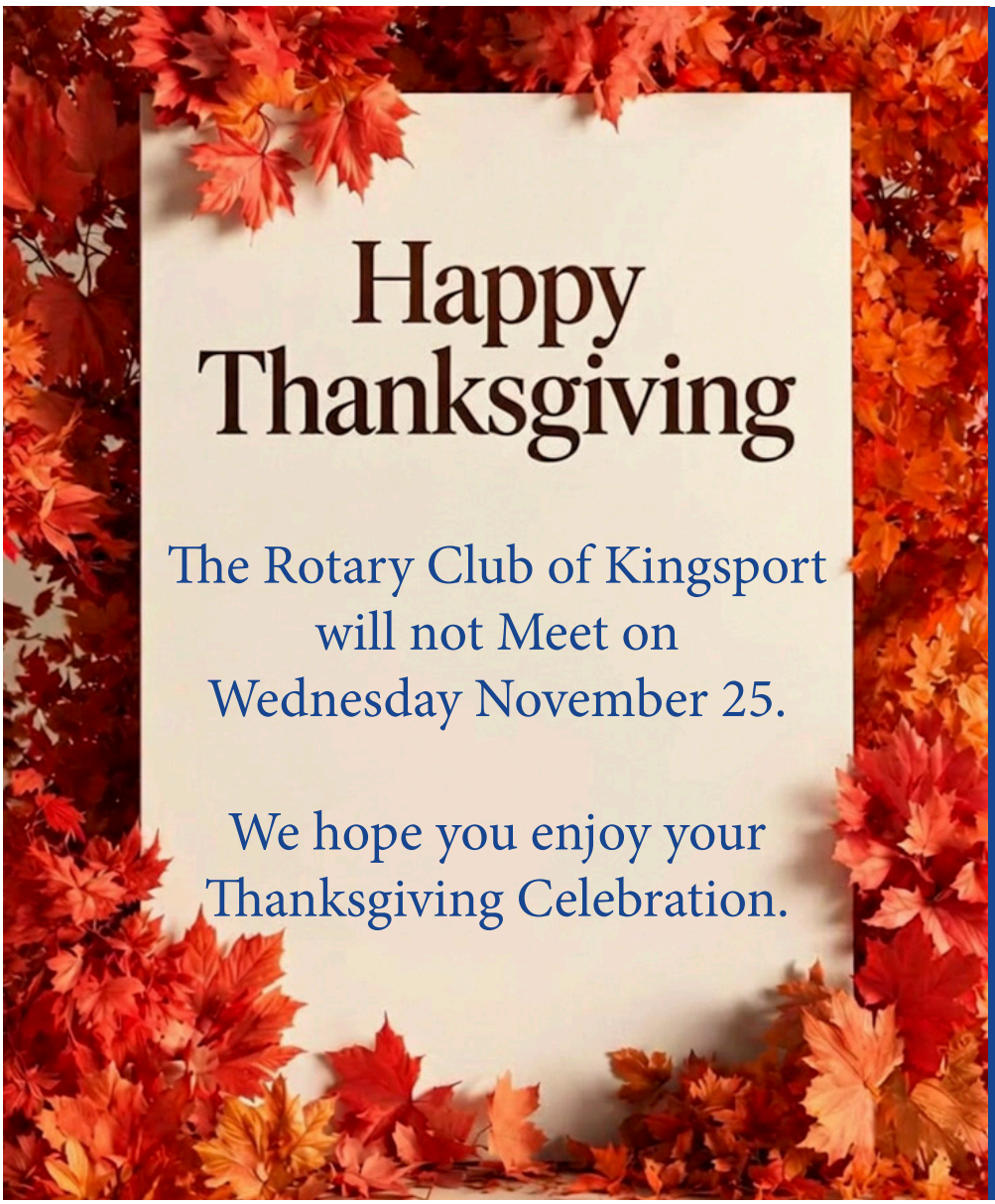
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November 18, 2026 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 62.2%



On November 18th the Rotary Club of Kingsport's Noon meeting hosted Rotarians from across Sullivan County at MeadowView for a special Friendsgiving celebration. The gathering brought together members from the Downtown, Blountville, Sunrise, and Noon clubs for an afternoon of fellowship, friendship, and connection



Sharon Moore and Aundrea Salyer, co-presidents of the Kingsport Noon Club, welcomed everyone and opened the celebration. Mayor Montgomery led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Isaac Webb, who shared a little Sunshine and some lighthearted family advice. The program featured remarks from Area 13 Governor Joe Ley and club leaders Harvey Lindsay of the Downtown Club, Nikki Morrison of the Blountville Club, Larry Crawford of the Sunrise Club, and Aundrea Salyer of the Noon Club. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear from fellow Rotarians, celebrate our shared commitment to service, and strengthen the friendships and connections that unite Sullivan County's Rotary clubs.



