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## Chattanooga Engineers Week 2018 KICKOFF LUNCHEON

February 19, 2018, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM



Speaker: Tom Kline

*UTC Distinguished Alumnus and Principal of Kline Health Group*

Topic: "Can One Engineer Really Make a Difference?"

The engineers Da Vinci, Edison, Braithwaite, Taylor and Emily Roebling changed our world for all time. But what about you?

Hunger, disease, addiction, hatred, violence, pollution, and apocalypse threaten our very existence. Can one Chattanooga engine really make a difference?

Tom received an Industrial Engineering degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1966 where he served as Student Body President and was selected by the faculty as recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award. He attended the University of Missouri on a biomedical research fellowship earning a M.S. degree in Industrial Engineering in 1968. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Saint Joseph's College.

Tom served as a Lieutenant in the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. As a Platoon Leader during the Vietnam War Tom was awarded the bronze star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Civil Works Medal.

In 1970 Tom joined the pharmaceutical company Pfizer Inc. in New York City.

In 1975 he was selected in a national competition as a White House Fellow serving in Washington D.C. as a special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

In 1983 Tom became the youngest person to be named Plant Manager of Pfizer's sprawling manufacturing plant in Brooklyn, New York where the work force exceeded 1000 colleagues. At Brooklyn he achieved national recognition for his leadership in improving public education, reducing crime, creating employment and building hundreds of residences for the needy. He is author of the related book *The Golden Hand Grenade - A Lifetime Fighting to Rebuild a Tiny Stretch of Urban America*.

During Tom's 34 year career with Pfizer he held a number of global assignments in manufacturing, engineering and logistics and was responsible for technical operations in more than 20 countries. He has held leadership positions in many community organizations.

Tom is also a competitive race walker and author of the book *Stride To The Top*. He has completed more than 100 marathons and ultra-marathons and has walked across the Sahara Desert. In November 2015 he completed a stage walk of 6,500 miles from Point Barrow Alaska, the northernmost point in the U.S., to Key West, Florida in an effort to help rid the world of the killer disease Malaria.

**Location:** UTC University Center, 642 E. 5th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403

**Luncheon Cost:** \$26 Single Ticket

**Ticket Reservations:** RSVP by Tuesday, February 13

**Event Details and Registration Link:**

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