



Rotary Club of Tullahoma
District 6780 Tullahoma, Tennessee
Chartered 1921



History of the Rotary Club of Tullahoma (Rotary Club 2015-16 Edition)

Rotary International was founded in 1905, among the oldest service organizations in the world. The Rotary Club of Tullahoma, which received a provisional charter from Rotary International in 1921 and a full charter in 1922, is one of the oldest service organizations in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

The overall mission of Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The Rotary motto is “service above self.” The values are based on the Rotary Four Way Test: “1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”

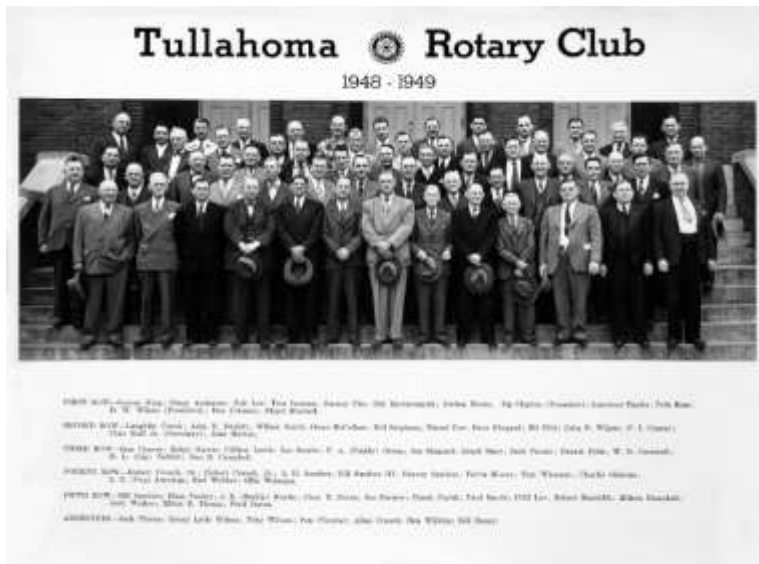
Rotary International brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. The work of Rotary Clubs contributes to improvements in the lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in local communities to working toward a polio-free world.

According a July 2, 1952 edition of *The Tullahoma News and Guardian*, under the headline: “Tullahoma Rotary Club, Formed in '21 is City’s Oldest Service Organization,” stated that “preliminary work on a Rotary Club for the community was undertaken at an informal meeting in the fall of 1921.” Interest was high to form the Club and in February 1922 the District Governor delivered the Club Charter to Tullahoma. The first slate of officers included G.S. “Sharp” Lannom, Jr-President, Charles Moffatt-Treasurer, and W.J. Sanders, Jr. Secretary.

Since Mr. Lannom’s term, over 90 Presidents, who have been community leaders in their own right, have embraced Club leadership committed to the fundamental Rotary principle of “service above self”.

The club officers met in the basement of the King Hotel for many years and around 1940-41 the club began to meet in the Dining Room of the First Methodist Church.

After the Methodist Church, the club met at the Commodore Inn for several years and briefly at Archie's on South Anderson St. The club then moved to the Lakewood Golf and Country Club, where it presently meets at Noon on Fridays.



In 1922 there were about 20 members. In the mid-1940's there were around 60 members. In 1948-49, there were about 70 members.

In 1989, Rotary International approved the admission of females as Club members. Two years later, the first female, Fran Marcum, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Tullahoma. The first Club female President was Diane Bryant (2003-4) followed by Past President's Lisa Hayes (2006-7), Jaine Colley (2009-10), and Candace Turnham (2014-15).



Diane Bryant



Fran Marcum



Robin Hines



Jim Devlin



Ray Knowis

Also noteworthy is that five Presidents of the Rotary Club of Tullahoma went on to become District 6780 Governors: the late William M. Sanders (1951-52) (photo not available), the late W.H. Hawkersmith (1962-64) (photo not available), the late Robin Hines (2002-03), Jim Devlin (2006-07), and Ray Knowis (2013-14).



Jim Fuqua

Two current active members were born before the Club was chartered in 1921-22: Past President (1983-84) Ralph Kilts (age 97) and Jim Fuqua (age 96). Ralph and Jim are in excellent health. They continue to attend weekly luncheon meetings and support club activities.



