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June 25, 2025 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 51.3%



Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced David Randolph, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Isaac Webb provided the week's Sunshine.

Please note that there will be no meeting on July 2 due to the holiday. The Passing of the gavel will be held on July 9.

Paul announced the winner of the club's annual Rotarian of the Year award. This year's recipient is Kaylee Feathers, who has planned, organized and successfully implemented the numerous youth-oriented programs and projects the club has been involved in. From the Early Act Club at Kennedy Elementary to service projects at Washington Elementary and Girls Inc. and much more, Kaylee has served as the dedicated lead contact and liaison between the schools and the club and ensured that the Rotary ideals are being passed on to younger generations. Congratulations, Kaylee!

Paul then introduced the week's speaker, Bud Hulsey, who represents the Second District in the Tennessee House of Representatives. Representative Hulsey, whose stated goal is to keep the great state of Tennessee great, reviewed the new \$59.8 billion budget, and the various sources of these funds (e.g. state, federal, etc.). The largest percentage of the budget goes to TennCare, the state's Medicaid program, and the second largest is allocated for education.

Representative Hulsey also reviewed some of the bills that the legislature passed this year, and some that failed to pass.

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



Save the Date



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07.23.2025

EVERYDAY HEROES ART SCULPTURE DEDICATION

Rotary Club of Kingsport is thrilled to honor Everyday Heroes throughout our community who exemplify *Service Above Self*. The club commissioned an art sculpture to represent this special group and will present it to the city of Kingsport at the ceremony.

Please save the date to join us!

FIRE STATION 2 | 1804 CRESCENT DRIVE

6:30 - 7:15 PM

Kennedy School Pollinator Garden Project Photos

Rotary Club members gathered Friday Morning, June 27 to assist with a cleanup project at the Kennedy School Pollinator Garden. The project was a great success.



First-time convention attendees share impressions of Calgary

Rotary Voices

By Kerra Whitmill, Rotary International staff

As thousands of visitors from around the world descend upon Calgary for the Rotary International Convention, I'm getting my bearings as a convention newbie. Rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of convention attendees on Saturday, especially at a special orientation for first-time attendees. I was glad to see this event, given one third of the attendees in Calgary were attending their first Rotary Convention. I caught up with a few to ask about their experience so far and their plans for the week.



Mena Dant

Rotary Club of Tualatin, Oregon, USA

"I've heard so many good things about [the [House of Friendship](#)]. Meeting all the people has been the most fun part so far. The [Rotary events] app has been really helpful to connect with people. You can search people by name, connect to them and send them a message. I think I'll be able to carry that friendship on even after the convention."



María Cristina Cifuentes

Rotary Peace Fellow and People of Action: Champions of Peace Honoree
Colombia

"My favorite part? Coming here to meet the other [[People of Action Champions of Peace](#)] honorees and be inspired by them. This has been an amazing experience. I had the honor to speak at the donor summit, and through this I had the chance to say thank you to those who are investing in [[Rotary Peace Fellows](#)]. Seeing thousands of people with the same purpose of changing lives has been wonderful."



Jersey Magtangob

Rotaract Member, University of Calgary
Alberta, Canada

"I'm looking forward to seeing more of the House of Friendship. This is my first year at the University of Calgary, and we were very fortunate to have been sponsored by the Rotary Club of [Calgary] Downtown. We're very thankful for this opportunity to attend the convention at a lower cost so that we're able to form connections and be more in touch with Rotary as we build our careers."



Kevin Bowlby

Rotary Club of Wyandotte, Michigan, USA

"[I'm looking forward to] making as many connections as I can, trying to learn a lot of things that our club doesn't do. We've been talking to a lot of people about projects we could try to get the club to be a part of. I'm not normally an outgoing person, but I stuck my hand out to as many people as I could today."



Emmanuel Tonade

Rotary Club of Lagos, Nigeria

"I've always wanted to attend but haven't been able to, either because of a job I'm doing or life gets busy. But this time, I decided to be in Calgary because I've been in Rotary for over 20 years now. I started in an Interact club, then a Rotaract club, then Rotary club, so I've been part of the family for decades."



Miguel Higareda

Rotary Club of Aventura, Florida, USA

"[I'm looking forward to] learning about Rotary and meeting people from all parts of the world. It's my first year in Rotary so I'm excited to be here. My club [focuses on] poverty alleviation projects in Africa. I'm part of the [global passport club](#)."

Maria del Rosario Acevedo de Higareda

Rotary Club of Hallandale Beach, Florida, USA

"[I want to] learn more about the programs and be more involved. Also network, meet people, and be in contact with fellow Rotarians. [My club works on] scholarships for students that have such needs."



Taiwo Olayeni

Rotary Club of Rumuomasi, Nigeria

"I missed the last [convention]. I had booked my ticket, only to be called back to work. I said this year, I have to be here. I want to experience what Calgary and Canada is like, visit scenic sites in Calgary, see the Grandstand [Spectacular], and meet Rotarians to make new friends."

Osahon Iguodala

Rotary Club of Rumuibekwe, Nigeria

"I'm excited to connect with people (from all over)."



Jacqueline Cantu

Art Director, Rotary Magazine

"I was so excited to come to Calgary and work my first convention. I've always wanted to go to Banff. My husband, daughter, and I will be going to Banff for three nights following [the convention] and exploring all around the area. It's our first time traveling together as a family."

View all the [online convention coverage](#) and follow [Rotary on WhatsApp](#) for exclusive updates.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	01	02 No Meeting This Week	03	04	05
06	07	08	09 Officer Installation and 2024-2025 Review	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 FUN FEST	19 FUN FEST
20 FUN FEST	21 FUN FEST	22 FUN FEST	23 Everyday Heros Art Sculpture Dedication FUN FEST	24 FUN FEST	25 FUN FEST	26 FUN FEST
27	28	29	30	31	01	02

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14-July—Edna Potts
09-July—Shannon Morelock
11-July—Jerry Miller
14-July—Bruce Sites
19-July—Kenneth Calvert
22-July—Rebecca Beck

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01-July Bill Bard
07-July Judy Fischer
08-July Wirt Taylor
10-July Rebecca Beck

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01-July John Porter—45 Years
01-July Wirt Taylor—58 Years
01-July Buddy Scott—42 Years
09-July Pam Rehart—17 Years
15-July Todd Jones—3 Years
22-July Jerry Miller—27 Years
25-July Bill Adams—44 Years
25 July John Fleming—24 Years

Upcoming Events

July 9—Rotary Club of Kingsport—Officer Installation

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
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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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