

**Rotary**  
District 6780



Club of Cleveland

## God's Calling: Isaiah 117 House in Cleveland

By Stephanie Linkous on Thursday, July 28, 2022



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### Speakers

#### August 02, 2022

[Rick Pope with Pope's martial arts academy](#)

Self Defense and Martial Arts demonstration

#### August 09, 2022

[Krissy DeAlejandro, CEO/President Tennessee Achieves](#)

#### 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

### Club Leaders



[Michael J Griffin](#)  
Club Trainer  
Past President



[Bethany McCoy](#)  
President



[Kevin D. Brooks](#)  
President-Elect

[Timothy Joseph Poteet](#)



**Left to right: Renee Curry, Isaiah 117 House; Bethany McCoy, Club President**

The Rotary Club of Cleveland was given an update on Isaiah 117 House by Director Renee Curry. She explained that the Isaiah 117 house exists to reduce trauma for children entering the foster system, lighten the load for child welfare services, and ease the transition for foster families. She also spoke about her journey from the idea of a local house to making it a reality. "During Christmas of 2018, my sister, Rochelle James, sat at my kitchen table and told me about a ministry in Carter County. She shared with me how it had brought the community together, and the amazing things that God was doing for His children. She also told me how she wanted this for our hometown, and she felt I was the person God was calling for the journey. I started to pray and think about it. I was the Business Office Director for Garden Plaza and really questioned how I would have the time. In this life, I have learned to always keep my "yes" on the table for God, and my heart open to how He is moving in my life. This led to leaving a day early for my vacation and going to visit Ronda in the Carter County Home. That day was 1/17/2019! We left at 3:30 am to make our appointment with Ronda. Walking in the house, we knew this was God's calling," Curry stated.

When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their welfare, they are usually brought to the child welfare services office to await placement with a foster family. This wait can be several hours to nearly a full day. She said one teenager stayed in a cubicle for four weeks. The children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, dirty and in desperate need of love and support.

Isaiah 117 House is a place that is safe with volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and blankets. They receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff do the necessary paperwork and identify a good foster placement.

They have been open for nine months and have served 101 children. Recently, they have been seeing an increase in numbers. Isaiah 117 House started in Carter County and now there are eight homes with three more scheduled to open. There are opportunities to volunteer, and anyone interested can sign up on their



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### Birthdays

Misty D. Allen  
July 31st

Derrick Kinsey  
August 2nd

Andy Brown  
August 3rd

Facebook page.



## Interactive Member Survey: It's going to be a happy new year!

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The new Rotary year has begun! What are you MOST excited about?

- The Gala
- The Picnic
- Making New Rotary Friends
- A Service Project

Vaughn J Berger  
August 3rd  
Adam Osborne  
August 10th  
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

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## August 2nd Program: Self Defense and Martial Arts Demonstration with Rick Pope

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Grandmaster Rick Pope  
Chief Master Instructor  
8th Degree Black Belt - 34 years experience

Grandmaster Pope attained his 8th Degree Black Belt in July 2015 after completing an extensive and physically demanding exam with Tiger Rock Martial Arts. In November 2017 Grandmaster Pope was reaffirmed his accredited rank with his instructor, Senior Grandmaster Rick Hall, and other fellow Masters and Senior Masters.

Grandmaster Pope began his training in 1985 under Grandmaster Mike Clark in Rogers, Arkansas with whom Grandmaster Pope earned his 1st Degree Black Belt with the American Taekwondo Association (ATA) in 1987. In December 1988, Grandmaster began training with Senior Grandmaster Rick Hall and has continued under his tutelage since that time.

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## Blue Badges for Milan Blake and Jamie Kyle

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Congratulations to Rotarians Jamie Kyle and Milan Blake, pictured above with Club Trainer Mike Griffin. They have each earned their Blue Badge. If you are a Red Badger and you want to find out how to earn your Blue Badge, contact Mike at [mgriffin@clevelandchamber.com](mailto:mgriffin@clevelandchamber.com).

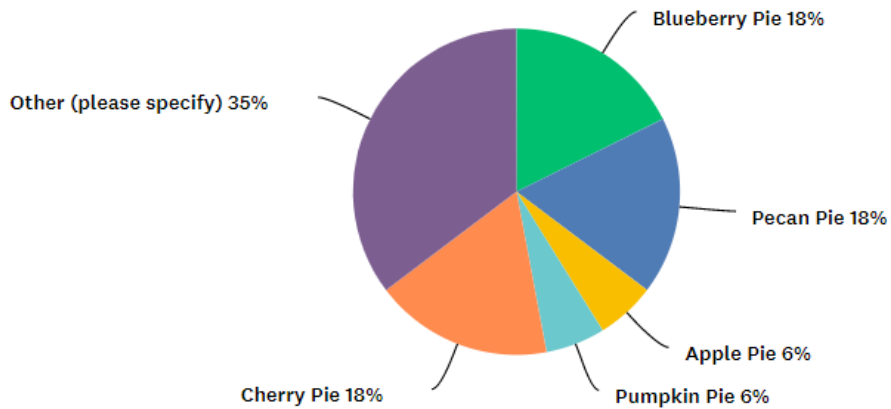
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## Results from last week's quiz: What's your favorite type of pie?

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At our tour of the PIE Center we heard about Junior Achievement's Coffee and PIE Shop for students.

We asked: What's your favorite type of pie?



Other answers included:

- Peach
- Chocolate
- Key Lime
- Boston Cream
- French Silk
- Sweet Potato Pie

***Please note the results here do not reflect the opinion of our entire club. These polls are unscientific and not statistically validated. These polls are done for entertainment purposes, mostly to entertain Kim Gunter as she enjoys polls.***

Don't forget to answer this week's quiz: [What are you looking forward to most in the coming Rotary year?](#)

## 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:

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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