Ralph Kilts

For the past several years, the Club Foundation Chair has been Steve Cope. Central to the Rotary mission is the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation funds humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. The Fund enables Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Members of the Rotary Club of Tullahoma have been major contributors to the Foundation. Over the years the Club members have donated nearly \$420,000 to the Foundation.



Steve Cope

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Rotary Foundation Fund, Polio Plus, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generosity of annual support to The Rotary Foundation (<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/paul-harris-society>). The Rotary Club Tullahoma has four members of the Society: Club Past President and Past District Governor Jim Devlin, Club Past President and Past District Governor Ray Knowis, Club Past President Busch Thoma, and Club Past President Bill Yoder.

More than 160 members of the Rotary Club of Tullahoma have been awarded recognition as Paul Harris Fellows since 1976. Fifty seven are still living and active members of the Club today. Honorary Paul Harris Fellow designations have been awarded to 109 non-members since 1987. Craigie Kilts, the wife of the Club's oldest living member, Past President (1983-84) Ralph Kilts was awarded the first Club Honorary Paul Harris Fellow in 1987. In 2013, an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow was awarded to George Sharp Lannom, Jr. a direct descendent of the Club's first President. A listing of Paul Harris Fellows may be found in attachment 2.

In May 2015 Reverend and fellow Rotarian Paul Purdue conducted a memorial service recognizing the following nine members who had passed away in 2013 and 2014: William R. Bates, J. Steven (Steve) Ennis, Dr. Kenneth Edwin Harwell, Robin Hines, William Samuel Housholder, Francis Marion (Frank) Jackson III, George Orr, Robert (Rob) Laurier Roy, and Tom Ward. All were Paul Harris Fellows.



Rev Paul Purdue

The Club Officers and Directors for Rotary Year 2015-16 were installed by District Governor Nominee Fred Heitman of the Oak Ridge, Rotary Club on June 26, 2015.



Row 1-Candace Turnham-Immediate Past President, DG(N) Fred Heitman, John Nauseef-President, Hank Jordan-President-Elect. Row 2-Jim Devlin-Director (Past District Governor and Past President), Bill Bates-Assistant Treasurer, Mike Greene-Director (Past President), Trey McNabb-Vice President, and Rick Wright-Sergeant-At Arms. Unable to attend the photo session: Brian Coate-Secretary, Greg Carter-Treasurer, and Ray Knowis-Director (Past District Governor and Past President).

The Club's leadership approach for 2015-16 supports the *Rotary International Strategic Plan* and Tullahoma's *Think Tullahoma* long-range planning. *Rotary International's Plan*, "... shaped by regular input from members through surveys, focus groups, committees, and meetings in

combination with *Think Tullahoma's* future planning (<http://thinktullahoma.com/>) form the basis of the Club's 2015-16 long-range planning and strategic priorities. Rotary focuses on humanitarian service and Tullahoma on science and technology.

The 2015-16 long range plan includes increased funding of Tullahoma community humanitarian service projects with club growth and matching district grants, more publicity of accomplishments to include membership participation and sponsor support, and ensuring the club continues to represent a cross section of the community while increasing membership. Over the past ten years the club with support from sponsors, members, other clubs, and matching grants has funded over 60 projects totaling more than \$230,000. The Club’s 2015-16 service project budget totals \$20,000. The 2015-16 leadership team is committed to building on the strong foundation they inherit from the past.

Number	Project-Area of Service	2006-15 Funding*
1	Rocket Playground	\$51,532
1	Scholarships	\$40,768
10	Tullahoma School System	\$37,612
1	5 Loaves for Kids	\$27,166
1	Polio-Plus	\$23,434
6	Special Needs	\$12,596
42	Other Charitable Giving	\$37,246
62	Total Giving	\$230,355

*The sources for the funding above comes from Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club sponsors, donations from Club members, local, state, and Rotary District grants, and contributions from other participating Rotary clubs.

