

# Rotary



## Club of Chattanooga

### Events

April 3rd  
**Bridgett Massengill**  
**Thrive Regional**  
**Partnership**  
**\*\*Venue Change\*\***

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**

### 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.**  
**Faires**  
Club  
Membership  
Chair



**Don**  
**McDowell**  
Club  
Service  
Chair

### Doug Thompson



### 111th Rotary President

**Rotary Meeting**  
**Thursday**  
**April 3, 2025**

**\*\*VENUE CHANGE\*\***

**Marriott Hotel**  
**Plaza Ballroom**  
**2 Carter Street**  
**Chattanooga, TN**

**SPEAKER:**

### Bridgett Massengill



President & CEO of Thrive Regional Partnership, an incorporated nonprofit company inspiring responsible growth across the tri-state Chattanooga region.

She has been with Thrive since its inception 13 years ago as the inaugural regional growth initiative, then called Thrive 2055, and stewarded it through the creation of a standalone entity as the Founding President & CEO in 2016. [Read More](#)

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## 68th Rotary Tennis Tournament



Robert D. Moss  
Club Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



David Steele  
Sergeant-  
at-Arms



J. Tom  
Glenn  
iPast  
President

### Club Meeting

Chattanooga  
Meets at Marriott Hotel  
Plaza Ballroom  
Two Carter Plaza  
Chattanooga, TN  
37402  
Time: Thursday at  
12:00 PM

# April 4th & 5th

## Baylor - GPS - McCallie

See Martin Summitt for details.....

### New Member Introduction by Melissa Blevins



**Her Proposer is Maeghan Jones**

### Welcome New Members

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### Chattanooga Rotary Program Calendar 2025

Date	Speaker	Rotary Program
<b>3-Apr</b>	Bridgett Massengill	Thrive Regional Partnership *** Venue Change*** Marriott Hotel
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
<b>22-May</b>	<b>Spring Outing</b>	<b>Rotary Miracle Field</b> 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
<b>26-Jun</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>	<b>NO ROTARY MEETING</b>

### Four Way Test



#### 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
<b>12</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Chattanooga</b>	<b>181,099</b>	<b>322</b>
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

