continue to represent that important legacy this month, this year, and beyond as we *Serve to Change Lives*.