

# Rotary



## Club of Crossville Noon



Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Crossville  
Meets at The Crossville Depot

Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

### Speakers

**March 14, 2024**

Nelson Griswold  
The Insurance Companiesâ€™  
Dirty Little Secret That Could  
Kill You

**March 21, 2024**

Representative of Common  
Grounds  
Coffee shop that will employ  
people with special needs

**March 28, 2024**

Mike Terry  
Crossville YMCA

**April 04, 2024**

Becca West  
Emerald Moments Travel

### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

### Wedding Anniversaries

Oscar A. Perron  
April 7th

Charlotte A Goodwin  
April 8th

### Club Officers



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### POLIO UPDATE

As of March 5<sup>th</sup>, there have been **0** confirmed cases of polio in 2024. There were a total of 12 cases in calendar year 2023 (six in Afghanistan, and six in Pakistan). In CY 2022 there were 30 cases, so the trend is very encouraging. The most recent case of Wild Polio occurred in Pakistan on October 24<sup>th</sup> 2023.

As a reminder, The **William T. Sergeant Polio Eradicator Award** recognizes clubs that have an average giving to PolioPlus of at least \$50 per member. District Award applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>, but since the Polio Eradicator Award doesnâ€™t require an â€œapplicationâ€, we can generally acknowledge later donations, but you really need to get those in soon if you want to be recognized at the District Conference on May 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. Thirty clubs are already qualified!

### BRING A FRIEND DAY â€” VANILLA FEEDS TOMORROW

Bring a Friend Day last week was a big hit with William Cabaniss, founder of Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow. William founded the organization at age 14 in 2020.

Originally from Crossville, William saw firsthand some of his classmates coming to school hungry. His desire to make a difference started with giving out bananas and volunteering at the food pantry with his grandfather. An avid baker at a young age, he had an epiphany to make high-quality vanilla extract and to donate the proceeds of all sales to Second Harvest, a supporter of hundreds of food pantries in the region.

Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow sources vanilla beans from Madagascar for quality and ethical reasons associated with labor. Current donations are at \$210,405, which has provided 631,215 meals for East Tennessee residents in need.

Now an honor student at Farragut High School, William credits his fantastic speaking skills to early roots in 4-H and lots of practice! William proudly shared that he has not made one dollar from sales nor have more than 100 volunteers.

To date, all proceeds have been donated to Second Harvest. You may see more of William in the national spotlight if you havenâ€™t already seen him in his interview with Lester Holt, anchor of NBC Nightly News. We wish William well in his future endeavors and hope to see him become a Rotarian in the future!

### GRISWOLD TO SPEAK TOMORROW

Nelson Griswold, founder and chairman of NextGen Benefits Network and Chairman of the Employer Healthcare Council, C-Suite Network will join us this week.

Before he focused his attention on employee benefits and healthcare, Nelson had a distinguished career as a nationally recognized public policy expert, serving as president of two public policy think tanks, lobbying on behalf of his organizations' free-market agenda, testifying before legislative committees, and appearing frequently on national network TV news programs.

### COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE STORY COMING MARCH 21

Coming in 2024, Common Grounds, which will employ those with special needs that may have trouble finding a traditional job. The coffee shop will be located at 152 W. First St. A representative of Common Grounds will speak to the club March 21. The organization is currently raising funds and is looking for people to partner with them in prayer and financially. It has the space, now it just needs to start renovating!

### ST. PATTY'S DANCE AT KENDRA'S PLACE

St. Pattyâ€™s Day Dance at Kendraâ€™s Place â€” if you have a birthday or anniversary in March you get in FREE! Contact Ken Taylor for more details.



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