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JULY 16 MEETING PREVIEW Club Assembly

This weeks program will include the installation of Club President Leslie Lynch and a Club Assembly to organize committees and make plans for the 2025-2026 Rotary Year. Please make plans to attend this important meeting .



Rotary Club of Kingsport Past Presidents

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JULY 9, 2025 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance | 63.4 %

Paul Gray opened the meeting and introduced Paul Montgomery, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Deborah Daugherty gave an update on the 2023 club art project: after a number of unavoidable delays, the sculpture honoring Everyday Heroes will be installed on July 23 at Fire Station 2, 1804 Crescent Dr., at 6:30pm. All club members are invited to attend the installation ceremony.

Leslie Lynch, the incoming club president, will officially be sworn in at the July 16 meeting. A club assembly will follow.

Outgoing president, Paul Gray, provided a recap of the year's projects, which were focused on improving the lives of local children. He reminded the membership about the school supply drive and Thanksgiving dinner service for Girls, Inc., the creation of a mud kitchen for Washington Elementary, and continued support for Kennedy Elementary's Early Act Club, including a pet supplies drive and work in their school's pollinator garden.

At the end of the meeting, the incoming club board of directors was sworn in by Dr. Joe Ley.

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



2025-2026 Rotary Club of Kingsport Officers



Save the Date



SAVE THE DATE

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



EVERYDAY HERO

POSTCARD

Be sure to pick up a postcard for the Everyday Heros Sculpture and send it to an Everyday Hero in your life.



Thanking an
Everyday Hero for all
you do...

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Rotary Club of Kingsport recently
donated an art sculpture to the
City of Kingsport honoring
Everyday Heroes and Service
Above Self, installed at 1804
Crescent Drive, Kingsport, TN.



By Aviral Mittal, Rotary Club of Muzaffarnagar Galaxy, Uttar Pradesh, India



Joy, at its deepest level, comes not from what we receive, but from what we give. Over time, I've come to realize that one simple yet powerful act that brings true joy into my life is serving others beyond limits – without any expectation in return.

Every day, I make it a point to help someone – sometimes with my time, sometimes with my words, and often, just by being present. This kind of service has reshaped how I view the world. It silences the ego, builds character, and reconnects me with what truly matters: compassion, connection, and contribution.

One of the greatest blessings in my journey has been my association with Rotary. Through Rotary, I've found a platform that aligns perfectly with my purpose. It allows me to serve communities, empower individuals, and be part of something larger than myself. Whether it's organizing health camps, supporting education, or helping provide clean water and sanitation – Rotary reminds me that Service Above Self isn't just a motto, it's a way of life.

Each project I contribute to through Rotary is a chance to change someone's life. And more often than not, it changes mine too. The smiles I see, the gratitude I feel, and the impact we collectively create remind me daily that joy is not about



accumulation but contribution.

Every time I step out of my comfort zone to serve, I feel more human. I feel alive. And most importantly, I feel joyful in the truest sense of the word. If you've ever wondered where real happiness comes from, try giving without expecting anything back. Try serving someone who can never repay you. That's where the magic begins – and where joy, at its deepest level, is born.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH
JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	01	02 No Meeting This	03	04	05
06	07	08	09 Officer Installation and 2024-2025	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Club Assembly	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Everyday Heros Art Sculpture Dedication	24	25	26
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 23, EveryDay Heros Sculpture Dedication—Fire Station 2 1904 Crescent Drive 6:60PM



HOW TO FIND US

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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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