

Rotary

District 6780



Club of Cleveland



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Speakers

March 30, 2021

Fr. Joel and Tammy Johnson
LUDIC

April 06, 2021

Darde Long
Chattanooga Zoo

April 13, 2021

Joe Bryan
Trail of Tears

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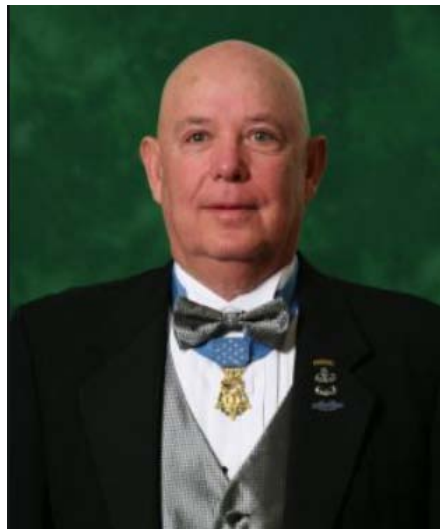


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It's Not Where You Start, It Is Where You End Up

By Douglas B. Caywood on Friday, March 26, 2021



Pictured: A full room for CSM G. Littrell's Program and many more on Zoom; Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell)

Retired Sergeant First Class Gary L. Littrell, United States Army, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Advisory Team 21 was the guest speaker via Zoom at the March 23, 2021 Rotary Club of Cleveland meeting. Littrell began by sharing, "It is not where you start, it is where you end up." As a child, Littrell came from a dysfunctional family and felt unwanted. He asked himself, "Why did no



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one like me?" Then, as a teen, he joined the Army and it was the 'best decision he ever made.'

Littrell set goals and found mentors, such as Sergeant Sawyer. Then he met his wife, of 58 years. After making Sergeant at age 19, Littrell discovered his gift - teaching. In the time before going to Vietnam, Littrell went to language school. The Vietnamese felt comfortable with him because he could speak their language.

On a hill that was eerily quiet, Littrell described a battle from Vietnam. In a four day/four night fighting battle, there was not even time to eat and there was a shortage of water. They had a two- day supply of water that was depleted the first day. Additional water was dropped in barrels from supply vessels onto the battlefield. In the midst of foxholes and fallen trees, the memories are a part of who Littrell was in the military and who he has become.

After over 20 years in the military, Littrell began working for the Veterans' Administration to help in taking care of veterans. He also started a foundation called Tribute to Valor. This organization allows veterans to get in front of students to assist in character development focusing on courage, commitment, sacrifice, integrity, citizenship, and patriotism. Littrell emphasizes that integrity is the most important. Visit <https://tributetovalor.org/> to learn more.

Tribute to Valor Foundation - Influence. Impact. Inspire.
Our intent is to inspire students to view STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through a unique lens, and help them to take a critical look at STEM as a path to pursue. Working with educators and administrators, the Tribute to Valor Foundation will provide opportunities to students to participate in programs that enhance their understanding of STEM and Character Education.

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Birthdays

- G. Seth Ford
March 26th
- Hunter McCord
March 29th
- Ken Melton
April 2nd
- Kim Gunter
April 5th
- James Harper
April 6th
- Bryan C Clary
April 13th
- Bradley Benson

Interactive Member Poll: March 23, 2021 - What doesn't kill you make makes you stronger

Friday, March 26, 2021

At the March 23, 2021 meeting Command Sargent Major Gary Littrell described how he had a hard start in life, but it didn't matter where you start, it's where you end.

Which stage of your life would you say was hardest?

- Childhood
- Teenage Years
- Young Adulthood
- Middle Age
- Later Years
- It's never been hard
- It's never been easy

April 13th
 Kyle Cooper
 April 16th
 Nicholas Lillios
 April 17th
 Brian Workman
 April 20th

Having trouble with the survey link image? Click here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoC0323Program>

March 30 Program: Dr. Tammy Johnson and Fr. Joel Huffstetler - Ludic Spectrum Center

Friday, March 26, 2021



Fr. Joel Huffstetler, Dr. Tammy Johnson

For our March 30 Program, Executive Director Tammy Johnson and Board Member Fr. Joel Huffstetler will speak with our club about Ludic Spectrum Center.

