

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga Downtown

### Events

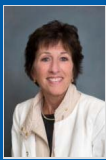
February 2nd  
Bob Bernhardt, Maestro  
Emeritus, Chattanooga  
Symphony

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



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President - Elect



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Thompson  
President - Nominee



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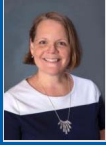
### Virginia Anne Sharber



### 109th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting  
February 2, 2023  
Chattanooga Convention Center  
Ballrooms: E F G  
12 Noon  
(Hybrid Meeting)**

**SPEAKER:  
Bob Bernhardt  
Music Director Emeritus of the  
Chattanooga Symphony and Opera**



Harbison  
Club Director



Dionne R. Jenkins  
Club Director



Bernie Miller  
Club Director



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Club Membership  
Chair



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Rotary Foundation  
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Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Youth Services  
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Club Executive  
Secretary



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Assistant District  
Governor



***Bob Bernhardt is the Music Director Emeritus of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera***, in his 30th year with the company; he was its Music Director and Conductor for 19 seasons (1992 - 2011). He is also currently Principal Pops Conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony (8th season) and The Louisville Orchestra (41st season), as well as Festival Conductor of Symphony Under the Sky with the Edmonton Symphony (16th year) and a frequent guest on several of their subscription series each season.

He guest conducts regularly in North America, most recently with the Detroit Symphony, St. Louis Symphony, Santa Barbara Symphony, The Florida Orchestra, The Boston Pops, Ft. Worth Symphony, The Calgary Philharmonic and others.

Along with Chattanooga, he was formerly Music Director and Conductor of the Tucson Symphony, the Amarillo Symphony, and Artistic Director of the Rochester Philharmonic and Lake Placid Sinfonietta.

A native of Rochester, NY, he was a 1973 graduate of Union College in Schenectady, NY, where he was Phi Beta Kappa, Summa cum laude, an Academic All-American Baseball player (third base) in his senior year, and captain of the soccer team. He went to Spring Training with the Kansas City Royals in the winter of 1974, and lasted a few days until the Royals suggested to him a career in music.

He received his Masters in Music with Honors at the University of Southern California in 1977, and sold building supplies while he collected his rejection letters for job applications.

He got his first break as Assistant Professor and head of the Conducting Program at the University of Alabama, and from there was lucky enough to win the audition as Assistant Conductor of The Louisville Orchestra in 1981, and the rest, so they say, is history.

He lives on Signal Mountain with his wife, Nora, and their cat, Shoogie.

## Welcome New Members

**James B. Walker III (JAMIE)**  
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**Ramsey Brock, Jr**  
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## Club Meeting

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

Zoom

### Alton Brown

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## 2023-2024 Rotary theme has been announced

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



**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.

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