

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga

Events

December 12th
**Dave Flessner -former
Business editor for
Chattanooga Times Free**

December 19th
Holiday Party

December 26th
NO ROTARY MEETING

January 2nd
NO ROTARY MEETING

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

Don McDowell
Club Service Chair

Doug Thompson



**Rotary Meeting
Thursday
December 12, 2024
12 Noon**

VENUE CHANGE

We will meet at the
******MARRIOTT HOTEL******

**Upstairs in the
PLAZA BALLROOM!!**

SPEAKER

Dave Flessner



[Robert D. Moss](#)
Rotary Foundation
Chair
Club Rotary
Foundation Chair



[David Steele](#)
Sergeant-at-Arms



[J. Tom Glenn](#)
iPast President

Club Meeting

Chattanooga
Marriott Hotel
One Carter Plaza
Chattanooga, TN 37402
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM



Arriving in Chattanooga in 1980 to work for the Chattanooga Times, Dave found a town that was proud to call itself the Dynamo of Dixie but was actually a city that was a shell of its former moniker. His business stories were of plant closings, layoffs, hardship and a dwindling economic base for the city. He thought he'd be here two or three years and then move on. It was the community, its stories, his colleagues and his work at the paper that has kept him here for nearly five decades.

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Welcome New Member

Elizabeth Culler (ELizabeth)

Community Services

Blood Assurance

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37403

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November Rotary Resignations

November Report

Sorry to say goodbye to:

Deb Socia

**And with Heartfelt Sorrow
we say goodbye to
Rotarian Carol Mutter**

and

**Honorary Member
Warren Hardy**

**Mr. Hardy was a member of this Rotary Club for 65
years.**

**Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President
2024-25**



Rotary International President 2024-25

December Newsletter

To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

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