Ludic Spectrum Center, Inc. is a state-approved private school for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). LudicSC serves students on a full-day, half-day, or part-time basis. The funding base is generated through contracts with area school systems and with individual families on a per child basis.

National wide, the number of students served in the autism category has burgeoned since the early 1990s. Until recently, the most often cited incidence/prevalence rate was 4 to 4.5 out of every 10,000 live births. More recent estimates, however, have jumped to between 1 in 68 and 1 in 50. The greater Cleveland area has experienced an even greater growth than the national trend. The Cleveland City School System saw an increase of greater than 1,000% in students with ASD from 99-00 to 05-06.

Many experts agree that individuals with ASD have the most unique learning needs and require the greatest expertise to teach of all the disability categories. The school systems with which we contract and parents of our students view LudicSC as a program which provides services unique to our students' needs and which is more intensive than the programs currently available within the school systems.

IN PERSON (or Zoom) beginning March 9th

Friday, March 5, 2021

A message from Rotary President Mike Griffin:

We will begin meeting hybrid (In person and via Zoom) beginning at our next meeting on March 9th. In case you missed it, I have attached a link to a survey regarding in person attendance and meals. Things to remember:

1. If you opted in for meals before, you will be opted back in for meals
2. If you want to change your preference let me or Tanya Mazzolini know
3. The charge for the four meals in March will be added to your next Rotary invoice

I look forward to seeing everyone either on Zoom or in person next week. Any questions, please feel free to give me a call. 423-802-2202 Remember the survey below. Thanks MG

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rotaryattendance>

Here are the Zoom Instructions for March & April:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83762494154?pwd=REtldVExdzVRZ1hQOXlVZk9zWm9qUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 6249 4154

Passcode: 708044

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 837 6249 4154

Passcode: 708044

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbaE65WBI5>

Welcome New Member: Ken Bolin

Tuesday, March 23, 2021



We welcomed a new member at our March 23rd meeting: Ken Bolin (Pictured above with sponsor Bethany McCoy).

Ken is Executive Director of Garden Plaza at Cleveland, and was invited to our club by Art Rhodes and Bethany McCoy. Ken marks the eighth new member this Rotary Year, an impressive accomplishment given the global pandemic! We're lucky to be able to welcome members like Ken; thank you to all who keep making our club stronger.

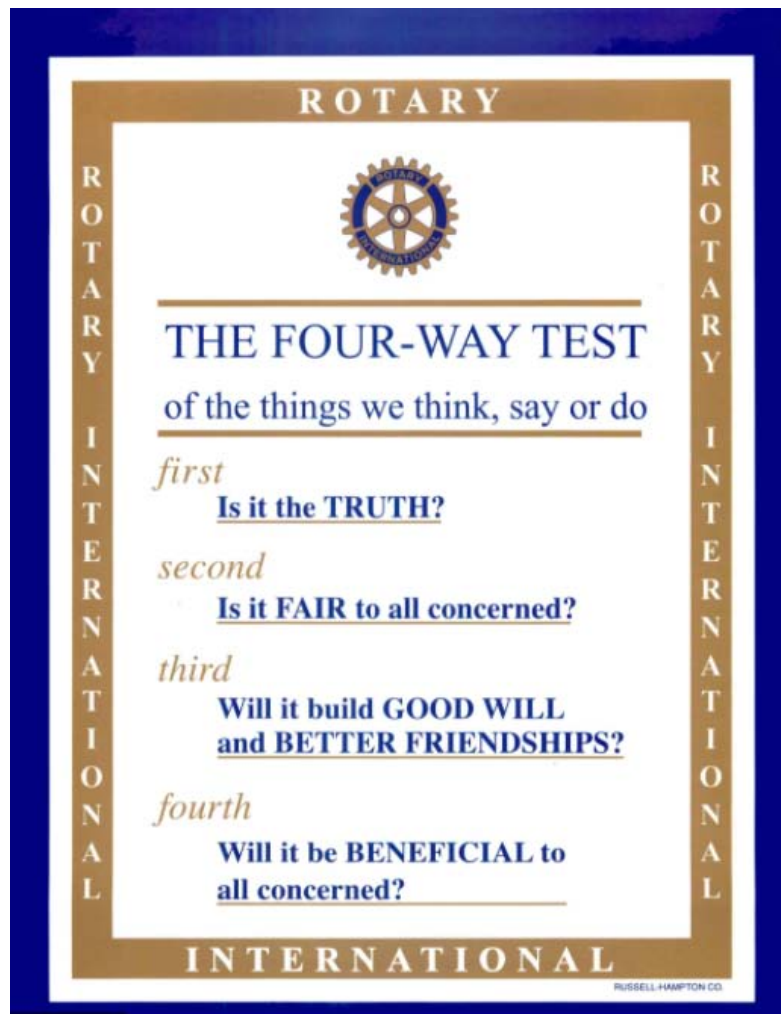
Volunteers Needed For Slappin' . . .