Effective July 1, 2015, the Club Board approved moving to a Rotary District standard DACdb-supported Website. Transition to the Rotary District standard took place during the month of July 2015 followed by full implementation on August 1. With input from the old Club website Webmaster-Bill Stone, the Rotary Information Committee and the 2014-15 Board approved moving to the Rotary District standard in May 2015. Under Bill Stone’s leadership, the locally-supported website served the Club well for more than a decade. In 2003 the Website was awarded the Rotary District 6780 “Best Internet Web Site-Large Club.”



At the start of Rotary Year 2015-16, the Club had over 80 members representing a cross section of Tullahoma. Club membership is composed of engineers, doctors and healthcare professionals, retail owners and merchants, bankers, attorneys, insurance and financial service consultants, educators, people who work in Tullahoma’s aviation and aerospace sectors, members of the media, local utilities, Tullahoma city government, Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, retired government employees and military veterans. The Tullahoma Club is one of 65 Clubs in District 6780.

Club 2015-16 sponsors included **Super (\$2,500)**-American City Bank: **Platinum (\$1,500)**-Morning Point-Tullahoma and NHC-Tullahoma, **Gold (\$1,000)**-Jacobs Technology, **Silver (\$500)**-ASCEND Federal Credit Union, Coca Cola Bottling, Financial Management Advisors, 1st Choice Realtor, Harton Regional Medical Center, Marcum Capital LLC, Mid-South Distributing, Stan McNabb Automotive, Southern Community Bank, Woodard’s Jewelry, Jim Devlin, and Bill Yoder; and **Bronze (\$250)**-

Avion Solutions, Russell Barnett Automotive, Community Cancer Care, Edward Jones, Harton Realty, Henry & McCord PLLC, Housholder-Artman PLLC, Traders National Bank, Diane Bryant, Paul Credle, Jim Jolliffe, John Miller, John Nauseef, Charles Parish, and Busch Thoma.

District 6780 approved the 2015-16 leadership team's request to receive Global and District matching grants. To memorialize the approval, a Club Qualification Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Rotary Foundation and a District 6780 Future Vision Memorandum (FVM) were prepared and signed by the 2015-16 President and President-Elect. The District also reviewed for sufficiency and approved the Club's 2015-16 Grant Financial Management Plan (FMP). The MOU, FVM, and FMP must be updated and submitted to the District for approval annually.

In July the 2015-16 Board agreed to sponsor Tullahoma High School student Willow



Gernaat for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program for school year beginning August 2016. Willow is the daughter of Chris and Tamera Gernaat. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a study-abroad lifetime opportunity for young people who demonstrate leadership in their school and community, are flexible and willing to try new things, are open to cultural differences, and capable of serving as an ambassador for their country. Willow and her mother Tamera approached the

Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club in late June 2015 to discuss the Rotary Student Exchange Program based on a referral by Rotarian Greg Carter, Tullahoma School System Personnel Director and Club Treasurer. Willow's mother was a Rotary Exchange Student in Japan when she was 18 and had a fundamental understanding what her daughter might expect as a Rotary Exchange Student. Soon after the contact, Willow and Tamera met with John Nauseef (President), Hank Jordan (President-Elect), Trey McNabb (Vice President) and Bill Boss (Club INTERACT and Youth Exchange Committee Chair). On July 17, the Club Board of Directors agreed to sponsor Willow. At the Invitation of the District 6780 Youth Exchange Committee Chair, Willow and her mother spoke to Rotarians attending the District Assembly at Motlow College in August 2015.

Rotary International and the Club were featured in the August 30, 2015 edition of the *Tullahoma News* under the headline-"Noon Rotary Club celebrates its History." The article was written by *Tullahoma News* Staff Writer Kelly Lapczynski. The photo was taken by *Tullahoma News* Staff Photographer Chris Barstad on the steps of the South Jackson Street Civic Center at the very same location a similar photo of the Club had been taken in 1948-49. Some current members of the Club attended school at the South Jackson Civic Center location and had their class photos taken on the very same steps they were standing as members of the Rotary Club in August 2015. See attachment 3.

