

Rotary



Rotary Club of Tullahoma September 9, 2022 What's A Cookin

Meal Service: 11:50

Program: 12:15

Club Leaders

Jack Thoma
President

Anthony Watts
President-Elect

Rachel Ferrell
Vice President

Brian Coate
Secretary

Linda Bean
Treasurer

Jody Baltz
iPast President

Hank Jordan
Club Administration Chair

Anthony Watts
Service Projects Chair

Jim Woodard
Club Membership Chair

Rachel Ferrell
Public Relations Chair

Upcoming Schedule

September 15- 5 Loaves 4 Kids -
packing @ 8:45am

September 16 - Dr. Michael
Torrence

September 23 - Jennifer Moody
September 30 - Beverly Lee -
Arnold Heritage Center

October 7 - tbd

October 14 - no meeting

South Jackson Civic Center



Joining us for the September 9th meeting will be Greg Gressel, Chairman of South Jackson Civic Center. South Jackson Civic Center was formed in 1977 to "Save South Jackson", a grass-roots effort to halt the destruction of the South Jackson School. Nestled in the core of the building is Tullahoma's first public school built in 1886. They opened the doors as the South Jackson Civic Center in January, 1979 with their first performance. South Jackson Civic Association has operated for the past forty years as a presenting organization, museum, and community resource serving the Middle Tennessee counties of Coffee, Moore, Franklin, Bedford, and Warren. The Civic Center contains rehearsal facilities, conference and meeting rooms, a 400-seat auditorium, full stage with proscenium arch and a local history museum.

South Jackson Civic Association maintains and operates the Civic Center with a full-time Coordinator, a part-time Assistant Coordinator, a 10-member Executive Board whose job is to determine policy and finance, a 12-member Operations Committee which manages the day-to-day operations of the facility, the Mitchell Museum and the Friends of South Jackson, a volunteer group.

Dr. Michael L Torrence - September 16

Dr. Michael L Torrence, the president of Motlow State Community College, will be our featured speaker on September 16th. Dr. Torrence is the seventh seated President of Motlow State Community College. Since being named President in 2018, Motlow State has scaled its presence into international arenas connecting its rich history and location that directly ties the institution to the world-famous Jack Daniel Distillery, George Dickel Tennessee Whiskey, and more recently Nearest Green Distillery, leading to the development and coming addition of a Distilling Program in the College's academic inventory. Under Dr. Torrence's leadership, Motlow State has transformed itself into a cutting-edge, award-winning institution on multiple fronts. A passionate career educator, Dr. Torrence has worked in higher education for more than 25 years as faculty, mid-level and senior administrator, and ultimately CEO. His diverse areas of expertise include Research, Adult Education, Student Success, Academic Affairs, Staff Development, Distance Learning, and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. Additional interests are Applied Learning within Open Education Resources (OER), Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality, Automation, Robotics, Mechatronics, and Gamification as platforms for education, learning, and training business and industry to increase efficiency and scalability. Dr. Torrence is also an entrepreneurial business development professional, workforce practitioner, and technology strategist. To model lifelong learning, he recently earned a welding certificate through Motlow's Automation and Robotics Training Center.

Among the multiple leadership programs of which he is a graduate, Dr. Torrence is a Tennessee Board of Regents Maxine Smith Fellow and is only one of two Fellows who has been appointed as a community college president within the TBR System. His leadership and commitment to student success has garnered him many recognitions and awards to include American Association of Community Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa International Society, GlobalMindEd, Complete Tennessee Leadership Institute, among others. Dr. Torrence is a much sought-after lecturer, panelist, and contributor in areas of higher education, e-Sports, technology, and social equity. Dr. Torrence leads and serves on local, state, national, and international boards that influence and shape the future of higher education. He has a Ph.D. in Exceptional Learning (Literacy) from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee.