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.... some 4-Way Test labels into Dictionaries!

Come to the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, April 1 at 4pm to enjoy fun and fellowship as we place 4-Way Test labels into each of the dictionaries that will be handed out to third graders in our local schools.

Many hands make light work and the more the merrier! If you have questions, contact Lyle 423-339-1905 lswartzel@shelterinsurance.com



Survey: Do you need a meal on March 30?

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Below is a survey concerning meals for March 30. We are surveying members each week so we can get a good idea of how many meals to order for each meeting, so please answer the survey each week.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RotaryMarch30>

For the meals, we are rotating between three local restaurants:

3/23/21 - Little Diner on 1st - Grilled or Fried Chicken Salads or Cheesburger & Fries - Cookie - Bottled Water

3/30/21 - Five Points Restaurant - Choice of Turkey Sandwich or Chicken Salad Sandwich - Chips & Brownie - Sweet/Unsweet Tea

4/6/21 - Honey Baked Ham - Variety of Sandwichs and Salads - Chip & Cookie - Sweet/Unsweet Tea

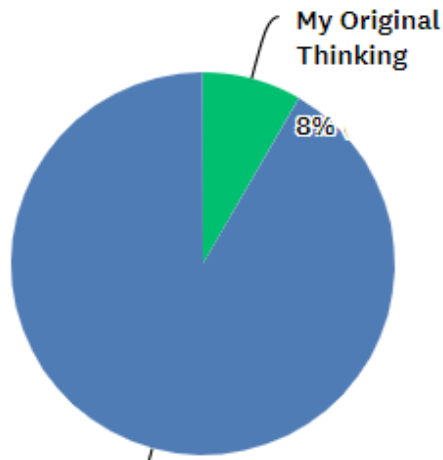
The same food and restaurants rotate in this order.

Results from last week's poll: Is the key to your success what you've learned from others?

Friday, March 26, 2021

At the March 16, 2021 NFL and Quarterback and successful entrepreneur Fran Tarkenton said that his greatest ability was to be coachable and learn from the greats. He said "I've never had an original thought."

We asked: If you had to pick just one, is the key to YOUR success your original thinking, or what you've learned from others?



What I've Learned From Others

92%

Don't forget to answer this week's poll: [What stage of your life has been hardest?](#)

District Governor's March Message



As we head into spring, we look forward to the warming weather, knowing that our temperatures will yo-yo and that we will get plenty of rain. In Tennessee we are very fortunate to have ample rain and lots of fresh water everywhere for everyday use and for recreation. Far too many people in our world are not so fortunate.

March is Water and Sanitation Month in the Rotary calendar. Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families. Through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield longterm change.




District 6780 continues to be involved in numerous WASH projects around the world, through club sponsored projects, district grants, and global grants. This month's picture shows a few of the 140,000 grade school children in Mexico who now enjoy clean drinking water, due to several Rotary Foundation global grants sponsored by Heart 2 Heart and supported by our district.

Our Rotarians do river cleanups and other local water and sanitation service projects in our district, and we have supported sanitation improvements for our neighbors in Kentucky. We must

continue our strong efforts to help those who lack reasonable access to clean water and proper sanitation. Thank you for your support of WASH projects here and around the globe!

Ron and Karen



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