Tullahoma Rotary Club

2015-2016



	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6	Column 7	Column 8
Row 1	Greg Carter	Marjorie Collier	Linda Bean	Ann Knowis		Jerry Kennedy	Benny Garrick	John Hartin
Row 2		John Miller	Joe Williams		Molly King		Ralph Kilts	
Row 3	John Rickman	Bill Stone	Candace Turnham	Fran Marcum	Diane Bryant	Lisa Hayes		Karl Boehm
Row 4			Pat Welsh		LE Wright	Ray Knowis	Steve Worsham	Jim Fuqua
Row 5	Don Dixon	Milner Cardin	John Stubbs		Bill Boss	Max Lamont	Jim Henry	Paul Credle
Row 6	John Nauseef		Joe Lester	Paul Purdue	Garland Honeycutt	Stan McNabb	Trey McNabb	Lynn Laster
Row 7	Nolan Gomez	Clifton Miller	Bill Bates	Paul Gray	Brian Coate	Tom Watson	Hank Jordan	Jim Mitchell
Row 8	Rick Wright							
Row 9	Bob Crook	Jim Woodard	Mike Milam	Mike Greene	Bill Yoder	Dave Johnson	Richard Shasteen	Frank Passarello

The following members were unable to be present for the Group photo: Joe Abraham, Jody Baltz, Bill Bradford, Jim Bratcher, Jeff Brumfield, Buddy Chellstorp, Jaine Colley, Steve Cope, Don Crownover, Jim Devlin, Jordan Ennis, Harry Hill, Matt Jernigan, Jim Jolliffe, Paige Lashlee, Dan Lawson, Denise Ledford, Troy Martin, Bryan McAdams, Harry Nisbett, Hunter Norris, Charles Parish, William Sanders, Dick Slater, Donna Stephens, Busch Thoma, Jack Thoma, Rusty Thomas, and Phil Trimble.

In Service to Rotary and the Community

JOHN M. NAUSEEF
 President, Rotary Year 2015-16
 Rotary Club of Tullahoma

Three Attachments:

1. List of Rotary Past Presidents 1921-2015
2. List of Paul Harris Fellows 1976-2014
3. *Tullahoma News*, "Noon Rotary Club celebrates its history," Staff Writer-Kelly Lapczynski, Staff-Photographer-Chris Barstad, August 30, 2015

Attachment 1	
President	Years Served
Sharp Lannom *	1921-1922-1923
Charles E. Jackson *	1923-1924
Floyd Ranck *	1924-1925
Polk Ross *	1925-1926
Gordon Hicks *	1926-1927
John Harton Sr.*	1927-1928
E. I. Hitt *	1928-1929
R. L. Robertson *	1929-1930
Fletcher Smotherman *	1930-1931
Phil Campbell *	1931-1932
Bill Sanders Jr.*	1932-1933
Jimmy Graham *	1933-1934
J. A. Mitchell *	1934-1935
John B. Wilson *	1935-1936
L. E. Taylor *	1936-1937
Laughlin Couch *	1937-1938
T. E. Richardson *	1938-1939
John B. Noblitt *	1939-1940
Roscoe Thompson *	1940-1941
Floyd Mitchell *	1941-1942
Clifton Lewis *	1942-1943
Bob Lee *	1943-1944
Winbon Marlin *	1944-1945
Don B. Campbell *	1945-1946
H. A. Crouch Sr.*	1946-1947
Charles E. Parish *	1947-1948
D. W. Wilson *	1948-1949
Burney Fite *	1949-1950
Ben Wilkins Jr.*	1950-1951
Farris Moore *	1951-1952
L. B. Jennings *	1952-1953
Jack Walker *	1953-1954
Bill Stephens *	1954-1955
H. L. Noblitt *	1955-1956
Paul Smith *	1956-1957
Bill Sanders III*	1957-1958
A. H. Sanders *	1958-1959
Jess Horn**	1959-1960
Tom Garrison *	1960-1961
Bill Hawkersmith *	1961-1962
Jack Thoma *	1962-1963
Robert L. Couch Jr.*	1963-1964
Nat I. Washburn *	1964-1965
Tom Ballou *	1965-1966
Paul Smotherman *	1966-1967
John Brandt *	1967-1968
Don Ellis *	1968-1969
Dick Shasteen *	1969-1970
Jim Gray *	1970-1971
John Nicholson *	1971-1972
Al Hale *	1972-1973
Jim Swink *	1973-1974
Allen Crouch *	1974-1975
Tom Madden *	1975-1976
John L. Parish Sr.**	1976-1977
Bob Scott *	1977-1978

