

Rotary



Club of Chattanooga

Events

April 10th
[Austin Center - Chattanooga Public Arts Specialist](#)

April 17th
[Thom Benson, VP Communications TN Aquarium & New CEO Andy Wood](#)

April 24th
[Bo Drake - TCAT/Chatt State](#)

May 1st
NO THURSDAY ROTARY MEETING

May 2nd
[Rotary Friday Multi-District Conference](#)
****Reservations required**

Club Leaders



[Douglas S. Thompson](#)
President



[Edna E. Varner](#)
President-Elect



[Michael J. Costa](#)
President-Nominee



[Larry S. Parks](#)
Secretary



[Mark A. Stewart](#)
Treasurer



[Jens Christensen](#)
Club Director



[Robin B. Derryberry](#)
Public Image Chair



[Emily C. Mack](#)
Club Director



[Kurt J. Fairres](#)
Membership Chair

Doug Thompson



111TH Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting
Thursday**

April 10, 2025

Chattanooga Convention Center

Ballrooms: 13 / 14 / 15

12 Noon

SPEAKER:

Austin Neal Center



City of Chattanooga Public Arts Collection Specialist

An alumnus of the College of Charleston, Austin spent eight post-university years in New York City, honing his artistic talents and teaching in the mediums of drawing, painting, ceramics, and sculpture at the Children's Museum of the Arts. This led to his work being exhibited across the United States and internationally as he continued to master his craft before returning home to Chattanooga, Tennessee in 2003 — continuing as an exhibiting artist and forming Austin Center Studio. It was during his time in Chattanooga that he trusted with overseeing the growth of Acuity



Don McDowell
Club Service Chair



Robert D. Moss
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



David Steele
Sergeant-at-Arms



J. Tom Glenn
iPast President

Club Meeting

Chattanooga Meets at Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center
One Carter Plaza
Chattanooga, TN 37402
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Merchant Services, a credit card processing company that serves community banks across the South, before selling the company in 2021.

[Read More](#)

68th Rotary Tennis Tournament

TODAY and TOMORROW

68th Rotary Tennis Tournament

April 4th & 5th

Baylor - GPS - McCallie

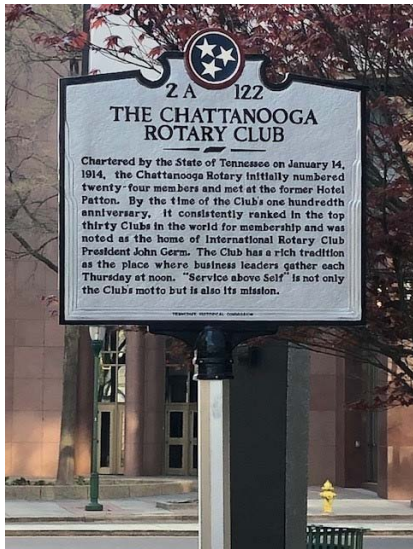
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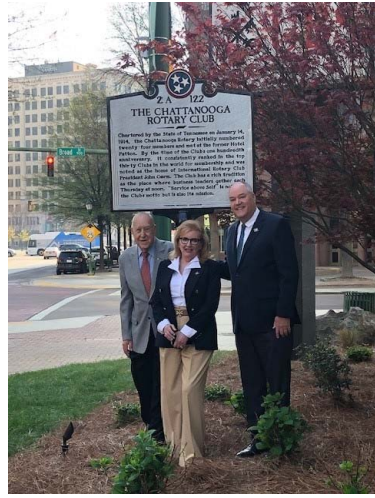
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Chattanooga Rotary Historical Marker

The Chattanooga Rotary Club completed an 18-month approval process by the Tennessee Historical Commission to have a historical marker dedicated to the City's oldest civic club.

The marker notes the founding of the Club in 1914 and pays respect to one of Rotary International's former Presidents, Chattanooga Rotarian John Germ.





Thank you to Robin Derryberry and her PR Committee for a job well done!

The Rotary Historical Marker is located in front of the UBS Building at 100 W. M L King Blvd. Go by take a selfie, send it to Wanda at the Rotary office and get a make-up credit.

New Member Introduction

New Member Introduction by Melissa Blevins



Her proposer is Maeghan Jones

Welcome New Members

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Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025

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Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
10-Apr	Austin Center	Chattanooga Public Arts Specialist
17-Apr	Thom Benson & CEO Andy Wood	Tennessee Aquarium Update
24-Apr	Bo Drake	TCAT/ChattState
Friday 2-May	Multi-District Conference	Friday Meeting Host Club for Multi District (KY, AL, TN) Conference
8-May	Richard Kennedy	ED TN Commission on Children & Youth
15-May	Donna McConnico	Signal Centers/Global Access Awareness
22-May	Spring Outing	Rotary Miracle Field Watch a game
29-May	Brian McSween	Chattanooga Ballet
5-Jun	Tim Kelly	Mayor of Chattanooga
12-Jun	Dennis Tumlin	TN Department of Tourism
19-Jun	Doug & Edna	Year in Review & Edna Varner Inauguration
26-Jun	No Meeting	NO ROTARY MEETING

Four Way Test

Is it the Truth?	Is it Fair?
Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?	Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

THE 4-WAY TEST

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary "4-Way Test." It was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he was asked to take charge of the Chicago-based Club Aluminum Company, which was facing bankruptcy. Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The 4-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company was credited to this simple philosophy. Herb Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55. The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways. The message should be known and followed by all Rotarians.

"Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

Largest Rotary Clubs in the United States

Rotary - United States			
	Club	City Pop.	Members
1	Birmingham, AL	1,144,919	581
2	Oklahoma, OK	681,054	570
3	Atlanta, GA	6,193,000	492
4	Baton Rouge, LA	227,470	474
5	Nashville, TN	715,884	453
6	Madison, WI	272,903	421
7	Louisville, KY	624,444	360
8	Milwaukee, WI	577,222	343
9	Wichita, KS	396,192	338
10	Toledo, OH	266,301	332
11	Downtown Sioux Falls, ID	202,078	330
12	Rotary Club of Chattanooga	181,099	322
13	Little Rock, AK	202,591	315
14	Rochester, NY	209,352	313
15	York, PA	456,438	298
16	Cincinnati, OH	309,317	258
17	Mobile, AL	187,041	245
18	Columbus, OH	913,175	244
19	Lincoln, NE	292,627	243
20	Charlotte, NC	879,709	237