The meeting concluded with the recitation of Rotary's Four-Way Test and the ringing of the bell.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for another great Rotary meeting!









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Rotary Club of Kingsport

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New Member Applications

We have received two new applications for membership in the Kingsport Rotary Club. See information below.

Lance Evans - Sponsored by Aundrea Salyer.



Lance is a member of an Elite National Advisory Firm, connected to Top Tax Strategy Firms, and dedicated to helping clients and business owners strategically minimize taxes and grow their wealth in an efficient and tax-favorable manner. He is committed to providing guarantees and protections that empower his clients to achieve their financial goals. As a hometown banker and insurance professional, Lance is passionate about making a positive impact in the community and is always eager to connect and collaborate with others. When it comes to getting money, saving money, protecting, and growing it, Lance with Legacy Life Planning can help!

Tramara Darnell - Sponsored by Bruce Sites



Tramara is a proud Kingsport native. She joined The Blake family as Director of Sales in March 2022. She is a graduate of East Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Marketing Minor. She has 21 years in the hospitality industry through resort and event sales. Tramara's favorite part of working at The Blake is building relationships with residents and family. She loves listening to their stories, wisdom and life experiences. She loves how The Blake helps seniors thrive and enjoy life. When Tramara is not working, she enjoys traveling, swimming and recently taken up Tai Chi with her husband Tyler. She and her mom are also best friends, and they do a mother/daughter trip every year usually going on a cruise or flying to a tropical destination.



We'd love for you to join fellow club members as we decorate the Rotary Club of Kingsport's Christmas tree! Afterward, we'll keep the holiday spirit going with dinner together at Galaxy Pizza (121 Shelby St.). We hope you can join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and holiday cheer!

When: Tuesday, December 1 at 4 P.M.
Dinner follows across the street at Galaxy Pizza
Where: Kingsport's Centennial Park at 245 Main St

The club will provide the ornaments, if you'll bring some cheer =)

RSPV to Our Rotary Calendar

Or, scan the QR code to RSVP

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ROTARY CLUB 2026

Homemade Apple Butter

great for meals and gifts

Pints $9.00

Quarts $15.00

All proceeds go to support local projects.

Locations:

Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce
Unicoi County YMCA
Clinchfield Adult Senior Center
Unicoi County Rotary Club
&
Rotary Club of Kingsport

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Club Annual Poinsettia Fundraiser

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2026

One of the club's fundraising campaigns over the last few years has been the sale of Poinsettia Plants at Christmas. This year we would again like your support for this major fundraising campaign with a target of exceeding the previous year's sales. The more we raise, the more we can put back into our community projects. We will offer Fraser Fir Wreaths to supplement our fundraising campaign.

This year there will be 4 alternatives of pot/basket size with the usual choice of red, white or marbled flowers (except for the 1 plant pot which will only be available in red or white). We will also offer 3 sizes of Fraser Fir wreaths.

The following is the cost of the various options available for plants and wreaths.

	Donation	Color Options
1 Plant Pot	$10	Red or White
2 Plant Pot	$15	Red, White or Marbled
3 Plant Pot	$18	Red, White or Marbled
4 Plant Basket	$20	Red, White or Marbled
**Add $1.25 to price of poinsettia for a bow.*		
12" Fraser Fir Wreath	$17	
16" Fraser Fir Wreath	$22	
20" Fraser Fir Wreath	$30	
**Add $3.00 to price of wreath for a bow.*		

Please contact John Fleming with any questions. An electronic version of the form has been sent out by email and return using the email kingsportrotaryclub@gmail.com is preferred if possible. Members are being asked to pick up plants and wreaths at the greenhouse. **Curbside pickup is available.** If a member is unable to pick up their order, see John Fleming to arrange another delivery alternative. Keeping the plants and wreaths at the greenhouse allows us to offer a higher quality product.

Key Dates

Friday, November 20, 2026.	-	All orders must be submitted as we must confirm our requirements with our supplier, late orders need to be in by Saturday November 28, 2026
Monday November 30 – Saturday December 5, 2026	-	Plants & Wreaths available for delivery and pick up at FJ Torbett Greenhouse located at 6181 Hwy 11E Piney Flats Phone 423-538-8492 (Curbside pickup available.)

THE TARGET IS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE KINGSPORT ROTARY CLUB TO SELL A MINIMUM OF $180 WORTH OF PLANTS AND WREATHS. BUT LET'S SEE IF WE CAN ALL EXCEED THIS FIGURE IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A SUCCESSFUL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN.

Make your Rotary International Foundation Contribution in November and receive extra Benefits

Exciting news! District 7570 is offering a Rotary Foundation Points Match opportunity to help members achieve Paul Harris Fellow recognition while supporting The Rotary Foundation.

During November, your donation can go even further through this special points match campaign. You will receive double recognition points in November.

