
THE FLAGSHIP



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Look What's Coming Up!!!

Aug. 25: The Flying
Anvil Theatre

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

Sept. 1: Club Assembly

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)

Flying Anvil Theatre's Chris Freeman's Flying To Farragut Rotary

If you've not heard about **The Flying Anvil Theatre** in Knoxville, you will Wednesday. Our speaker will be **Chris Freeman**, General Manager of The Flying Anvil. Chris has been around theatre his entire life. As the son of a theatre teacher, he was in his first play at age 12 and has been professionally acting, designing, directing, managing and teaching theatre ever since. Before moving to Knoxville, he spent three years in the classroom teaching elementary drama.



In 2012, Anvil Theater co-founders Jayne Morgan and Staci Swedeen raised funds via house parties and a successful 24-hour Facebook fund-raising blitz to present Staci

Swedeen's moving one-woman play, "Pardon Me For Living," to audience raves. The play was produced at the East Tennessee Historical Center, Knoxville Museum of Art and Pellissippi State Community College.

How did they settle on its name? Here's their answer: "It's a long-time tradition in East Tennessee to stack two anvils with a charge of black powder in the middle, light the fuse and then run like hell! With every performance at Flying Anvil, we celebrate the power of live theatre to bring us together to laugh, cry and raise a ruckus!"

Tory Kinson Says His RYE Year In Ecuador 'Kick Started' His Life

Tory Kinson says that his 11 months and 17 days of being a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student in 1988-89 in Ecuador "kick started" his life and gave him a certain "swagger" that he's never lost. Kinson was our speaker on Wednesday at Fox Den Country Club.



*Bill Nichols with Monica
and Tory Kinson*

His father was a longtime Rotarian in his hometown of Danville, IL and his family hosted nine RYE students when he was a young man, which helped him become an Exchange student. His two brothers also were RYE students.

"I spoke no Spanish when I got there but was fluent when I left," he says. "It was an incredible experience. The Amazon River and the Andes Mountains are in Ecuador but my two-week trip to the Galapagos Islands was the highlight," he said.

Today, he works for a Belgian-based international firm, Etex, with its U.S. office in Maryville.

Kinson, 50, met his wife in Colombia while working in South America years after his Exchange year. He and his wife, Monica, live in Farragut with their three children — 16, 13, and 10. He says his life revolves around the 4 F's — faith, family, fishing and foreign travel.

Wednesday's V&G's

- PP Dan Barnett had a special guest — “My guest is my sister's brother” was all he said. Translated: his guest was his brother, former Farragut Rotarian **Dr. Charlie Barnett**, who heads up the Annual Free Flu Shot Saturday,
- Sonya Ford's guest for the second time was **Alison Hardy**.
- With us again was **Tammy Cheek** of the Farragut Press.

Don't forget President David's request that each member bring a visitor to our meetings and each member sponsor a new member this year!



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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A Little Humorville Lexophilia

- How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
- England has no kidney
bank, but it does have a
Liverpool.

- Jokes about German
sausage are the wurst.
- What do you call a
dinosaur with an
extensive vocabulary?
A thesaurus.



- I dropped out of communism class because of
lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have
been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

News & Notes To Note

The **29th Annual Free Flu Saturday** is Sept. 25
at Farragut High School and we think at the new
Hardin Valley Middle School. There is a conflict
that prevents us from using Hardin Valley
Academy. We're going to need around 40
volunteers.

We're still in need for a few Farragut **Rotary Vols**
to help handle broadcasting our meetings via
Zoom as we did not too long ago. If you are not a
techie, we can show you how it's done! Please let
President David Bluford know.



PE Megan Belcher inducted a pair of new members Wednesday. With her are our two new members of the Family of Rotary — Kristin Otto and Devin Driscoll — and Devin's sponsor Scott Bertini. Kristin's sponsor Mark Holder was missing in action.

The 11th Annual District 6780 "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!" game was recently rained out and the new date is Tuesday Sept. 7. at 7 p.m. at Smokies Stadium.

Leadership Needs: **Service Projects** Co-Chair Scott Bertini still needs someone to come forward to be a co-chair with him and we need a **Youth Service** Co-Chair as well. If you would like to serve in these areas, please let President David know.

Our Family of Rotary News & Updates

Mike Singletary on Wednesday gave us a great update on wife **Anita**: "Anita is now 2 1/2 years past her diagnosis of stage 4 kidney cancer that metastasized to her leg bone, and she is doing pretty well. She drives her car and loves nothing better than shopping for her grand daughters. She gets a bi-weekly infusion of a drug that boosts her immune system and helps her body fight off the cancer. We have seen that some people last five to six years on this treatment. The usual chemotherapy can't do that. So, we try to take it a day at a time, and we count our blessings. Her successful treatment is good news for me and her, but also it is good for us in the club because if one of us suffers cancer we can know that today there are treatments that can extend life. Not long ago, that was not likely."

The Bradburys had a long day and night at UT Medical Center Friday, not getting back home until early Saturday morning. **Phill** had minor surgery Friday as his doctors replaced the batteries in his brain stimulator. Judith says they're both exhausted from the long day.

Bettye Sisco flies to Durham, N.C. and Duke Medical Center on Monday. The plan right now is for her to be back home on September 9. She was approved for a clinical trial for the experimental meds she will be taking for her leukemia. Our fingers are crossed tightly that these drugs work their magic on her.



PP Peggy Wilson says she and **Joe** are doing good. “Joe's echocardiogram showed he still has a weak heart. Although the valve is working, the heart is still only pumping 25% of the blood to his body. I continue to go to physical therapy two times per week. Hopefully, this is helping to heal the broken bone in my right arm,” Peggy said.

And she added this for one and all: “Joe and I want to thank our Rotary friends for your prayers and thoughtfulness during our recent medical challenges. We especially appreciate the great food that many of you have so timely and kindly provided. You have demonstrated so well the role that Rotary plays in our neighborhood and the world. You have been a blessing to us.”

President David Bluford missed Wednesday's meeting. He was with wife **Mary** visiting a lung doctor. I can tell you that she is getting better following good report from lung doctor” he said.

Prayers and thanks for healing!!!!

August's Mystery: Your Final 4 Clues

Hercule Pierot and Sherlock Holmes didn't solve our **August Mystery Rotarian** puzzle after 12 clues. Today, we pass along the final four clues for one and all. The wine from **Dixie Lee Wine & Liquors** hangs in the balance!

Here are the final four clues:

- When camping, woke up one morning to find a poisonous snake beside my sleeping gear
- Was in attendance three times when University of Tennessee teams won national championships
- Lived in eight Southern states
- Supervised erecting a bridge across the Red River in Louisiana



You know the drill. The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win the wine. If no solves this Mystery, the Mystery Rotarian will enjoy the wine!

A Thought for This Week

“The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it.” – **Flannery O'Connor**, late American novelist