Bill Housholder*	1978-1979
Malcolm Hazelip**	1979-1980
Jesse Heald**	1980-1981
Chester Furlong *	1981-1982
Busch Thoma	1982-1983
Roman 'Pub' Pobojewski *	1983-1984
Ralph Kilts	1983-1984
G. Nelson Forrester *	1984-1985
Joe Lester	1985-1986
Frank Glass	1986-1987
Fred Juer *	1987-1988
Clyde Smith *	1988-1989
Jack Dayton	1989-1990
George Dangler*	1990-1991
Murry Brown	1991-1992
Max Lamont	1992-1993
Mike Greene	1993-1994
Jack Anthony	1994-1995
Marlon Trimble *	1995-1996
Brac Thoma	1996-1997
Charles L. Parish	1997-1998
Robin Hines*	1998-1999
Jim Devlin	1999-2000
Steve Cope	2000-2001
Garland Honeycutt	2001-2002
Randy Smith	2002-2003
Diane Bryant	2003-2004
Sam T. Harper	2004-2005
John Rickman	2005-2006
Lisa Hayes	2006-2007
Paul R. Larson	2007-2008
Ray Knowis	2008-2009
Jaine Colley	2009-2010
Stan McNabb	2010-2011
Bill Yoder	2011-2012
Clifton Miller	2012-2013
David Johnson	2013-2014
Candace Turnham	2014-2015

* Deceased **Status Unknown

Attachment 2			
Paul Harris Fellow		Honorary Paul Harris Fellow	
	Year Inducted		Year Inducted
Robert (Bob) Couch	Circa 1976	Craigie Kilts	1987
Allan R Crouch	1976	Marion Hood	1989
Floyd Mitchell	1976	Creed McClure	1989
Robert F Scott	1979	A. Richard Smith	1990
William Locker Brown	1980	Dot Couch	1992
John W. Harton Jr.	1980	H. A. Crouch Sr.	1993
G. Nelson Forrester	1981	Gerry Forrester	1994
Malcolm W. Hazelip	1982	Rosemary Starnes	1995
John Parish	1982	Linda Thoma	1996
Albert Hale	1984	Ann Baldwin	1997
L. B. Jennings	1984	Heloise Crouch	1997
Jimmy Farrar	1985	Evelyn Eoff	1997
Bill Starnes	1985	Judy Richardson	1997
Ralph Kilts	1986	Hilma Lamont	1998
Chester Furlong	1987	Judith Crouch	1999
James G. Mitchell	1987	Miriam Franke	1999
H. L. Noblitt	1987	Lorene Holt	1999
Jack Dayton	1988	Judy Starr	2000
Tom Hampton	1988	Charles H. Webb	2000
William S. Housholder	1988	Ann Noblitt	2001
Fred Juer	1988	Laura Leigh Smith	2001
William Sanders III	1988	Margaret H. Thoma	2001
Jack R. Thomas	1988	Peggy Ward	2001
Clarke Woodfin	1988	Myrtle R. Webb	2001
George Orr	1989	Wanda Cope	2003
W. E. Stephens Jr.	1989	Ruth Gossick	2003
R. J. Hayes	1990	Sande Hayes	2003
Maximillian Lamont	1990	Gail Hines	2003
Robert Ratcliffe	1990	Jamie McNabb	2003
Joe A. Williams	1990	Holly Roy	2003
Clyde Smith Jr.	1991	Margaret E. Thoma	2003
Thomas Ballou	1992	Martin Vester	2003
Bill Keene	1992	Frances C. Williams	2003
William Rennhack	1992	Denise J. Bacon	2004
Jack Anthony	1993	Shirley N. Dangler	2004
Murray Brown	1993	Theresa Devlin	2004
James H. Henry II	1993	John Richard Freeman	2004

