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# THE FLAGSHIP



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## *Coming Up!*

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July 15: Club Assembly,  
12:15 p.m. , Fox Den

July 16: No Third  
Thursday

July 18: District Awards  
Luncheon, 11:30,  
Crowne Plaza

July 22: Club Meeting,  
speaker TBA

July 29: Club Meeting,  
speaker TBA

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

## July's Club Assembly Wednesday Will Be A Very Busy One

We'll be back — sort of — face-to-face Wednesday at Fox Den Country Club for our **July Club Assembly** meeting. Not everyone will be there. We can accommodate 50 people. PP Tom King is taking reservations until 9 p.m. tonight. You should have received an email from him about this on Friday.



And those 50 will be wearing masks due to the COVID-19 guidelines so we can protect one another. So far no one one in our club

## ***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?

## ***Facebook***

If you have not visited our Facebook page, give it a try!

Denise Bash is doing a 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!

Here is a [LINK](#) to our page.

has come down with this virus from China.

For those not lucky enough to get a seat (four people to a table), the meeting will be streamed on Facebook Live. Julie Blaylock will be handling the technology for us this week.

**President Ed Jones** will ring the bell at 12:15 p.m., but we recommend you get there early and get a seat. Meals will be served at the tables spaced out due to social distancing.

This will be a busy Club Assembly. Here are a few things on the agenda:

- Discussion of club financial issues by Treasurer Howard Fass (see separate article below for a preview)
- Induction of Scott Bertini as our newest member
- Discussion about the need for a Sergeant at Arms
- Family of Rotary news from Committee Chair Mark Bialik
- PP Jim O'Brien, president of the new Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation, will share some details about the foundation's operations.

If you plan to attend, don't forget to RSVP to PP Tom BEFORE 9 tonight!

## Board Survives First Meeting of 2020-21

It was a busy and long virtual meeting for our **2020-21 Board of Directors** this past Wednesday and President Ed Jones covered a lot of ground in getting our year off and running.

We discussed several financial matters covered in a story below this article.

Here's a rundown of what else happened:



- Outgoing Secretary **Julie Blaylock** said we currently have 98 members and four Honorary Members for a total of 102. At this week's coming meeting we will be inducting **Scott Bertini** and his sponsor is PP Tom King. Once done, Julie officially passed the secretary torch to **Joshua**

### **Hornberger!**

- President Ed passed along two important dates from the district: Oct. 20 will be **Purple Pinkie Day** at Dunkin' Donuts and Oct. 24 will be **World Polio Day** around the world.
- **District Governor Ron Appuhn** will have his annual visit to our club on Sept. 2 and it will be a "virtual" visit.
- Approved donating \$500 to the **Knoxville Challenger Pro Tennis Tournament** that is directed by our member Adam Brock.
- **Mike Singletary** is moving forward with the Salvation Army for the the Ringing of the Bells at Kroger in Farragut and working out

the date.

- **PP Becky Duncan** reported that District 6780 approved our grant request for \$5,000 for the project at the new Senior Citizens/Community Center in Farragut (see story below).
- **Family of Rotary Chair Mark Bialik** passed along some important information. He spoke with Dr. Charlie Barnett and there will be a Flu Shot Saturday this year on Sept. 19. All shots will be given outside in a drive-through process. No Third Thursday for July but maybe in August depending on COVID-19 news.
- The club now has a Zoom account and **Webmaster/Guru Scott Weinstein** says that club committees can use it for their meetings and to contact him if you are interested.

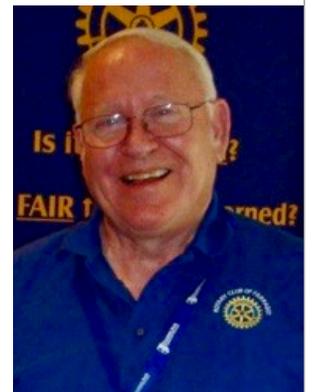
## Humorville & COVID-19

“What’s the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.” – Anon (Or did Candace Viox say this?)

## Attention: We Need a Sergeant at Arms (Or Maybe 2) To Take Over for Jim Dodd

President Ed Jones and our Board of Directors are searching for a new **Sergeant at Arms** to handle those duties after Jim Dodd stepped down after 26 years at our front desk. In fact, they’re looking for two members to share this weekly duty.

We actually had someone to handle this — Vicki Sponge. But she has up and disappeared and no can



find her or get replies to calls, emails or texts. So we're moving on.

The job requirements are arriving early to get the front desk set up and ready to roll as members and guests (at some point we hope) come in to Fox Den Country Club. This person welcomes one and all, makes sure members and guests sign in and those who need to pay lunch do pay.

It is an important role for the club. But you have to be willing to be there every week, thus the idea that perhaps two members could rotate weekly or monthly.

