

# Rotary

District 6780



## Club of Cleveland

### On Tuesday We Had the Pleasure of Meeting Dr Tyler Forrest

By Andrew Dinsmore on Tuesday, November 22, 2022



On Tuesday we had the pleasure of meeting Dr Tyler Forrest. Dr. Forrest is a native and current resident of Athens, Tennessee. Tyler is a proud East Tennessean that prides himself in being engaged in his community. He currently serves on the boards or committees of the McMinn County Library Board (Chair), McMinn County Humane Society Board, Main Street Athens Board, and the Athens City Council Advisory Committee. On July 1, 2022, he assumed the role of President at Tennessee Wesleyan and has hit the ground running in his goal of student development. With a diverse student body and top tier faculty he hopes that you will consider Tennessee Wesleyan in the future!

In his own Words:  
Tennessee Wesleyan University has been dedicated to educating students and helping them live meaningful lives for over 160 years. The TWU team works diligently to ensure that our students have an excellent experience while part of the campus community and for alumni and friends to stay connected throughout their lives. Campus life is exciting and offers many things to do both on and off campus. In addition, the campus boasts some of the best NAIA Athletic programs around, which create a wonderful campus atmosphere for both our students and our community.

As a native Athenian, I can personally attest that Athens is a terrific place to live, work, play, and ultimately, receive a first-rate education from TWU. The University also maintains a robust campus in



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### Speakers

**November 22, 2022**

Rev. Micah Nicholas  
A Thanksgiving blessing

**November 29, 2022**

Centennial committee  
progress toward our centennial celebration

**December 06, 2022**

Al Clark

**December 13, 2022**

Siema Swartzel- Arnold  
elementary school choir  
Christmas Caroling and Choir singing

**December 20, 2022**

casual drop in after hours  
christmas social- NO NOON  
MEETING

### Club Leaders



Michael J Griffin  
Club Trainer  
Past President



Bethany McCoy  
President



Kevin D. Brooks  
President-Elect

Timothy Joseph Poteet



President-Nominee  
Club Programs Chair



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Club Director



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Public Image Chair



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Care & Concern  
Committee Co-Chair



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Care & Concern  
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Club Director



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Chair



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Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Membership Chair



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Club Service Chair

Donald Leon Shahan  
Jr.  
Club Programs Chair

Knoxville that is home to our allied health programs. For those wanting to live in a small town but have access to the amenities of a big city, Athens is conveniently located halfway between Chattanooga and Knoxville. TWU is an integral part of the community and enjoys a close bond with Athens and the greater region as well.

The future of TWU is bright. With attentiveness to student success and academic excellence, I am convinced that our university is one of the best in the nation. I would encourage prospective students, their families, or anyone interested in experiencing TWU, to visit our campus. I can attest, interacting with the TWU team will be both an enjoyable and memorable time.

I am proud to be the president of Tennessee Wesleyan University and am committed to serving the fabulous campus community and beyond.  
Tyler



### A Brief History of this Amazing University

Tennessee Wesleyan University was chartered in 1854 as Odd Fellows Female College but never opened due to financial difficulties. The building known as Old College was completed in 1857 and, with assistance from the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Athens Female College opened on September 10, 1858, with five faculty members and seventy young female students. This was the beginning of church affiliation of an institution which has existed under one of the branches of the Methodist Church from 1857 until today.

After operating for one year as a male college, East Tennessee Wesleyan College became coeducational, and the name was changed in 1868. East Tennessee Wesleyan University was a pioneer as there were very few colleges who accepted both men and women.

In 1867, shortly before Ulysses S. Grant became President of the United States, he was solicited by



Nicholas Lillios  
Club Youth Services  
Chair



Vaughn J Berger  
iPast President



Andy B. Anderson  
Assistant District  
Governor

President John Spence to make a cash donation to the school and became recognized as one the first donors in the school. Upon the death of Grant, President Spence renamed the school Grant Memorial University on what would have been Grant's 64 birthday, April 27, 1886.

In 1889, Grant Memorial University was merged with Chattanooga University to become a single institution which resulted in another name change to U. S. Grant University. On June 6, 1925, a charter was issued by the State of Tennessee for the college to become Tennessee Wesleyan College.

But this college nestled in the heart of East Tennessee has continued to grow and emerge as a premier educational institution. In 2016, the charter was once again changed the college to become Tennessee Wesleyan University. What began as one building on two acres of land has become a thriving campus of academic excellence.

The latest addition was the Colloms Campus Center, a beautiful two-story student center and an open pavilion-style square to allow for outdoor dining and entertainment. New programs continue to be added and student education and opportunities continue to be enhanced.

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## November 22, 2022 Program: Rev. Micah Nicolaus

Tuesday, November 22, 2022



Rev. Micah Nicolaus will be our program speaker and he will be giving us a Thanksgiving Blessing.

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## Welcome New Member Fijoy Johnson

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

### Birthdays

Tanya E Mazzolini  
November 22nd

Michael Jenne  
November 22nd

Arthur D. Rhodes  
November 26th

Wayne B. Wilhelm  
December 2nd

Paul McCord  
December 5th

Walt Vineyard  
December 8th

Matt Wiseman  
December 9th

Michael Engers Callaway  
December 11th

Kathi Lynne Jensen  
December 13th

Timothy Joseph Potet  
December 14th

David Curtis Chaffin  
December 15th

Amanda Nelson Troyer  
December 16th

Donald L Ritzhaupt  
December 16th

Pete Brummett  
December 19th

Sherronda Thompson  
December 21st

Zachary T Brooks  
December 21st



Welcome new member Fijoy L. Johnson, Director of Special Projects at Lee University!

Fijoy L. Johnson was born in Kerala, India as the son of a second-generation Church of God minister. In the late 1980s, Fijoy's parents immigrated to the United States. For the last 24 years, he has called Cleveland home. Currently, Fijoy serves as the Director of Special Projects at Lee University. He is married to Marie, and they have two kids. He loves to travel and try food from different cultures. He is a huge Dallas Cowboys fan. His life motto is "Look back and thank God, look forward and trust God, and around serve God, look within and find God."

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## Natosha Versa Proposed for Membership

Friday, November 18, 2022



Natosha Versa has been nominated for membership by Rotarian Bethany McCoy. Natosha is the owner of Biskit NV.

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## 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>

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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