Joe Lester	1993
Jack Thoma	1993
Nat Washburn	1993
Brian A. Bacon	1994
Bill R. Bates	1994
King Bird	1994
Karl Boehm	1994
Tony Graham	1994
Doyle Richardson	1994
A. Frank Glass	1995
Mike Greene	1995
Kim Klonaris	1995
Sam Pate	1995
Claude Snoddy	1995
Marlon A. Trimble	1995
Thomas R. Ward	1995
Pat Welsh	1995
Robert L. Young	1995
Jim Devlin	1996
Claire Eoff	1996
Stan McNabb	1996
Hunter Norris	1996
David Prescott	1996
Richard A. Slater	1996
E. Bracton Thoma	1996
F. Monroe Whitaker	1996
Ron Young	1996
Harry Nisbett	1997
William Sanders IV	1997
Bill R. Tipps	1997
Jimmie Bearden	1998
Steve Ennis	1998
Dick Fewell	1998
Ken Harwell	1998
Robin Hines	1998
Jerry Kennedy	1998
Randy Smith	1998
Rogers Starr	1998
Tom Watson	1998
James Artman	1999

Justin Glass	2004
MacKenzie Glass	2004
Nelle S. Hale	2004
Lisa G. Henry	2004
Frank G. Hightower Jr.	2004
Jeanne Honeycutt	2004
Lou Ann Mitchell	2004
Charlotte W. Parish	2004
Jane Puckett	2004
James B. Puckett	2004
Jean E. Sanders	2004
Morris L. Simon	2004
Laurie Smith	2004
Sandra Self Smith	2004
John C. Stone II	2004
William R. Thoma	2004
Busch H. Thoma II	2004
Rosa E. Walker	2004
Dorothy C. Watson	2004
Elizabeth S. Welsh	2004
Thea Boehm	2005
Courtney Denton Vaughn	2005
G. Nelson Forrester	2005
Friends of Jack Thoma	2005
Sylvia Jones	2005
Mary Elizabeth Kennedy	2005
Anne Knowis	2005
Frances Mitchell Painter	2005
Clifford Shasteen, Jr.	2005
Elwanda Vibbert	2005
Charlotte Diane Chellstorp	2006
Trey McNabb	2006
Raymond Lee Prescott Jr.	2006
Patsy Stone	2006
Jack E. Thoma	2006
Elmo Birkhead	2007
William Robert Hayes	2007
Mary D. Henry	2007
Ronald P. Mayes	2007
DeSha Miller	2007

Garland Honeycutt	1999
Art Walker	1999
Peg Austin	2000
Milner Carden	2000
Steve Cope	2000
George Dangler	2000
Charles Parish	2000
Steve Worsham	2000
Terry Craig	2001
John P. Hartin	2001
Fran Marcum	2001
Frank Passarello	2001
Bill Culbertson	2002
Ray Knowis	2002
Bill Stone	2002
Busch Thoma	2002
Rusty Barton	2003
Jim Bratcher	2003
Diane Bryant	2003
Jim Carson III	2003
Don Crownover	2003
Robert Dietz	2003
Jim Fuqua	2003
Sam Harper	2003
Lisa Hayes	2003
Coolidge Holt	2003
Frank Jackson	2003
David Johnson	2003
Mike Milam	2003
Jim Murphy	2003
Jim Nicholson	2003
John Parish Jr.	2003
Robert Parish	2003
Richard Shasteen	2003
Michael TeVrucht	2003
Phil Trimble	2003
David Wilson	2003
Jim Woodard	2003
William C. Bates	2004
Claud Chellstorp	2004

Rosemary Passarello	2007
Jackson Davis Shasteen	2007
Nancy Harton Washburn	2007
Scott Young	2007
Patricia A. Anthony	2008
Elaine Denton	2008
Steve Knowis	2008
Ann W. Lester	2008
William Lambeth Lester	2008
Barbara Rickman	2008
Judia Wilkerson	2008
Karen S. Barton	2009
Doris W. Housholder	2009
Anita Knox	2009
John Glenn Merz	2009
Monty R. Trimble	2009
John Colley	2010
Robert Laughlin Couch	2010
Lane Curlee	2010
Evelyn Curlee	2010
Marie S. Jackson	2010
Katherine Denton Sanford	2010
Mary Etta Ward	2010
Joanne T. Yoder	2010
Billy Bates	2013
Sarah T. Johnson	2013
Betty W. Greene	2013
George Sharp Lannom, Jr	2013
Joanna S. Miller	2013
Katherine W. Davenport	2014
Dan J. Marcum	2014
Mary Elizabeth Watson	2014

