

Rotary Meeting: Monday, September 17, 2018



David Cohen
Sr. Executive VP & Chief Diversity Officer
Comcast

Equity and Inclusion in the Digital Society

September 17, 2018 is Digital Inclusion Day, organized to bring greater awareness to community efforts that leverage technology to lift up others. Access to digital tools is critical to economic mobility, workforce development, and community engagement.

Comcast's Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Diversity Officer David L. Cohen will discuss digital equity and the need to bridge the digital divide. Comcast believes that the Internet has the power to transform lives, strengthen communities, and inspire a new generation of leaders. Together with our community partners, we have connected 6 million low-income people - 48,000 in Davidson County - to the Internet since 2011 and plan to do much more.



Join Us at Rotary after Hours

Tues, Sept 18, 2018

@ Deacon's New South

401 Church Street, 37219

Drop by any time between 5:30 to 7:00 pm cash bar - we will provide appetizers. No reservations needed, but let us know you plan to drop by and we'll be watching for you.

www.nashvillerotary.org, Click signup genius, Click Rotary after Hours icon

New Member Proposal - The following applicant has been approved for publication and membership consideration by the general membership. If no objections are filed in writing within 10 days, the applicant shall be declared elected to membership.

Dionne Lucas, Director, Marketing & Communications

National Museum of African American Music

Sponsor: David Fox

COMING UP AT ROTARY:

- Sep 24 -Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland
- Oct 1 -Conversation with Gubernatorial Candidate Karl Dean (Candidate Bill Lee was invited to participate but his schedule would not permit)
- Oct. 8 -NO ROTARY MEETING
- Oct 15 -DG Laquita Stribling, "Rotary – Be the Inspiration"
- Oct 22 -Shanna Hughey, President, ThinkTennessee, "Get out the Vote"
- Oct 29 -Conversation with Senatorial Candidate, Congressman Marsha Blackburn
- Nov 5 -Coach Tim Corbin, Vanderbilt University Baseball
- Nov 12 -NO ROTARY MEETING
- Nov 19 -VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM
- Nov 26 -Anastasia Brown, Format Entertainment, "Nashville Film Festival"

ASSISTING AT ROTARY THIS WEEK

Speaker Introduction: LUCIA MAR

Invocation: KIRA HILLEY

Registration: SUSAN HUGGINS

Greeters: REGGIE GARDNER / JOANNE PULLES

Scanners: KEVIN CRANE / DEBRA GRIMES

Parking Vouchers: MARIA DE VARENNE



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Rotary Tree Planting Project

Saturday, November 3

9:00am - 11:30am

Where: In West Nashville, near the Nations neighborhood, just off of Centennial Blvd near the Briley Parkway exit/on ramp. Driving directions will be emailed prior to the project date. All tools are provided!

What to bring:

- Completed volunteer form (will be in your confirmation email)
- Work gloves
- A bottle of water or Gatorade
- Tick and sun prevention
- *No open toe shoes- long pants recommended*

All ages welcome! A legal guardian must sign volunteer waiver for minors.

SIGN UP: www.nashvillerotary.org, click on signup genius tab at top, click on Tree Planting (last tab to the right)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY NASHVILLE ROTARY IMPACTING HUNGER –

The Rotary Club of Nashville, through our support of the Kids Nutrition Program with Second Harvest Food Bank feeds more than 1,150 students per month in the MNPS District.

Contributions from members provide a \$12,500 grant and some 20-25 Rotarians volunteer each month between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to assemble the food bags.

Want to help? Go to www.nashvillerotary.org and click on the signup genius icon at the top, then click on the Backpacks tab – choose any or all of the following dates:

October 19, 1-3 pm

January 18, 1-3 pm

March 15, 1-3 pm

November 16, 1-3 pm

February 15, 1-3 pm

April 19, 1-3 pm





COMMUNITY SERVICE ENGAGEMENT –

Each fall, members of the Rotary Club of Nashville are expected to support our Club’s community service initiatives by making a contribution to the Nashville Rotary Service Trust

(NRST) Annual Footprint Fund.

Through the generous response of members to the in 2017-18; the Rotary Board of Directors approved grants for this Rotary year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019) to the following organizations serving the needs in one of our focus areas: hunger/nutrition, literacy/education, housing/community building and international.

Book’em, Reading is Fundamental – a \$17,500 grant to provide books that are given to every child in each of the classroom where our Rotary 50+ volunteers will visit and read to students during the academic year

Moves and Grooves – a \$10,000 grant to support an interactive approach for middle and high school students of combining arts and literacy through the Cool Kids Read, Student Author’s , and Best Book Ever Events

Bethlehem Center Meals on Wheels – a \$22,500 grant to support Rotary Days of Action delivering meals to seniors living in the Watkins Park community

Second Harvest Food Bank – a \$47,500 grant to fund our largest volunteer project, FEED THE NEED, to provide 1,900 families in the Watkins Park community with holiday food boxes.

Second Harvest Food Bank – a \$12,500 grant to purchase nutritious food that Rotary volunteers pack into bags for children in Metro schools who are identified as nutritionally deprived.

Lutheran Services Tennessee – a \$5,000 grant to support the building of five community gardens in North Nashville

Oasis Center – a \$10,000 grant to provide welcome kits for young adults moving into the Fisk Courts.

Habitat for Humanity – A \$15,000 grant to support 2 days of a home building project for Gamal Ahmed & Elham Mohamed and their two daughters, ages 4 and 1.

Rotaract Club at Fisk University – an as-needed grant to provide Club supplies, special events, etc. Our Rotaract Club is now in its 3rd year and going strong. Rotarians are invited to join their meetings and events throughout the year.

International Grants:

The Joseph School in Haiti - a \$5,000 grant to for the Food for Education program

H.E.A.R.T.– Haiti Education and Resource Team – a \$5,000 grant to provide equipment, water resources to schools in the area.

Through our partnership with each of these agencies, we will continue to bring you updates on the work they are doing in our focus areas and volunteer service opportunities during the Rotary year. Nashville Rotary offers service opportunities throughout the Rotary year. Specific opportunities are announced and promoted at Rotary meetings and through email alerts. And are available through our registration site, sign up genius – simply go to our website, www.nashvillerotary.org and click on the signup genius icon at the top.

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