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January 22 Meeting Preview

Adversity and Early Presidents

Dr. Timothy Holder



Dr. Timothy Holder is a distinguished History Professor and former dean at Walters State Community College. With a Ph.D. and a Master's Degree in History from the University of Kentucky, alongside a Master's in Applied Theology from Carson-Newman University, Dr. Holder brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to his classroom. An acclaimed author and itinerant preacher, his literary works span topics such as U.S. Presidents, Christian faith, and leadership. Known for his engaging and humorous lectures, Dr. Holder has inspired countless students with his dynamic teaching style and dedication to education.

Dr Holder lives in Knoxville with his wife Jill. They have five children, the youngest is still in High School. His 6 great loves are Jesus, his Family, early presidents, greeting cards with apes on them, Japanese food, and martial arts. He claims to not be a complicated man.

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January 15, 2025 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 50%

Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced Ken Calvert, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Leslie Lynch provided the week's Member Moment.

President-Elect Leslie Lynch led a club-member forum for the week's program. The forum was designed to elicit member opinions on the types of service projects that the club could focus on during the next two years.

Each table received a worksheet for the group to complete. They were asked if they preferred hands-on service projects such as the current Washington Elementary Mud Kitchen, or projects focused primarily on financial support, like the art project during centennial year, or a combination of the two. Members were also asked to submit any ideas on specific projects.

Any members who weren't present at the meeting are encouraged to contact Leslie with opinions on



upcoming projects as well.

Below is the link for District Governor Bret Hrbek's Membership message that Paul tried to show at the meeting.



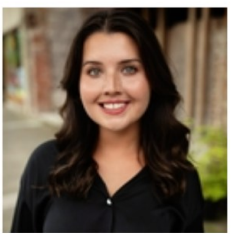
Paul closed the meeting with a recitation of the Four-Way Test.

Nominating Committee Report

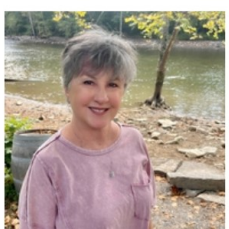
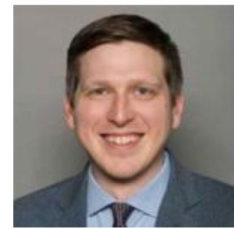
The nominating committee has APPROVED the 2025-2026 Rotary Board.



2025-2026 Rotary Board



- President** - Leslie Lynch
- President-Elect** - Kandi Douthat
- Vice President** - Sharon Moore
- Immediate Past President** - Paul Gray
- Secretary** - Kaylee Feathers
- Treasurer** - John Fleming
- Member** - Todd Jones
- Member** - Kitty Frazier
- Member** - Linda Coffey



RYLA Program sparks career growth, passion for Rotary at Singapore Convention

Rotary Voices

By Carol Chang

If you don't know what to do, try something! The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Young International Managers Training Program seeks to cultivate and develop the leadership skills of young people, as well as provide opportunities for participants to engage in community service and international affairs.

Being one who loves to participate in activities, I signed up for the program without a second thought. I was honored to be selected as the District 3481 RYLA Champion Winner and the delegate to the 2024 Rotary International Convention in Singapore. The selection process included submitting a video introduction and taking part in classroom training.

I traveled to Singapore with our district governor to interact with people from all over the world. At first, I thought Rotary conferences were serious, and that most of the people gathered in Singapore were just doing meetings and workshops. But it was actually very different! The Rotarians greeted us warmly and communicated with us in a friendly manner. Some even wore clothing representative of their countries and exchanged pins to get to know each other.

In addition to enjoying the scenery of Singapore, I was able to listen to many Rotary seminars. The speakers mentioned making a positive impact, being mindful, and having a powerful impact on the world. It made me reflect on how I, as a young person, can use the resources available to me to give back to society. For example, as young people, we can participate in youth volunteer service to help children in remote villages develop their English skills.

RYLA Leadership Training

In the buildup to attending the convention, my six months in the Leadership Training Program were highly rewarding. The program included monthly lectures. With the assistance of AI technology, we worked in teams to incorporate our new knowledge into proposals that we delivered as presentations to our classmates. After each class, we discussed the topics with our team members and divided up the work. I was most impressed by the way the class taught us communication and coordination. Speakers shared information on how to communicate well with bosses, employees, and other stakeholders in the workplace. We also learned how to appreciate what was important to each group.

We can actually use this information in our careers. The class made me feel more prepared to enter the workplace, and working on our presentations taught us to analyze topics and think creatively.

Although I often stayed up late to work on a presentation, I always felt the time was well spent. We got helpful feedback from teammates. In addition, I gained good friends from different fields. And our leader enthusiastically shared his experience in Rotary.



Carol Chang by Rotary's vision statement in the House of Friendship.

What I saw in Singapore

In Singapore, I saw how Rotary members serve their communities and the world. In the House of Friendship, I visited Rotary project booths and learned about various projects from promoting equality for LGBTQ+ individuals to providing better sanitation in remote areas. I also learned about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.

The entertainment was outstanding too, from the passionate performance of the Red Hot Chili Pipers to the sensual style and lyrical excellence of Calum Scott, which served as the perfect ending to the closing ceremony. The most touching moment for me was the flag ceremony, especially the moment when the Taiwan flag was waved on stage and attendees from Taiwan stood up to enjoy the moment together.

I am grateful to all the members of the 2023-24 RYLA team and coaches, as well as my partners in the program, for helping me learn more about Rotary and its commitment to service.

In the House of Friendship, I learned more about the Rotary Action Plan. In the future, I hope to participate in more volunteer activities and actively take part in all kinds of volunteer and community service projects to create lasting change.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Vocational Service Month
JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Happy New Year	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Danelle Glasscock— United Way of Greater Kingsport	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Club Assembly— Discuss projects for 2025-2026 Year	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Dr Timothy Holder—Adversity and Early Presidents	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Jenny Federico— ETSU Martin Center for the Arts	30	31	

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jan 01—Geroge Testerman
Jan 12—Claudia Byrd
Jan 12—Ted Fields
Jan 24—Deborah Daugherty
Jan 29—Bill Bard

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

No January Anniversaries

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 03— Claudia Byrd—24 Years

Upcoming Events

HOW TO FIND US

Rotary Club of Kingsport

District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon
at

The Crown Center inside Food City
1205 N Eastman Road | Kingsport, TN



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Nancy Whitlock

DISTRICT TREASURER:

Jacob Higginbotham

DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Tim Carter



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO

- 1 | Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 | Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 | Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 | Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Local Clubs for Make-ups

MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg., Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St. Johnson City, TN

TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park & Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN—The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train Station, 101 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Bristol, VA

Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave, Johnson City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University, Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café, 60 Shiloh Road Greeneville, TN

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City Press Room, Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St., Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211 N.Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie Ave, Elizabethton, TN

THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food City Community Room, 920 N. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City Crown Center, 1205 N Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN

AVAILABLE 24/7—

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