

**Rotary**  
District 6780



Club of Cleveland

## Tennessee Achieves Programs Increase Retention and Graduation Rates

By Andrew Dinsmore on Tuesday, August 9, 2022



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### Speakers

**August 16, 2022**

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann  
Happenings in the 3rd congressional district

**August 23, 2022**

Margot Still- Cleveland Public Library History Branch  
the history of local politics including controversy

**August 30, 2022**

FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
TBD

**September 06, 2022**

The Reverend Dr. Joel Huffstetler  
Gratitude and Grace, The writings of Michael Mayne

**September 13, 2022**

Steven Rogers and Mallory Howard  
Bradley County Juvenile Court's master Gardner Program for at risk youth

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This past week we had the pleasure of meeting Emily Mason with Tennessee Achieves. You might not have heard of Tennessee Achieves, but you have heard of its main program, the Tennessee Promise Scholarship. So, not only do they support thousands of kids throughout the state with education scholarships, they also have a vibrant volunteer program they would love to have you be a part of in Bradley County.

Here is a link to view the Bradley County Update - <https://youtu.be/rtTkxLg1xko>

Some stand out points of the presentation were:

- Tennessee promise is the largest scholarship program in the nation and was the first of its kind when it was envisioned in Knoxville, Tennessee and rolled out in 2015.
- The program is funded through the lottery program as well as state funds and private giving. With these funds, you can qualify at over 600 high schools in 83 of the 90 counties in Tennessee.
- Of those enrolling, 80% go to Community College while 10% go to a 4-year college and 10% in Trade School.
- Retention rates are 67% for the first year of the program with a graduation rate of 32% in the following years. We as a community want to see this higher, so programs are being put in place to support students as they transition into college.
- Emergency funding for students and Mentoring are just two of these amazing programs currently being offered and expanded on.
- With access to emergency funds, students can get support for not just school but things like rent and food so that they don't have to make the decision to drop out of school over bills. They are connected to a constant support structure and have someone to reach out to when something unexpected comes up during the year. This has dramatically increased those suffering from short-term hardship. This group's graduation rate of 32% has risen to an amazing 82% this past school year.
- Mentoring also plays an important part in showing students in the program that they are



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supported and doing a great job! With over 9,000 volunteers, you can make a difference in the lives of our aspiring college graduates. If you have the time to connect with a student, apply online at the [Tennessee Achieves website](#) before October.

## Interactive Member Survey: Extra cash to pay for college

Monday, August 15, 2022

TN Achieves helps all students in Tennessee with Tennessee Promise, but they have special importance for first-generation college students.

Were you a first-generation college student? (student in college who does not have at least one parent with a Bachelor's degree)

Yes

No

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V5NPXNB>

## August 16, 2022 Program: Congressman Chuck Fleischmann

Friday, August 12, 2022



Chuck Fleischmann is a fiscal and social conservative who is the Congressman from Tennessee's 3rd Congressional District. Since being elected, Congressman Fleischmann has voted to cut \$1.6 trillion from the federal budget, repeal ObamaCare, defund Planned Parenthood, rein in the EPA, and has a 100% pro-life and 2nd Amendment voting record. He is a proven conservative. Chuck serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and a number of subcommittees that are vitally important to the residents of the 3rd District.

From a young boy overcoming the loss of his mother, to living on his own at 16, to mopping the floor of a McDonald's, to working in a library, to starting a business with his wife and finally becoming a member of Congress, Chuck Fleischmann has lived the American dream. He ran for office so he could try to bring that American dream that he's been privileged to be a part of, to you, to your family, and to your grandchildren.

**Blue Badges for Andrew Dinsmore, Brandi King, and Lee Montgomery**



James Bently Thomas III  
August 16th  
Philip Cason Conn  
August 17th  
Elizabeth Harting  
August 17th  
Victor Boltnew  
August 20th  
Phil Jacobs  
August 21st  
Jamie Kyle  
August 26th  
Mica Stephens Carlton  
September 1st  
Terry Buckner  
September 3rd  
Drew Gilliland  
September 4th

Tuesday, August 9, 2022



Three Rotarians were presented with Blue Badges at our August 9th meeting. Congratulations to Andrew Dinsmore, Brandi King, and Lee Montgomery!

## Jermon Garner Proposed for Membership

Friday, August 12, 2022



Jermon Garner has been proposed for membership by club member Mike Griffin. Jermon serves as the Cleveland Market Executive at Regions Bank. He was born and raised in Chattanooga and moved to Cleveland in 2000, graduating from Lee University in 2004. He's worked for Regions for 11 years, taking on his current role in 2022. Jermon serves as a Board Member of the Community Foundation of Cleveland and volunteers with City Fields. In Rotary, Jermon looks forward to gaining knowledge about being a servant leader in Cleveland, networking, and learning from peers.

