

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga Downtown

Events

April 25th

Duane Horton - Cloudland
Hotel at McLemore Resort

May 2nd

Bradley Leon- Executive
Director Blue Sky TN
Institute -BCBS

May 9th

Doug Chapin, See Rock City

May 16th

Save the Date **Spring
Outing May 16**

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110th Rotary President

Rotary Meeting

April 25, 2024

12 Noon

Chattanooga Convention Center

Ballrooms: 4 / 5 / 6

SPEAKER:



Ronald Harris
Sergeant-at-Arms



Don McDowell
Club Service Chair



Edna E. Varner
Club Youth Services
Chair



Virginia Anne Sharber
iPast President

Club Meeting

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

Duane Horton



PRESIDENT & CEO of McLEMORE RESORT AND SCENIC LAND COMPANY

Duane Horton is the picture of persistence.

As the President & CEO of McLemore Resort and Scenic Land Company, Duane leads a vertically integrated real estate development, design, finance, construction, marketing, sales, and operations company consisting of in-house team members and strategic partners. The team specializes in working with large scale properties inherently desirable due to land features and location but facing significant challenges due to limited access, infrastructure, zoning, entitlements, and other issues preventing the highest and best use of the property to be unlocked.

Duane's professional path has given him the opportunity to experience and excel in each of the aspects of this vertical integration. In addition, Duane has had significant experience overcoming tremendous legal obstacles. This is where the persistence begins, but certainly not where it ends.

Duane has a passion to serve by creating value through critical thinking skills, planning, execution, and leadership through care and authenticity.

His most recent accomplishment includes the acquisition, branding, master planning, design, financing, and construction of the McLemore Resort & Community. Many of us have read recent news coverage about the new CLOUDLAND a Curio Collection Resort by Hilton; however, the community also includes residential homesites, one 18-hole course, one short course, and a second 18-hole course under construction (The Keep). The resort and community also enjoy a number of other amenities on and off site as well as the planning of more to come.

The CLOUDLAND was financed through the use of tax-exempt bonds with a successful raise of over \$800 million in orders for a \$188 million project. Over 30 institutional investors participated in the offering as well as a number of local investors.

Duane is a graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in construction management. He and his wife Mindy, are parents to Will, Melissa, Macie, Westin, Marie, Madelyn, Waylan, Walker, Winston and Madison- that's right, ten children ranging in age from 18 to six. The family makes their home in Ooltewah and are active members of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

**Save the Date
May 16th
Spring Outing Reflection Riding**

**5pm - 8pm
Reservations Required**

**Reflection Riding
400 Garden Road
Chattanooga, TN 37419**

NO NOON Meeting on May 16th.

**Rotaract Club of Chattanooga
Pickleball Classic**

Grab your rackets and get ready for a great opportunity to raise some funds for Chambliss Center for Children!

We are pleased to announce that you can now register for the Pickleball Classic hosted by Rotaract Club of Chattanooga.

This fun-filled fundraising event will be held at the First Horizon Pavilion on Saturday, May 18th.



Don't miss out on this fun! Register for our Pickleball Classic today!
<https://www.chattanoogarotract.com/pickleballsignup>

R. Gordon R. McInally



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These are times that cry out for peace. The Middle East is in its most volatile condition in years. The war in Ukraine is the largest in Europe since World War II, and there are armed conflicts in Sudan and parts of Central Africa. Nearly every continent is experiencing a major armed conflict.

Rotary has a vital role to play in advancing the cause of peace – I often say Rotary needs to work toward peace as aggressively as those who wish to wage war. It’s the spirit found in our vision statement: “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change” across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. We must never lose track of that last call – that to bring about change in the world, we need to foster change within.

It is up to us to model peacebuilding behavior among each other. We can do better than questioning the motives of one another and jumping to the harshest possible explanation. After hearing words that might strain or offend us, we have an opportunity to ask, with compassion and curiosity, the intent of those offending words. And then we have another opportunity to repair the breach.

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