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# THE FLAGSHIP



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Tom King, Editor

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## *Look What's Coming Up!!!*

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Sept. 1: Board of  
Directors 11 a.m.

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Sept. 7: Pack the Park  
for Polio, 7 p.m.,  
Smokies Stadium

Sept. 8: Jimmy Hyams,  
The Sports Animal

Sept. 15: TBI Agent  
Jama Walker on  
"Human Trafficking"

(All meetings begin at  
12:15 — unless noted  
otherwise)

## FFSS Second Site Confirmed: It's At HV Middle School

It's now official — our **Sept. 25 Free Flu Shot Saturday (FFSS)** second site in Hardin Valley will be at the Hardin Valley Middle School. Bill Rice will be there coordinating operations with, we hope, 20 volunteers from our club plus members of the Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club.

This annual event, now in its 29th year, will be delivering flu shots at seven locations — all staffed by Rotarians. Donations will be accepted for the Knoxville News Sentinel's Empty Stocking Fund.



Our usual site at Farragut High School will be coordinated by PP Ed Jones. He too will need 20 volunteers along with members of the new Christian Academy of Knoxville's (CAK) Interact Club.

Volunteers are asked to be at both sites by 7 a.m. for set up and organization needs. These will be "drive-by" shots given by student nurses in the University of Tennessee College of Nursing. If all goes smoothly and depending on the turnout, we should wrap up things by 12 noon or soon thereafter.

This is a major community service project for our club, especially since this annual event began in our club in 1992. This is an ALL HANDS ON DECK event for us!!!!

## Flying Anvil Theatre Is Back in Business

The headline on their marketing brochure pretty much spells it out: "**Flying Anvil Theatre 2021 Season — Back in Action.**"

On Wednesday **Chris Freeman**, the theatre's General Manager, updated our club on their plans for 2021 after COVID closed them down in March 2020. "It's been a wild ride," Freeman said. "Community theater is tough enough in normal years."

Our Steve Krempasky helps the theatre with designing scenery and sets. He's pictured here with Chris

Thanks to a generous benefactor the theatre has been able to pay its actors and keep the doors open. Their second show this season at the 120-seat theatre at 1300 Rocky Hill Rd. was "Open Casket."



The next production will be “The Sunshine Boys” on Sept. 16 through Oct. 10.

COVID again is back in their lives, Freeman said. The audience size for these upcoming shows will be cut in half to 60 seats with masks required and patrons must be show proof of vaccination.

To get tickets, prices, dates and show times, visit their website at this [LINK](#) Their phone number is (865) 357-1309.

## Our Wednesday Guests & Visitors



- PP Peggy Wilson introduced us to her son and designated driver of the day, **Donnie Mahan**. They're pictured here.
- We had one Visiting Rotarian we had not seen in a long time — **Joe Johnson** of the Rotary Club of Knoxville.
- Denise Defenderfer had a pair of guests from the SEED organization that is doing work with young people in East Knoxville's Morningside community — **Stan Johnson** and **J.P. Jackson**

Thanks to all for joining us for lunch.

## ***Four-Way Test***

Rotary's 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** and  
**BETTER**  
**FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be  
**BENEFICIAL** to all  
concerned?

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great job of keeping  
the page updated. If  
you have not visited  
our page, we invite  
you to do so and to  
also **LIKE** the page!

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our page.



## **September's Birthday Boys!**

We've a few birthdays to celebrate in September,  
seven to be exact. One will be on 9-11 and two  
share the same date. And one more tidbit —  
they're all guys!

Sept. 2: Lee Fulcher

Sept. 11: Mike Reynolds

Sept. 17: PP Fred Martin

Sept. 20: Mansour Hasan & President Rev. David  
Bluford

Sept. 25: PP David Smoak

Sept. 29: PP Keith Bryson

Happy Birthday gents!!!!

# Our Family of Rotary Updates

**Bettye Sisco** called yesterday and said she's doing OK. She is at Duke Medical Center for a new clinical trial to fight her leukemia. "I've been on the new pill since Tuesday and they're taking a whole lot of blood every day," she said. She returns to her hotel after the treatments. She's been at her sister's home this weekend and returns to the hospital Monday. She said her last day there will be Sept. 7.



Here is today's report from **Judith Bradbury**: "We are still here! **Phill** is doing ok. We both had our third COVID shot on Friday with no problems other than sore arms. Really glad to see that we will be having cooler weather after today and may be able to take Phill out for a walk. Onward and upward!"

**President David** explained that he missed our meeting a week ago Wednesday to be with wife **Mary**. They were talking with doctors who initially thought Mary may have lung cancer. After tests and scans they decided she has pneumonia. She's resting and recovering.

**Tom Marsh's** wife **Diana** had knee surgery on Aug. 18 for a complex meniscus tear. She was only on crutches for two days, he says. She still has a little pain but getting better each day. Tom also shared that Diana is six years cancer free of colon cancer.