How It Works

- **Campaign Dates**: November 1–30, 2026
- **Donation Amount**: $100–$500
- **Recognition**: Paul Harris Fellow
- **District:** Rotary District 7570

Through this opportunity, eligible donations can be combined with Rotary Foundation recognition points to help members achieve or advance their Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Foundation's humanitarian work around the world while celebrating the generosity and commitment of our Rotary members.

Your Donation + Rotary Points = Paul Harris Fellow Recognition!

Have them fill out section 1 and 4 of the Rotary Contribution Form, scan it and email it to Paula Alston (Email: paulakalston@gmail.com), along with their receipt from the Rotary Foundation for their donation. ***Contributions may be made on-line with a credit card at MyRotary.org, or mail a check along with a copy of the contribution form to The Rotary Foundation.***

If they have problems, call Paula Alston (757-651-0338) or Jim Johnson (423-914-1744) and we will help fill out the form with you.

Together, we can strengthen The Rotary Foundation and make an even greater impact in the world.

Thank you for your continued support of Rotary and our Foundation!

Riding across Kathmandu Valley for a polio-free world

By Gautam Shrestha, secretary for District 3292 (Nepal-Bhutan)





Cyclists take part in the 42-kilometer rally across seven UNESCO World Heritage sites in Kathmandu Valley on World Polio Day

Before the morning mist cleared from Kathmandu's rooftops on October 24, my alarm went off, and my heart was already racing. It was World Polio Day.

I used to view polio as just a childhood fear of the past. It wasn't until I joined Rotary that I realized our global community has been leading the charge since 1985, raising over US$2 billion to wipe out 99.9% of polio worldwide.

To bring that message home, Rotary District 3292 organized the Mega Polio Cycle Rally: a 42-kilometer (26-mile) journey across all seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Kathmandu Valley.

I didn't ride a bicycle that day. Instead, I hopped on my scooter to document the energy, sweat, and determination of more than 500 riders.

Starting strong in Bhaktapur

By 06:00, Bhaktapur Durbar Square was a sea of bright red "End Polio Now" T-shirts.

Our district governor, Vishnu Bahadur Karkee, kicked off the morning with a reminder that we are in the final lap to eradicate this disease. Miss Nepal World 2026, Deep Mala Dhakal, also joined us to champion the cause.

At 08:00, the whistle blew, and we rolled out!

At the starting line in Bhaktapur.

Pedaling toward Changu Narayan.

Cyclists posing at Boudhanath Stupa

Refueling break for breakfast.

Mission accomplished: Team group photo at Patan Durbar Square.

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7 historic landmarks, 1 big mission

Navigating through ancient cobblestone streets, our route showcased the very best of Nepal's heritage:

Bhaktapur Durbar Square: The historic royal courtyard where our journey began.

Changunarayan Temple: A grueling uphill climb to Kathmandu's oldest Hindu temple. Rider Khadak Bist caught his breath at the top and told me with a huge smile, "It was tough on the legs, but missing this would have been a huge regret!"

Boudhanath Stupa: Young volunteers handed out water under the watchful eyes of the massive ancient stupa.

Pashupatinath Temple: A sacred site along the Bagmati River where the community cheered our riders on.

Swayambhunath (The Monkey Temple): Prayer flags fluttered above us as hundreds of wheels spun past the hilltop.

Kathmandu Durbar Square: Local Rotary members welcomed cyclists right in the heart of the capital.

Patan Durbar Square: Our grand finish line! The Mayor of Lalitpur welcomed us with open arms and a delicious Newari lunch.

Service Above Self in action

Throughout the 42-kilometer (26-mile) route, volunteers managed hydration stations and health checks at every single heritage site. Seeing that level of support reminded me why I love being part of Rotary.

Events like this prove that Rotary is still fighting alongside global partners like the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF until the last case of polio is history. Huge hats off to Binita Hada, chair of the PolioPlus subcommittee, for organizing such an inspiring day.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Rhonda Chafiin Second Harvest Food Bank	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Harry Turner - Evolution of the Heart Center	12	13	14 Warrior's Path Day of Caring
15	16	17	18 Friend-Giving Special Luncheon Event	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No Meeting This Week	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30	1 Christmas in the Park Tree Deco-rating	2 Jeff Fleming - Kingsport	2	3	4

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 08 - Vanessia Bennett
Nov 14 - Leslie Lynch
Nov 14 - John Fleming
Nov 15 - Lindsey Franks
Nov 24 - Linda Coffey
Nov 30 - Judy Fischer
Nov 30 - Linda Figliolino

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 01 - Luther Cain - 38 Years
Nov 01 - Al Crymble - 40 Years
Nov 01 - Terry Cunningham - 31 Years
Nov 01 - Kathleen Frazier - 36 Years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Nov - 06 - Paul Montgomery - 50 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18 - Friends-giving Luncheon - Meadowview 12:00-1:00 PM
December 1 - Christmas In the Park - Tree Decorating 4:00PM - Dinner to follow at Galaxy Pizza

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Rotary THE FOUR-WAY TEST

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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