

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga Downtown

### Events

May 23rd

**Robert Divine - Immigration Law**

May 30th

**Brian Wright, Stadium Corp & Tim Morgan, CSO Chattanooga Sports**

June 6th

**Kyle Wiens - IFixIt**

June 13th

**David Parker, Covenant Transport**

### Club Leaders



**J. Tom Glenn**  
President



**Douglas S. Thompson**  
President-Elect



**Marlin D. Gines**  
Secretary



**David Michael Costello**  
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Club Director



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Vice President



**Kurt J. Faires**  
Club Membership  
Chair



**Kathryn Cooper Harbison**  
Club Rotary  
Foundation Chair

**Tom Glenn**



**110th Rotary President**

**Rotary Meeting**

**Thursday**

**May 23, 2024**

**12 Noon**

**Chattanooga Convention Center**

**Ballrooms: H I J**

**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

## Robert Divine



### Baker Donelson Immigration Law

#### **TOPIC: U.S. Immigration: Is it broken? Can it ever be fixed?**

Robert C. Divine, leader of Baker Donelson's Global Immigration Group and a shareholder who works from the Firm's Washington, D.C. and Chattanooga offices, concentrates his practice in business immigration and litigation.

**Mr. Divine has extensive experience serving clients throughout the world in the arrangement of all types of business-based temporary and permanent immigration status, including specialty occupations (H-1B, TN, E-3), individual and blanket international transferee programs (L-1), traders and investors (E-1/E-2, EB-5), medical workers, religious workers, labor certification, national interest waivers and extraordinary ability aliens.**

Mr. Divine is active in the Firm's Government Enforcement and Investigations team and has represented and assisted employers and other parties in some of the largest immigration enforcement investigations and prosecutions as well as private RICO actions. He provides strategic advice and training for employers in their immigration compliance efforts. Mr. Divine also has litigated significant business matters, including contract, commercial, product liability, antitrust, ERISA benefits and business torts (including RICO, misrepresentation, Consumer Protection Act).

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## 2023-24 Rotary International President



May Newsletter

I am deeply gratified by the enthusiasm shown across the world in the past year to better support the mental health needs of each other and the people we serve.

In January 2023 when I first spoke about the need for Rotary to become more engaged on this crisis, I noted that the global mental health system couldn't be described as broken only because it didn't exist. But I also offered a highly aspirational wish that Rotary could help build that system.

The first glimmers of this vision have been brought to light by you in dozens of mental health projects. But just as important is the invitation many of you have given to fellow Rotary members to share their stories.

I am impressed by the leadership young Rotarians and Rotaractors have shown and by the brave, inspiring stories they have shared. Former Rotaractor Freddie Almazan, a survivor of gun violence who refused to give in to despair, has an especially powerful personal narrative that you can hear firsthand at this month's Rotary International Convention in Singapore.

To create lasting change, the work we do needs to have a sustainable [impact](#) on the people and communities we serve. One great example of that kind of impact: Rotary clubs in Colorado endowing a pediatric mental health fellowship at Children's Hospital Colorado.

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