If you are interested, please let President Ed know ASAP. You can email PRESIDENT ED or call him at 865-250-1070.

## COVID-19 & Our Finances; Treasurer Howard Fass Talks About the Issues

COVID-19 has impacted so many aspects of our lives and for many it has had serious financial implications. The Rotary Club of Farragut is not immune as **Treasurer Howard Fass** tells us today.

Howard is working on some creative ideas regarding our club invoices. "In the past the treasurer would invoice all members (exception-Rule of 85) in advance. Fox Den has limited our meetings to 50 members and due to this change the board has approved all members to be invoiced like the Rule of 85 (I will invoice each member retrospectively based on your attendance/meals)," he explained.

That means that your upcoming July 2020 invoice may include the following charges: member dues \$51, Paul Harris \$25, Rotary International Polio Plus \$25, and meals (Rule of 85 only), makeups, and guests meals from the third quarter (January to March 2020). Also included on the upcoming invoice will be a \$50 charge if you participated in the recent District 6780 Golf Tournament and a meal charge if you attended the June 24, 2020 meeting.

“Due to the changes in billing we will probably have a limited income for this fiscal year (July 2020 to June 2021). Who knows when we are going to be normal?,” Howard added.

Can we pull off the Wine Tasting Event this fiscal year as the club’s number one fund raiser? The club wants to continue to provide discretionary contributions and scholarships this fiscal year.

The Board of Directors has proposed an additional \$24 to be added to your invoice quarterly. If a member does not attend any future meetings their usual invoice amount would be \$100 quarterly. The board would like your opinions.

Howard will discuss all of this at our meeting on Wednesday.

## The Family of Rotary Report

**PP Peggy Wilson** says she and husband **Joe** are doing better — Peggy with her lower back surgery and Joe from recent rotator cuff surgery. Joe has started physical therapy and is doing exercises at home.

**Bettye Sisco** is in Hot Springs, VA for her nephew’s wedding today. She drove up alone on Friday. “I’m doing fine. The drive up was

pretty tough. But I leave tomorrow and the drive home will be the hardest,” she said. Safe travel prayers for Bettye!!!!

## RYE Student Erika Nahomy Returns Home

It was a morning of smiles, hugs and tears early on Tuesday morning at McGhee Tyson Airport when we said good-bye to our 2019-2020 Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student — **Erika Nahomy** from Brazil.



Leading the send-off were three Farragut Rotarians — Kristin Abouelata, Cindy Kraus and our RYE guru Bill Nichols. They are pictured here with Erika.

“We were all there at 5:30 a.m. and her flight left at 7 a.m.,” Cindy said. Two of her host families also were there — the Hillesheim’s and the Kunz’s — along with

two close friends from Webb School, District 6780 RYE chair McKinley Tabor and our three members.

Kristin and Cindy are Co-Chairs of our Youth Services Committee.

Because of COVID-19, we will not be sending out or hosting any Exchange students during this Rotary year of 2020-21.

## District Awards Luncheon on July 18

You're invited to join **Past District Governor Greg Maciolek** in celebrating the many accomplishments of our clubs this past Rotary 2019-20 year. He will host an **Awards Luncheon** on Saturday, July 18th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville at 11:30 a.m.

District Rotarians are invited to attend but you must register for the limited seats available. First come, first served. Registration will close at the close of business on Monday, July 13.

Click on this [LINK](#) to register for this event.



Besides presenting the awards, we will be honoring the District Leadership Academy graduates and at the end of the program there will be a Memorial Ceremony to remember those Rotarians who have passed away in the last year.

If you have been previously contacted by DG Greg and have committed to attending, you do not need to register again. This invite is to those Rotarians in the District who would like to attend.

We will be following the CDC guidelines for social distancing and we will wear masks.

The Awards Luncheon will be live streamed on the District's Facebook page.

## DG Ron's First Online District Meeting Is Tuesday Featuring Assistant Governors

**District Governor (DG) Ron Appuhn** will have his first monthly district-wide, online meeting on Tuesday (July 14) at 3 p.m. EDT and this meeting will focus on his assistant district governors.

You can watch this meeting by clicking on this [LINK](#). Once on the page you may need to hit the refresh button at the top of the page.

DG Ron's guests this month will be the 16 Assistant Governors and the AG Coordinator, Norm Fontana. "We will be introducing our AG team, and our major topic of discussion will be our clubs' meetings and member engagement," DG Ron said.

The District 6780's new Social Media Chair, Andrea Ludden of the Rotary Club of Gatlinburg, will facilitate the meeting.

## Our Thought for the Week

"If the CDC told people that staying inside for 14 days would save the 2020 college football season, the entire South would be locked in their rooms right now." — **Patrick Simpson** on Twitter