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Club Assembly New Officer Installations



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JUNE 17 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance | 44.1%

Leslie Lynch opened the meeting and introduced Ken Calvert, who led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Sharon Moore provided the week's Sunshine.

Congratulation to the club's new Paul Harris Fellows, community members, Mark Ireson and Sharon Ireson, who were inducted by Deborah Adams.

Kitty Frazier introduced this week's speaker, former club member Greg Perdue, who has worked at First Horizon Bank for more than two decades. He spoke about financial exploitation and fraud, and how it has evolved over the years to focus on individuals instead of corporations because of the ease.

In 2020 there was approximately 420 billion lost to fraud in the United States. By 2024, that number had increased by 400 percent to over \$16 billion. Perdue emphasized that scammers today focus on older adults, because that is the demographic that has money and assets to target. And the risk goes up every year as you age.



Perdue mentioned five key messages that everyone should keep in mind to avoid being scammed: scammers are trying to get your personal information—not your immediate money; they want you to feel a sense of urgency so that you act without thinking; they want you to call phone numbers they provide (only call numbers on the back of your bank card, or from an official financial statement, etc.); use cash apps like Venmo at your own risk because they are not guaranteed by any bank in case of fraud; and develop a personal relationship with a bank employee at your local branch that you can trust to provide you with reliable answers and information.

Leslie ended the meeting with a recitation of the Four-Way Test.



2026-2027 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Thanks for your willingness to serve.
Contact Sharon Moore if you wish to change assignments

Fundraising Committee Chair Kitty Frazier Committee Members Leslie Lynch Kaylee Feathers Sharon Moore _____ _____	Invocation & Pledge Committee Chair Ken Clavert Committee Members Jane Crawford Paul Montgomery _____ _____	Sunshine Committee Chair Isaac Web Committee Members Jane Crawford Tom Todd _____ _____	Social Events Committee Chair Aundrea Salyer Committee Members Linda Coffey _____ _____
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Helping hand keeps student's engineering dream alive

Rotary Voices

By Pradeep Sisodia, Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, Chandigarh, India

From an early age, Shubham Pandit understood the value of hard work. He watched his father, an office assistant who also undertakes cloth alteration and repair work to supplement the family income, struggle tirelessly to make ends meet. Yet despite his determination and academic promise, Shubham's dream of becoming a computer engineer seemed beyond reach with the cost of higher education.



My wife, Nandita Sisodia, had known the family for several years and was deeply impressed by Shubham's determination, humility, and academic potential. She believed that no deserving student should be denied an education because of financial hardship. Determined to help, she began reaching out to friends, social organizations, and corporate contacts to explore opportunities for educational support. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives appeared to offer the most promising path.

The process required patience and persistence. Weeks of discussions, meetings, follow-ups, and documentation brought both hope and setbacks. Yet Nandita remained committed to ensuring that financial hardship would not stand in the way of a deserving student's aspirations.

Her efforts eventually paid off.

Through sustained advocacy and coordination, an educational sponsorship package valued at approximately ₹8.20 lakh (about US\$8,595) was secured under a CSR initiative. The support covers tuition fees, transportation assistance, and other educational necessities, providing significant relief to the family.

On 5 June 2026, Nandita personally coordinated Shubham's admission to the Computer Science Engineering programme at Chitkara University, Baddi, ensuring that all formalities were completed so he could begin his academic journey without delay.



For Shubham and his parents, the sponsorship represented far more than financial assistance — it restored hope. A dream that once seemed out of reach had suddenly become attainable.

His story reminds us that talent exists everywhere, but opportunity does not always reach those who need it most. Sometimes, one person's willingness to care, advocate, and act can change the course of a young life.

As Rotary members, we believe that Service Above Self creates lasting change. Shubham's journey is a powerful example of how compassion, commitment, and community support can open the door to a lifetime of opportunity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3 Dwight King—The Ron Ramsey Regional Agriculture Center	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Susan Cullam—Isaiah 117 House Updates	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Greg Perdue—Tri Cities Market President—First Horizon Bank	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Club Assembly—New Officer Installations	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June 16—Al Crymble
June 17—Aundrea Salyer
June 28—Clay Rolston

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

June 01—Paul Montgomery—30 Years
June 12—Kathleen McLaughlin—13 Years
June 23—Kenneth Calvert—22 Years
June 28—Bruce Sites—26 Years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 03—Bruce Sites—59 Years
June 05—Kaylee Feathers—5 Years
June 16—Jennifer Salyer—25 Years
June 17—Tyler Williams—9 Years
June 20—Steve Wilson—34 Years
June 25—John Porter—60 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29-30—Make Apple Butter with the Unicoi County Rotary Club—Clinchfield Senior Adult Center 220 Union St. Erwin, TN

HOW TO FIND US

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Meets every Wednesday at Noon
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Andrea Milliron

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Peter K. Howard

DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR:

Cassie Mobray



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO

- 1 | Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 | Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 | Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 | Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

LOCAL CLUBS FOR MAKE-UPS

MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg., Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St., Johnson City, TN

TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park & Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN—The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy., Bristol, TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train Station, 101 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Bristol, VA

Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University, Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café, 60 Shiloh Road, Greeneville, TN

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City Press Room, Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St., Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211 N. Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie Ave., Elizabethton, TN

THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food City Community Room, 920 N. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City Crown Center, 1205 N. Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN

AVAILABLE 24/7—

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