

# Rotary



# Club of Chattanooga

## Events

February 6th  
Coty Wamp,  
Hamilton County  
DA  
Marriott Hotel  
Plaza Ballroom

February 13th  
Valentine Social  
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

## Doug Thompson



### 111th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting**  
**February 6, 2025**

**12 Noon**

**Marriott Hotel**  
**Plaza Ballroom**

**SPEAKER:**

**Coty Wamp**  
**Hamilton County District Attorney**



Coty began her career in criminal justice as a public defender in 2014. From



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

### Club Meeting

Marriott Hotel  
Plaza Ballroom

there, she went to the District Attorney's Office in the 10th Judicial District, primarily in Bradley County, working as a felony prosecutor in criminal court.

She made her way back to Hamilton County in 2020 when she joined the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office as General Counsel. In 2022, she ran for office and is now Hamilton County's first female District Attorney.

At 33, she became the youngest elected District Attorney in the state and is one of only 4 female District Attorneys. She manages an office with over 50 employees, including 30 prosecutors who work in all six of our criminal courts each day.

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## Valentine Social



### Valentine Cocktail Party Bring your Plus 1!



**Thursday**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup> .....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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## Chattanooga Rotary 2025 Program Calendar

Rotary meetings at the Chattanooga Convention Center unless otherwise noted			
Month	Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
Jan.	30	Alfred Degrafinreid	President & CEO Leadership Tennessee
Feb.	6	Coty Wamp	Hamilton County District Attorney ( <i>Location Change-Marriott-Plaza Ballroom</i> )
Feb.	13	Mountain Cove Bluegrass Band	Valentines Day Social - 5pm - 7pm
Feb.	20	Dr. Vince Viscomi	Sleep; The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
Feb.	27	Sheriff Austin Garrett	Hamilton County Sherriff
Mar.	6	<b>***Nick Wilkinson</b>	<b>Tivoli Theatre Renovation Update</b>
Mar.	13	Scott Worland	TBD
Mar.	20	Troy Keith	State of Tennessee Environmental Consultant
Mar.	27	Weston Wamp	Hamilton County Mayor
April	3	Christian Hoeflerle	Cultural Mastery
April	10	Austin Center	Chattanooga Public Arts Specialist
April	17	Dr. Anna George	Tennessee Aquarium
April	24	Bo Drake	TCAT/ChattState
May	1	<b>Multi-District Conference</b>	Friday Meeting Host Club for Multi District (KY, AL, TN) Conference
May	8	Richard Kennedy	ED TN Commission on Children & Youth
May	15	Donna McConnico	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

**\*\*\*Speaker Change**

**Need a Make-up???? Celebrate National Blood Donor Month!**

**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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**Thank You For Your Rotary Service**

**We will miss you.**

## Sam Elliott

Rotarian in the news.....

### Sam Elliott Slated To Be City's 2nd Administrative Hearing Officer



The City Council will be asked to approve attorney Sam Elliott as the city's second administrative hearing officer (AHO).

Attorney Elliott will have a four-year term beginning Feb. 5 and running through Feb. 4, 2029.

The AHO is able to assess fines of up to \$500, while the city judge is limited to \$50 fines.

Attorney Elliott serves as the city attorney for Soddy Daisy, Collegedale, Lakesite, Walden, Ridgeside, and Monteagle.

He is with the law firm of Gearhiser, Peters, Elliott and Cannon.

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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 them," Chair McDowell said. He noted that the Club has been working with non-profit Greg O2 on the effort.

Officials said, "Greg O2 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

## 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



## 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.***

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## 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?"**