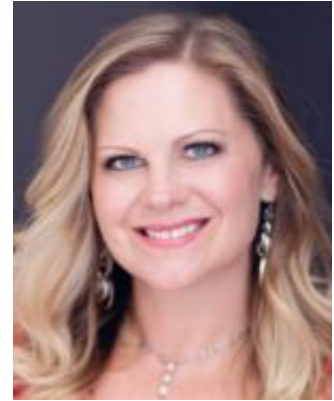
We're thankful for the good news and prayerful for those still needing our prayers.

## 'New' FOR Committee Led by Teri Jo Fox

Our "new" **Family of Rotary (FOR) Committee** is off and running under new Committee Chair **Teri Jo Fox**. That position came open with the sudden and sad passing of Mark Bialik.

The committee met on Friday and will be making some recommendations and exploring discussion topics at Wednesday's Board of Directors meeting.

Her committee members are Past Presidents Jim O'Brien, Tom King and Peggy Wilson along with one of our newest members, Jerry Schwallier.



Fox led conversations about resuming Third Thursday, planning a Christmas holiday party and a club-wide picnic in the spring.

Stay tuned for more FOR news!

## A Wee Bit of This & That

Reminder if you have tickets for the **11th Annual District 6780 "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!"** game. It was recently rained out and the new date is Tuesday Sept. 7. at 7 p.m. at Smokies Stadium.

## news & notes

**Tom Marsh** shares some good news for the club about a microphone and a culprit of sorts. Says Tom: "Our long lost Shure lapel microphone has resurfaced at last. **PP David Smoak** (culprit) said after I mentioned it in a meeting he got to looking for it and found it. We can begin using it for our



guest speakers. It is compatible with Fox Den's sound system.” This is a big deal. What’s the rest of the story here, we wonder?

The note about our long-lost microphone is a perfect segue into our new **Technical Support Committee**, announced Wednesday by President David. This committee will work on technical issues/equipment beyond the Zoom platform for our meetings. If you would like to serve, please send DAVID an email.



**Julie Blaylock**, Farragut West Knox Chamber’s president and CEO, alerts us to their **33rd Auction: An Evening Under the Stars** on Sept. 16 at The Venue at Lenoir City. The fun begins at 6 p.m. This is the chamber’s largest fundraising event of the year. She says 20% of all ticket and auction item sales will benefit two member non-profit organizations — the American Cancer Society and the Volunteer Ministry Center. Tickets are \$60 each for members, \$70 each for non-members, or \$550 for a table of 10. For tickets and a lot more, click on this [LINK](#)

## Rotary Assisting in Deadly Flooding Disaster in Waverly; Hoping for Help

On August 21 flash flooding ravaged Waverly, in Humphreys County, TN. As of August 25 the death toll was 20. Homes and businesses have been lost as well as lives. On August 22 Rotarians sprang to action and have partnered with **One Generation Away** for food relief.

Dr. Michael Babb, District 6760 Governor, says they have applied for a \$25,000 Rotary grant, and feel confident that the full amount will be matched through donations. When matched dollar for dollar, the total

amount will end up being a \$50,000 grant to support all those in need. All of our district clubs will be able to help in two ways:

**One Generation Away** at this [LINK](#) will be coordinating not only for the immediate food/supplies needs, but needs for the next two years! They have committed to 20 food drops/distributions over the next two years. “We will be asking all district clubs to donate directly to this Rotary only site to help and support those in need from Humphreys County. We already have multiple clubs throughout the entire United States wanting to donate, and now can give the above link to them,” Babb said.



Below is the exclusive **ROTARY DONATION LINK** to One Generation Away that will go only toward the District 6760 Rotary food relief at this [LINK](#)

The district also has direct contact with the local representative from **Hopeforce International**: She is Connie Hasty (615) 606-2020 and her email is [deployment@hopeforce.org](mailto:deployment@hopeforce.org). She has been on-site and can give specific directions. This is where your club can get their hands dirty! Hopeforce will give you direction in clean-up efforts and any reconstruction effort that is needed on the dates that your club can help.



## Wayne Davis: The August Mystery Rotarian



Until this past Wednesday, our **August Mystery Rotarian** remained a mystery. He even told us that he's still a mystery to his wife after 53 years of marriage. Our wise collection of personalities at the Infamous Knights of the Round Back Table even failed this time! For this guy sits amongst them!

Their own **Wayne Davis** was our Mystery Rotarian and he took home a great bottle of Chateau St. Michelle cabernet from the Taylor family's **Dixie**

**Lee Wine & Liquors.**

"I had a heckuva time coming up with clues that my back table buddies didn't know about," Wayne said. "But it was fun."

Next Sunday we'll share the first four clues for our September Mystery Rotarian.

## A Thought for Your Week

"Before you assume, learn the facts. Before you judge, understand why. Before you hurt someone, feel. Before you speak, think." — Anon.