

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga

Events

February 13th
Valentine Social
Convention Center
5PM - 7PM

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

Don McDowell
Club Service Chair

Doug Thompson



111th Rotary President

Rotary Meeting
Thursday
February 10th
Chattanooga Convention Center
5pm 7pm
Ballrooms: H I J

Valentine Social

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



Valentine Cocktail Party
Bring your Plus 1!



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 5PM - 7PM



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 --- No

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Welcome New Member

Doug McClure (DOUG)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Salvation Army

822 McCallie Avenue

37403

Phone: 423-756-1203

email: douglas.mcclure@uss.salvationarmy.org

Give blood in February and receive a Rotary Make-Up



As an extra Rotary bonus:

***Give blood in *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.

Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025

 Rotary Club of Chattanooga		
Rotary meetings at the Chattanooga Convention Center unless otherwise noted		
Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
6-Feb	Mountain Cove Bluegrass Band	Valentine Day Social - 5pm - 7pm
13-Feb	Dr. Vince Viscomi	Sleep; The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
20-Feb	Sheriff Austin Garrett	Hamilton County Sherriff
6-Mar	***Nick Wilkinson	Tivoli Theatre Renovation Update
13-Mar	Scott Worland	TBD
20-Mar	Troy Keith	State of Tennessee Environmental Consultant
27-Mar	Weston Wamp	Hamilton County Mayor
3-Apr	Christian Hoefele	Cultural Mastery
10-Apr	Austin Center	Chattanooga Public Arts Specialist
17-Apr	Dr. Anna George	Tennessee Aquarium
24-Apr	Bo Drake	TCAT/ChartState
2-May	Multi-District Conference	Friday Meeting Host Club for Multi District (KY, AL, TN) Conference
8-May	Richard Kennedy	ED TN Commission on Children & Youth
15-May	Donna McConnico	Joint Meeting with Signal Centers/Global Access Awareness
22-May	Spring Outing	Rotary Miracle Field to watch a game
May 29	Brian McSween	Chattanooga Ballet
5-Jun	Tim Kelly	Mayor of Chattanooga
12-Jun	Dennis Tumlis	TN Department of Tourism
19-Jun	Doug & Edna	Year in Review & Edna Varner Inauguration
26-Jun	No Meeting	NO ROTARY MEETING

Deadline for Guest Reservations: Noon on Monday of Program Week
 Guest Fee is \$35 (pass through of Club's Cost)
 Guests may pay at the Door; otherwise, Guest Fee is charged to the member's account
 NO-Shows after the deadline will be charged to the member's account

Chattanooga Rotary was established 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

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.*

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:

**Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Stephanie A. Urchick



Stephanie A. Urchick
Rotary International President 2024-25

February 2025 - Newsletter

This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate *The Magic of Rotary* — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change.

One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world.

For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries.

These centers cultivate expertise in fields like conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month, during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrated a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact.

Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership.

His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts. Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies *The Magic of Rotary* — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.