



Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Crossville
Meets at The Crossville Depot Community Room

Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

MEETING MOVED TO PALACE THEATER AGAIN

As was the case last week, this week's Rotary meeting at noon March 6 will be relocated to the Palace Theater. Access to the Depot has been restricted because of damage to downtown buildings caused by recent storms. Please use caution when walking, driving or parking downtown.

DANCE RAISES NEARLY \$18,000 FOR CLUB

The club's biggest fund-raiser is yet another financial success. The Father-Daughter Dance netted \$17,500 so far, with another \$1,000 yet to come in, according to event Chair Sarah Hazelton.

MOVIES AT THE PALACE TO START APRIL 3

The club will hold several movie nights at the Palace Theater this year as a fund-raiser. The first \$250 of the proceeds each night covers the cost of using the theater. The remaining proceeds go directly to the club. Movies will cost \$5 per show. The evening performances will start at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. Here is the schedule:

Sleepless in Seattle - 4/3/2025

Grease - 6/21/2025 Matinee

National Treasure - 7/1/2025

Psycho - 10/11/2025

Wizard of Oz - 11/8/2025

Christmas Vacation - 12/19/2025

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The Rotary Foundation of Cumberland County planned to meet last week to see what funds would be available for scholarships. The results of that meeting will help determine how many scholarships will be awarded in May, according to scholarship Chair Larry Doster. The deadline to receive applications is April 1.

WHISPER AERO: MOVING AIR QUIETLY WHILE GENERATING THRUST

Mark Moore loves small towns. That's why he based Whisper Aero in Crossville between the Crossville Airport and Lake Holiday. He told the club last week that the company he started here in 2020 now employs 73 people. He hopes to hire that many more as time goes on. Through he promised the company would never leave Crossville, it has created a rapid prototyping and design facility in Nashville, to give some of his younger workers better opportunities for a social life, the CEO said. His company uses the technology of air movement to generate quiet thrust. That means quiet electric planes, drones and even leaf blowers. One day, perhaps one of its planes will take passengers from Crossville to, say, Nashville for less cost, and less time, than it would take to drive, he said. The company's technology has also drawn interest from the U.S. Department of Defense, he added. Stay tuned for more advances and progress from Whisper Aero.

MULT-DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN MAY IN CHATTANOOGA

We are thrilled to invite you to register for the **Rotary Multi-District Conference** taking place in **Chattanooga** on **May 2-3, 2025!** This event is set to be one of the most exciting and impactful gatherings of the year, bringing together Rotarians from across the region for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and inspiration.

And we're proud to announce some very special **VIP guests** joining us:

- ?? **Barry Rassin** - Past Rotary International President and Trustee
- ?? **John Germ** - Past Rotary International President
- ?? **Beth Stubbs** - Rotary International Director and Executive Treasurer

This is your chance to hear from these incredible leaders, share in the Rotary spirit, and leave inspired to take action in your clubs and communities.

Don't miss out! Head over to **DacDB** and register today to secure your spot. Let's make this conference unforgettable and celebrate the power of Rotary together! We can't wait to see you in Chattanooga!

REGISTRATION LINK:
<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77814969>

POLIO UPDATE

Below is a brief polio update that you can share with your clubs to further awareness of Rotary's #1 priority: The Global Eradication of Polio.

- As of February 24th there have been 4 confirmed cases of polio worldwide in 2025 (3 in Pakistan; 1 in Afghanistan). During the same period in 2024 the worldwide total was 3 cases. The total number of wild polio cases for all of 2024 remains at 99.
- Several people have asked how recent decisions by the USA regarding USAID and the World Health Organization will impact PolioPlus and Rotary's commitment to a polio-free world?

Well, the short answer is that Rotary's commitment has not changed and the impact of those policy decisions is still being assessed. For a more complete answer, Rotary has issued a formal response that can be accessed using the following link <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-response-us-wildraw-who> or in the file attached.

- Dates to remember:

> **World Immunization Week - April 24 to 30, 2025.** This annual global event aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines, promote vaccination coverage, and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs worldwide.

> The **District Golf Tournament** will be held on Thursday May 1st at the Brown Acres Golf Course in Chattanooga. For more information contact David Sergeant sergeantdavid@yahoo.com.

John Downs

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ROTARY RESPONSE TO FUNDING CUTS



Speakers

March 06, 2025

Royal Family K&K

March 13, 2025

Lydia Wimsatt

TI Business

Against Trafficking

March 20, 2025

Jan Sillis

Mental Health Awareness

March 27, 2025

Dana Gombak

Scouting

April 03, 2025

Pam Burris

Kids on the Rise

Events

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Birthdays

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Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

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Rotary's response to the U.S.'s plan to withdraw from the WHO, USAID funding freeze

By **Rotary International**

Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.

Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.

We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.

Rotary, USAID projects

Rotary has collaborated with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) since 2009 on different types of programs. Our current programmatic efforts and communications with USAID personnel and leadership are on hold due to the stop-work order issued by USAID. Rotary International has already notified members whose projects are directly impacted by this order and is working to continue to support them in their impactful work.

We are navigating the implications of the recent stop-work order issued for Hearts of Europe projects that are part of a partnership with USAID. All projects that are currently in an implementation phase have been notified and given information about what actions need to be taken while the stop-work order is in effect. We are working directly with those projects that are not yet being implemented to determine alternative funding for their important work.

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