
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!

July 22: Online Meeting
with Derrick Furrow as
our speaker

July 29: Online Meeting,
Program TBA

August 5: Board of
Directors meeting, 11
a.m.

August 5: Club
Assembly

August 12: Meeting
TBA

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

Farragut Rotary Wins Three Major Awards, 11 In All, From D6780



The Rotary Club of Farragut yesterday brought home three major awards and eight others from the 2020 District 6780 Awards ceremony at the Crowne Plaza. **Past President Staci Wilkerson** was there to accept the honors our club

earned during her year as our president.

The three major awards are:

- One of four clubs among the district's 67 clubs to be named “**Rotary Club of the Year.**” In the picture above, Staci accepts

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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this award from Past District Governor
Greg Maciolek.

• **Bill Nichols**
was surprised
with the John
G e r m
Humanitarian
Award for his
tireless work
with the
d i s t r i c t ' s



Rotary Youth Exchange program. Here he
is making his acceptance speech — short
and full of tears!

• **PP Tom King** won the Lacy-Bomar
Award of Excellence for “The Flagship” in
the Electronic Club Bulletin category.

These other eight awards helped us earn
the Club of the Year award:

- Rotary Citation with three Presidential
Distinctions
- District Governor Citation
- Super Star Club +6
- Globe Club
- Youth Event Service - Level 5
- \$250 Club (22 members)
- Polio Eradicator Club
- Community Service Award

Also, **PP Bob Parker** was recognized as a
graduate of this year's District Leadership
Academy class and **Tom Marsh** was

thanked for his hard work on the recent District Golf Tournament for Polio Plus.

Greg Maciolek presented the John Germ Humanitarian Award to Nichols, who was clearly caught off guard. “Bill put in 1,574 volunteer hours this year for youth exchange and I don’t know what our Rotary Youth Exchange program would do without him. You change kid’s lives,” he said. Germ, of Chattanooga, is a Past President of Rotary International.

Nichols, in accepting, said: “These are my kids. I love them all and do everything I can to help them.” Nichols is chair of the D6780 Outbound RYE program but works with the overall program. Maciolek said that Bill even used his own credit card to help these students get home this year in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nichols, fighting back tears, added: “There are a lot of people who are involved with the Rotary Youth Exchange program who give a lot of hours each year to make the Exchange Program happen....It has been very special to me because these young people have become my kids as I watch them grow into adults. One thing all of them will tell you is the Rotary Youth Exchange year has been the highlight of their life so far and how much it changed their lives. It is members of our Farragut club who have been host parents, or a counselor or serving on the Youth Services committee who have made the program meaningful to me. Members of our Club have become part of this global Rotary program. Without them none of this would happen.”

King won his 10th Lacy Bomar award for the Best Electronic club bulletin. The runner-up was the Rotary Club of Knoxville.

“It was a tremendous honor to accept the awards on behalf of our club. The awards are a result of the hard work, commitment and

dedication of our club and our members,” PP Staci said. “Congratulations to Bill Nichols for receiving the John Germ Humanitarian Award and to Tom King for receiving the Lacy-Bomar Award of Excellence. I am very proud of our club's accomplishments and it was a true honor and privilege to be the president of the Rotary Club of Farragut during 2019-2020.”

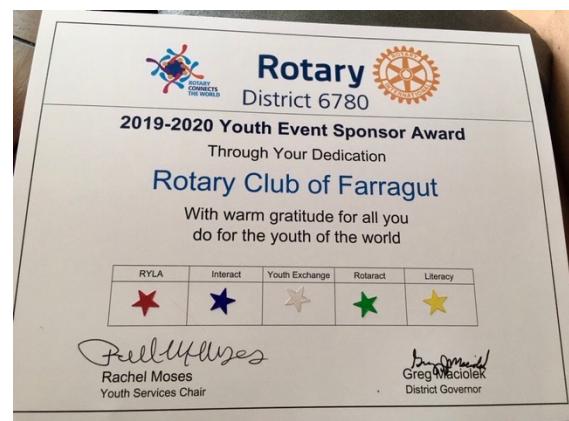
Our District Awards in Photos



*Our award for being
Rotary Club of the Year*

Farragut **Rotary Citation with three Presidential Distinctions**

District Governor Citation
 Rotary Club of the Year
 John Germ Humanitarian Award – Bill Nichols
 Super Star Club + 6
 Globe Club
 Robert Parker – DLA Graduate
 Lacy-Bomar Electronic Newsletter – First Place
 Youth Event Service (YES) Level 5
 \$250 Club Members (22)
 Polio Eradicator Club
 Community Service Award



Former UT Vol Derrick Furrow Speaks At Our Online Meeting on Wednesday

Yes, the Rotary Club will meet Wednesday and it will be an online meeting. We'll also have an interesting speaker for you — former Tennessee Vol football player **Derrick Furrow**.



Today, Derrick travels across the country sharing his story with the hope of empowering others to never yield when facing adversity. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee where he earned his B.S. degree in Legal Studies and his Masters of Science in Sports Psychology — earning both degrees within four years when he played at UT from 2005-2009.

He writes on his website: Derrick soon realized that football was just a temporary stage for his permanent purpose. Now he shares his story and the principles he learned from sports to “Impact, Inspire & Empower people” while putting them in position to transition!

Here is the [LINK](#) for you to use to access the online meeting on Zoom. You can begin joining the meeting at 12 noon.

Today's Humor From Humorville

“What’s the difference between the bird flu and the swine flu? One requires tweetment and the other an oinkment.” — Author in Hiding

The Family of Rotary Report

Bettye Sisco is resting up and recovering from her trip last weekend to Hot Springs, VA for a wedding. “I’m doing all right. I see my doctor on Thursday to get results from my CAT scan I had this past Thursday,” she said. “I just overtired myself,” Bettye said laughing!



PP Peggy Wilson says that she and husband Joe are both doing well from their recent surgeries — Peggy on the lower back and Joe for a rotator cuff. “Nothing to report,” she said. That’s great news!

A Few Newsy Notes for Ya!

- At our online meeting this past Wednesday, we formally inducted **Scott Bertini** as our newest member. PP Tom King is his sponsor. Secretary Joshua Hornberger reported that we now have 101 members.



- The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce has a new logo. Our **Julie Blaylock**, president of the chamber, was kind enough to share the logo with us and here it is. Looks pretty spiffy!!!!
- We are still on the prowl for a sergeant-at-arms to replace the great job that **Jim Dodd** did for 26 years. If you are interested, please let President Ed Jones know soonest. You can use this [LINK](#) to email Ed.

Grant Project Wrapped Up for Farragut Senior Center; Installation Work Is Next

PP Becky Duncan, our Grants Committee chair, reports that District 6780 approved the project report and sent the \$5,750 in matching funds to our club, which will now be disbursed to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation and the Bearden Rotary Club. When the Farragut Senior Center is allowed to open, we will have a ribbon cutting.

With matching funds, this is an \$11,500 project — \$5,000 from our club and \$750 from Bearden.

The project includes 6 planter boxes, 8 tables with seats, including two with umbrellas, 4 patio benches, 2 outdoor baseball corn hole games, 4 corn hole games, and gardening supplies and plants.

Once the center opens Rotarians from both the Farragut and Bearden clubs will have an opportunity to participate in planting and landscaping with the seniors. A plaque will be presented and placed on the building giving recognition to the Farragut and Bearden Rotary clubs for the outdoor project.

Congratulations to the Grant Committee for a job well done!

A Thought for the Day

"Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere." — **Humorist Erma Bombeck**