

Board Meeting Today at 11

Rotary
Club of Jasper



JUNE 10, 2026

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FOR
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Melissa Cantrell

MELISSA is the President and CEO of CDH Partners, a women-owned architecture and design firm that specializes in purpose-driven, community-centric design. She oversees comprehensive operations to establish the firm's goals, strategic planning, budgeting, resource allocation, and employee growth.

As the first female executive in the history of CDH Partners, Melissa fundamentally shifted the firm's trajectory, securing more than 50% female ownership and leadership in less than three years – an exceptional milestone in a traditionally male-dominated field. Under her direction, employee retention rates remain far



above the industry average, with most staff members maintaining a 15-year tenure at the firm.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

She holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Architecture (M.Arch) with Honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her professional credentials include:

- AIA (American Institute of Architects)
- LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional)

- NCARB Certification (National Council of Architectural Registration Boards)

SPECIALIZATION & COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

Melissa serves as the Principal of CDH's Education + Research studio. Delivering innovative architectural master planning for public and private educational spaces. She is a recognized author, speaker, and thought leader in "Future Ready Schools."

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Her cross-industry influence and leadership have earned her significant regional and national recognitions:

- 2026 & 2025 Georgia Titan 100 Honoree
- 2026 Chair of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce
- 2024 Cobb Chamber Business Hall of Fame
- 2023 Cobb Chamber Small Business of the Year
- 2022 Globe Street Magazine Woman of Influence
- Alumna of Leadership Cobb (Class of 2014) and the Atlanta Regional Commission Leadership program.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Melissa maintains an active footprint across civic, educational, and state regulatory boards, notably advancing regional development and environmental stewardship:

- Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers
- Cobb Chamber of Commerce
- Association for Learning Environments (A4LE)
- Kennesaw State Univ. College of Architecture Advisory Council
- Marietta High School Architecture Program Advisory Council
- SelectCobb
- United States Green Building Council (USGBC)
- Georgia Association of School Facility Administrators (GASFA)
- Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators (GAPPA)

We meet each Wednesday at noon at the Chattahoochee Technical College Appalachian Campus
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

DATE	SPEAKER
6/10	Executive Board / Board Meeting @ 10:15 & 10:45 / Melissa Cantrell / CDH Partners
6/17	Tommy Howard / Norton Forecast
6/24	President's Dinner / Cairn View Winery @ 5:30
8/21-23	GRSP Conclave 2026, Savannah, GA



Rotary 
President's DINNER
 CAIRN VIEW WINERY
 299 Happy Trails Way,
 Jasper, GA 30143
JUNE 24
 @ 5:30
 MEMBERS & PAST PRESIDENTS **Free**
 GUEST **\$45**
 Hors d'oeuvres dinner and one drink included.
 COME JOIN AS WE
Celebrate
 DALE AND OUR PAST PRESIDENTS & WELCOME OUR NEW PRESIDENT OLIVIA
 RSVP BY JUNE 1ST | CONTACT # 678.232.6701

Remember to bring treats for our pets in need  

JASPER ROTARY CLUB LEADERS

DALE MORRISSEY
PRESIDENT

DANA CALLAN
PAST-PRESIDENT
MEMBERSHIP/IMPACT CLUB

OLIVIA RIZOTI
PRESIDENT-ELECT
PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

SHARON WOFFORD
SECRETARY

JIM LOONEY
TREASURER

STEVE MCCLURE
DIRECTOR/FOUNDATION

MICHELLE TIDWELL
FUNDRAISING CHAIR

MARTY CALLAHAN
SERGEANT AT ARMS

JOHN SNEVE
SERGEANT AT ARMS

DAVID SIMMONS
PROGRAMS CO-CHAIR

KARRIE POOLE
PROGRAMS CO-CHAIR
LITTLE FOOD PANTRY CO-CHAIR

ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN
BULLETIN

STACEY GODFREY
YOUTH SERVICES CHAIR
MEALS

MICHELLE TIDWELL
LITTLE FOOD PANTRY CO-CHAIR
COMMUNITY SERVICES CHAIR