David Denton	2004
Paul R. Larson	2004
John Rickman	2004
Alan B. Sweeton	2004
Daryl B. Welch	2004
Jaine Colley	2005
Don Dixon	2005
David Elrod	2005
Bennie R. Garrick	2005
Lee Gossick	2005
Larry Graviss	2005
Al Hennigan	2005
Matthew Johnson	2005
Dan Lawson	2005
C. Michael Locke	2005
Sam Mann	2005
Mary McLemore	2005
John Miller	2005
Mickey Miller	2005
Rob Norman	2005
Jim Phillips	2005
Ward Protsman	2005
Tina Rose	2005
George Vibbert	2005
Bill Yoder	2005
Louis J. Baltz III	2006
Marjorie Collier	2006
Neal Cope	2006
Anna Johnson	2006
M. Lynn Laster	2006
Troy Martin	2006
John M. Nauseef Jr.	2006
David Stringer	2006
William Freeman	2007
Clifton Miller	2007
Paul Credle	2008
Greg Sandlin	2008
Mary Lou Apple	2009
Robert Crook	2010
James Christopher	2011
Maurice Hale	2011
Deb Bryant	2012
John Tracy	2012
Paul Purdue	2014

Attachment 3

Article taken from the August 30, 2015 edition of the *Tullahoma News*

STAFF WRITER

Kelly Lapczynski

“On Friday afternoon, The Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club met to have a group photo taken on the steps of the South Jackson Civic Center.

According to John Nauseef, the club president, the choice of location is significant to the group’s history.

The Rotary Club of Tullahoma received its full charter as a member of Rotary International in 1922, the same year that the South Jackson building – which then served as Tullahoma’s first public school – saw its first major addition: a 460-seat auditorium.

Built in 1886, the Tullahoma Public School on South Jackson was vacated after the 1972 school year, but before the school was shuttered, students had their class pictures taken most years on the steps of the building. Among those students were Rotary members like Rick Wright and Tullahoma Fire Chief Richard Shasteen, who returned to the South Jackson building steps on Friday.

But it was the decision to echo a club picture that was taken in 1948 that cinched the location.

Nauseef said the 1948 picture, which appears to have been taken on the steps of South Jackson, is the oldest post-war picture of the club that can be found.

Based on its 1922 charter, the Rotary Club of Tullahoma claims to be the oldest service organization in the city. However, that title likely belongs to the General Federation of Women’s Club Tullahoma Woman’s Club, a service organization founded in 1899, before women were allowed to join service organizations like the Rotary or Kiwanis clubs. The watershed votes to include women in what were previously male-only organizations did not come about until the late 1980s.

For Rotary International, that exclusion was lifted when the Council on Legislation voted to admit women in 1989. Two years later, the Tullahoma club inducted its first female member, Fran Marcum. The club installed its first female president, Diane Bryant, in 2003.”

Representing those in the fields of science, engineering, banking, medicine, law as well as a host of other professions, the Tullahoma Noon Rotary now boasts more than 80 members, both male and female.

“The club membership is impressive,” said Nauseef. “It covers a large number of diverse professionals. It’s got a good cross section of Tullahoma, Tennessee.”

Members also represent a significant span of history. Nauseef points out that two members — past president Ralph Kilts (age 97) and Rotarian Jim Fuqua (96) – are older than the club itself.

Another member, John Stubbs (95), was born in 1921, the year that the Rotary Club of Tullahoma received its provisional charter.

Over the years, the Tullahoma club has installed more than 90 presidents and three District Governors: Ray Knowis, Jim Devlin and Robin Hines. Of the past presidents who are still living, Busch Thoma served his term longest ago, in 1982.

Asked who he thought the best past president of the organization had been, Nauseef answered, “The first one (Sharp Lannon), for taking the initiative to set up the Rotary Club of Tullahoma.”

In more than 200 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs.

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The group photo will be submitted to the Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma to be featured with the histories of other Tullahoma service clubs.

The Tullahoma Noon Rotary club meets midday each Friday at Lakewood Golf and Country Club. Anyone interested in membership should visit tullahomanoonrotary.org.