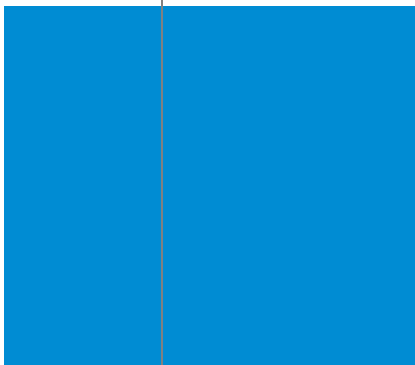
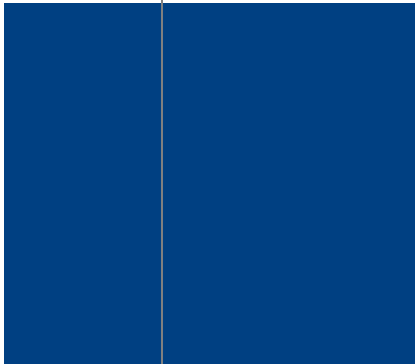


Rotary Club of Nashville 2024-2025 Annual Report



Message from the President

My fellow Rotarians,

As I reflect on this past Rotary year, I am filled with gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose as a Rotarian. Together, we made this a year of meaningful connection, significant growth, and steady momentum — all rooted in 111 years of Rotary service to Nashville.

We experienced unprecedented membership growth, a clear sign that our mission continues to resonate and inspire. One of our final stretch goals was to return the Rotary Club of Nashville to a 500-member club — and we are very close! That milestone is within reach because of the strength, commitment, and enthusiasm of this remarkable membership.

We launched Junior Rotarians, a new initiative designed to plant seeds of service and leadership among the children and grandchildren of our members — the future generation of civic-minded leaders.

While we did not fully achieve our goal of establishing new Rotaract Clubs at Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College, we laid a strong foundation. We are committed to continuing these important conversations and partnerships in the year ahead.

Our “Fund the Need” campaign experienced its highest post-COVID growth, reaffirming our Club’s role as a trusted, responsive force for good in the community.

We also introduced Rotary Legacy Moments into our weekly meetings — tying each speaker’s message to pivotal moments in our Club’s rich history. This tradition reminded us that the work we do today stands on the shoulders of those who came before us. And we expanded that sense of connection by visiting Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, where several Board members and I deepened our understanding of how the Rotary Club of Nashville fits into the global Rotary movement.

As this chapter of my Rotary leadership comes to a close, I remain deeply grateful — for your trust, your energy, and your unwavering partnership. The state of our Club is strong. The spirit of service is alive. And the path ahead is filled with promise. I look forward to continuing to serve as an active Rotarian and Board member — and to spending time researching, interviewing, and co-authoring the next iteration of our Rotary Club’s history book alongside Nashville historian and fellow Rotarian, David Ewing.

Yours in service,

Dr. Alfred Degrafinreid II

Club President



Our mission + leadership

To impact our community by creating forums for fellowship, understanding and service among engaged leaders.

Board of Directors

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Highlights from the year

- Junior Rotarians launched--We added more opportunities for Rotarians to serve with the young people in their lives. Junior Rotarians gathered in April to pack 500 snack packs for Room in the Inn.
- Rotary Board visited Rotary International--Ten of our Club leaders visited Rotary International's world headquarters in Evanston, IL to connect and learn from Rotary leaders.
- District Awards--Our Club was recognized for club growth, best website and club service. Kelly O'Connor and Olivia Leow won awards for district service.
- Fund the Need goal exceeded our goal of \$100,000.

Rotary by the Numbers

495

We welcomed 87 new and returning members this year, ending the year with 495 total members. Thank you for sponsoring community leaders in your network!



16

16 service projects completed this year. Thank you for signing up and showing up to live out our motto of Service above Self!

\$105,000

We raised \$105,000 through our Fund the Need campaign. These funds will be distributed through grants to our local partners in service. Thank you for your generous giving!

40

40 opportunities to learn more about our community together at Rotary meetings.



Forums for Fellowship, Understanding and Service



We create a forum for fellowship. We hosted 3 new member orientations and 3 Rotary Before/After Hours events to gather Rotarians and friends for fellowship opportunities.



We create a forum for understanding. Rotarians are leaders who seek to better understand our community. The program committee brought a diverse group of timely and relevant speakers to the Rotary podium. Rotary hosted 40 opportunities to learn together.

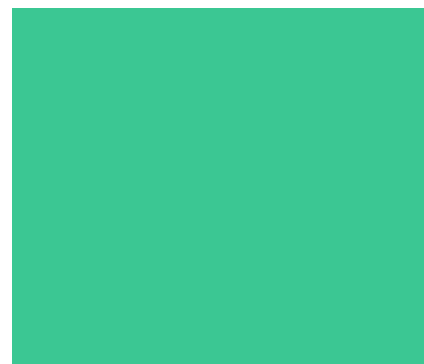


We create a forum for service. Rotarians are People of Action who live out the Service Above Self motto. Rotarians and friends served 1,806 hours across 16 service projects with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Nashville, Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, Book'em and our People of Action projects.

Committee Leaders

Our committees lead the way to make Rotary happen. Thank you to our committee leaders for their time and attention to Rotary's priorities.

Programs: Zach Brickner & Wendy Burch
Rotary After Hours: Leah Melber & AG Granderson
Junior Rotarians: Erin Hafkenschiel & Cara Ince
Membership Recruitment: Dave Briggs & Nicole Rowan
Member Orientation: Karen Johnson
Member Engagement: Craig Cook
Rotary Cares: Marquita Qualls
NRST Investment: Bob Stokes
People of Action: Patricia Malone Smith
Rotaract of Nashville: Lisa Ferrelli
Rotaract at Fisk: Clint Story
Rotaract at TSU: Erica Gilmore & Laquita Stribling
District & International: Kelly O'Connor
Public Relations: Jenny Barker
Backpacks at Second Harvest: Rob Jack & Chip Jones
Habitat Build: Leisa Gill & Brian Taylor
Feed the Need: Whitney Weeks & Brent Wiles
Warner Elementary: Michael Ward
Book'em: Geree Jackson





Thank You

The Rotary Club of Nashville is able to make an impact on our community because of your commitment to fellowship, understanding and service. We appreciate our growing membership of service-minded community leaders.

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