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## Bring Full Size Toiletries to August 16th Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

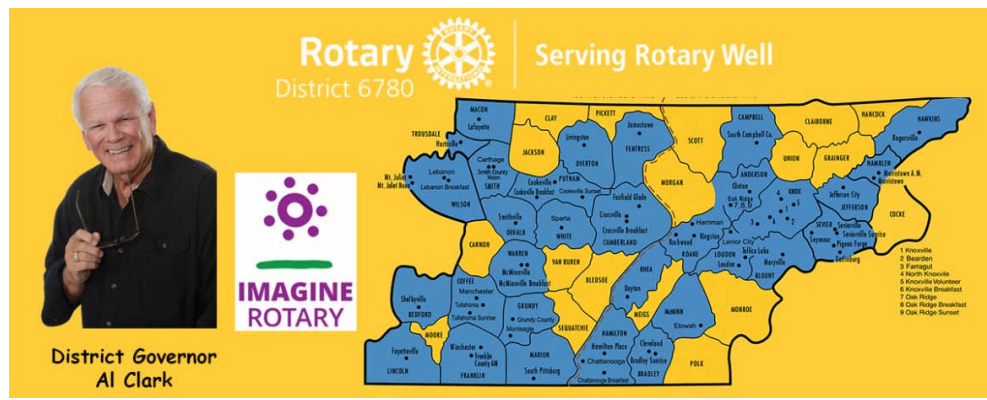


Isaiah 117 House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. For our August service project, our club is gathering full-sized toiletry products to donate to Isaiah 117 House of Bradley County. Bring shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, etc to our meeting on August 16th.

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## District Vibrant Clubs Workshop Hosted at Cleveland Chamber August 27th

Wednesday, August 10, 2022



District 6780 is hosting a Vibrant Clubs Workshop in CLEVELAND! We have been requesting a workshop in our area for a few years, and the district has heard our cry.

The workshop is open to all Rotarians, and I would highly encourage any member interested in learning more about how the District Foundation works, Membership strategy, Youth Services or Rotary in general to register to attend.

The workshop will be held at the Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, August 27th from 8:30 - around 12 noon.

You may register by going onto DACdb and clicking on the District Tab, and then the Calendar of Events. You may also try to register using [this link](#) (it's been working about 50/50.)

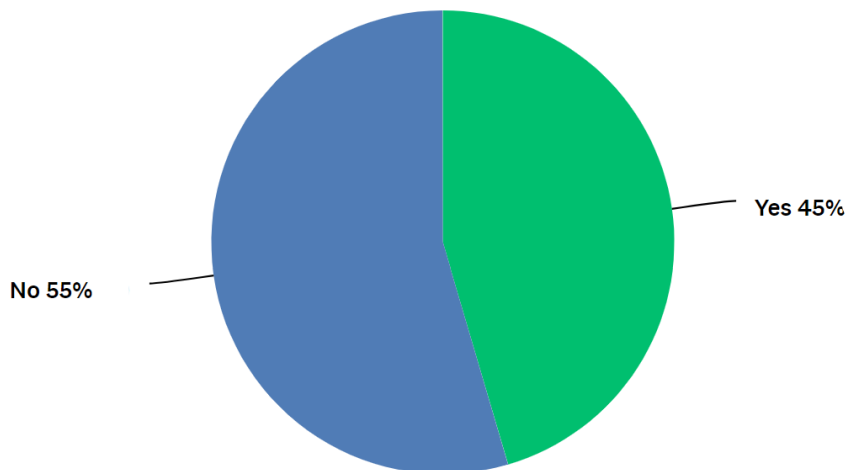
Again, I am encouraging any and all club members to consider registering. It should be a great training opportunity.

Bethany McCoy  
President

## Results from last week's poll: Can you chop a board in half with your hands?

Monday, August 15, 2022

Can you chop a board in half with just your hands like Leon Shahan?



*Please note the results here do not reflect the opinion of our entire club. These polls are unscientific and not statistically validated.*

Don't forget to answer this week's quiz: [Were you a first-generation college student?](#)



## Zoom Info for 2022

Friday, January 7, 2022

The Rotary Club of Cleveland continues to meet IN PERSON every Tuesday at the Museum Center at Five points. In the event that you cannot attend in person, please use this information to attend by Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82186185421>

Meeting ID: 821 8618 5421

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Meeting ID: 821 8618 5421

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kd2G423g4i>

### Vibrant Clubs Workshops - August 20th and 27th - In-Person




On Saturdays, August 20th and August 27th, our District Training Team will host the Vibrant Clubs Workshops at four different locations starting at 8:30 a.m. local time. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. local time.

On Saturday, August 20th, the training will be held at Pellissippi State in Knoxville and at Motlow State in Tullahoma.

On Saturday, August 27th, the training will be held at the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce and at Cumberland University in Lebanon. Addresses are on the registration page.

Here are the topics and presenters:

## District Foundation, Membership, & Youth Services

Membership	Rotary Foundation	Youth Services
		
<b>Shelly Christian</b>	<b>Debbie Alexander-Davis</b>	<b>Rachel Moses</b>

If you want to make your club vibrant, attractive, productive, more aware of service

opportunities, you want to be there for the training. This is an in-person event only and please register so we have head counts for each location. Bring a team and learn from the training team and share information with other club members. See you there!

**August 20th Registration Link:** <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77595414>

**August 27th Registration Link:** <https://dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77595415>



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## Club Meeting

Cleveland  
Meets at Museum Center at Five Points  
200 Inman St E  
Cleveland, TN 37311  
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM