
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!

July 29: Dr. Charles Fowler, President, Carson Newman University

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

Aug. 5: Club Assembly

Aug. 12: Program TBA

Aug. 19: Program TBA

(All meetings begin at 12:15 unless noted otherwise and will be online)

Carson Newman President Is Our Wednesday Speaker

We'll have a superb program on Wednesday that will be presented by **Dr. Charles A. Fowler**, president of Carson



Newman University. Dr. Fowler just completed his first year as president and will join us virtually on Zoom.

He will be talking about his transition into the role of president, the impact of the pandemic and plans for the coming school year as for the classroom/virtual learning experience and athletics.

Fowler served as senior pastor of Germantown Baptist Church in West

Tennessee since 2010 before coming to CN. He is a native of Corinth, MS. Before becoming pastor in Germantown, he served as senior vice president of University Relations at Union University in Jackson, TN. During his 15 years at Union he served as the school's chief development officer and helped raise secure approximately \$150 million in gifts and grants in support of the school's mission.

Along with holding the rank of full professor at Union, Fowler also taught at Mississippi State University and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His other leadership roles have included serving on the board of trustees for the International Mission Board, Baptist Memorial Healthcare, Union University, Blue Mountain College and the Leadership Council for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.

Watch your email for a link to our meeting on Wednesday.

Let's give Dr. Fowler a big online welcome!

The Life & Success Story of Derrick Furlow

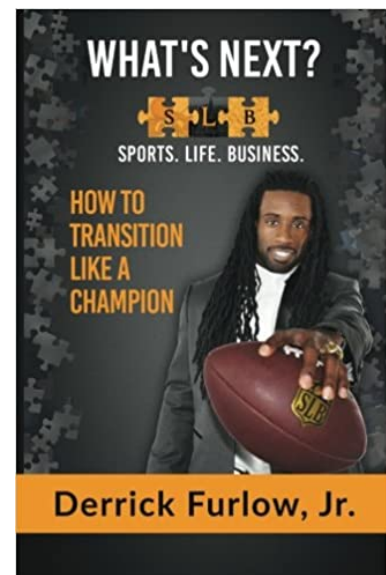
Derrick Furlow learned three things about life from former University of Tennessee Coach Phil Fulmer that he's never forgotten.

“Starters hang out with starters.”

“Winners hang out with winners.”

“Complainers hang out with complainers.”

Those words and the lessons he has learned in life have propelled Furlow to where he is today — an entrepreneur, author and speaker and a



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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mentor for many who call Knoxville home. He's working daily to make a difference and be a success. He was our speaker this past Wednesday.

“Coach Fulmer also made me understand that things are never as good as you think and that things are never as bad as you think they are,” he added.

Furlow was a preferred walk-on football player at UT and played for four seasons and during those four years he earned undergraduate and Master's degrees and graduated on time.

He talked about the hard times of growing up with a single mom in southwest Atlanta, moving to Griffin, Ga and then moving to Arkansas. This young man loves life and it's all reflected on his marketing website. Here's where you can learn a lot about him. Just click on this **LINK**

This is how he summarizes his life on his website: “Growing up, Derrick saw himself as another kid who wanted a better life and knew sports, in particular, football would serve as a vehicle to a better life. After growing up with much adversity, he began working towards shifting his perspective from a temporary experience of playing on the field to a permanent purpose of serving those who currently and formerly played sports. Today,

Derrick travels across the United States sharing his story with the hope of empowering others to never yield when facing adversity. He is a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies and his Masters of Science degree in Sports Psychology.

Pulled Over in Humorville!

A police officer stops a minivan full of elderly ladies being driven by an old gentleman because he was only going 25 mph, slowing down and stopping the mid-day traffic. The policeman asks the driver why is he going so slow.



“Well, that’s the speed limit, isn’t it! There was a sign saying 25 and everything!” the driver defends himself.

The policeman sighs, “No, sir, that’s the number of the highway you’re on. It has nothing to do with the speed limit.”

“Oh, so that’s what it means,” says the driver, looking shocked.

The officer looks inside the van and notices the grannies are all looking somewhat frozen and stiff, looking very scared. “What’s up with the ladies?” he asks the driver.

“Well, ummmm...” the driver scratches his head. “You see, we just exited Highway 90.”

Our Family of Rotary News

PP Chris Camp received some not so good news recently when an MRI revealed that she has a third tumor in her liver. “The doctor has changed the chemo that I’ll be treated with for the next three months and the good news is I’m tolerating the chemo well,” she said. She is obviously isolated at home to avoid the COVID-19 and appreciates our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send Chris a card, her address is 4726 Pecanwood Way / Knoxville, TN 37921

Our condolences to **Diane Wilkes**, who lost her brother earlier this week. Diane’s brother, David, passed away at his Oak Ridge home on Wednesday July 22.. Here is a [LINK](#) to his obituary.

The Sunday report on **Bettye Sisco** begins with this quote from her this morning: “Not feeling great but not awful. Trying to survive a migraine now. I thought I was having a stroke this morning and called two neighbors. But I had some coffee and I’m fine now.” She says her doctor visit this week was a mixed bag — “My scan was pretty clear and a spot on my stomach had disappeared but my white blood cell count was real high. Not good. It’s been a pretty bad week for me.”



Please keep Chris, Diane and Bettye in your thoughts and prayers.

News & Notes of Note:

3 Presented With Paul Harris Pins: Fisher, Imgram & PP Wilkerson

President Ed Jones presented three members with **Paul Harris** recognitions at our meeting this past Wednesday for their donations to The Rotary Foundation. **Ray Fisher** was presented with his Paul Harris+4, which means he has contributed more than \$5,000 to The Rotary Foundation. **Mary Ann Imgram** earned her PH+3 and **PP Staci Wilkerson** her PH+1. For our newer members, your first \$1,000 donated to the Rotary Foundation makes you a Paul Harris Fellow. And The Rotary Foundation is different from our new club foundation. Both, however, are 501 (C)(3) for tax purposes.

Mark Bialik tells us that the annual **Free Flu Shot Saturday** is a 100% GO for this year. It will be held on Sept. 19 but Mark says it will shrink from six locations to three this year — Farragut High School, Austin-East High School and a third site to be determined. This will be an outside “drive-by” only event and Mark says that will necessitate a larger number of volunteers for coordination and traffic control. Please get this Saturday morning on your schedule!!!!!! This is a great event that began in our club back in 1992.

Here’s an FYI for you: **The Rotary Club of Bearden** last week decided to suspend their in-person meetings until further notice. In lieu of the weekly meetings, they are exploring ways to stay engaged with one another until they are again meeting face-to-face, it says on the club’s Facebook page.

Mike Fleenor: Here, There, Everywhere!

We've not seen much of **Mike Fleenor** of late. Remember that old Willie Nelson song "On the Road Again?" That's where he's been — on the road!



"We've probably driven 8,000 miles since March. Our daughter Rebecca (pictured here) graduated from medical school in Memphis and we helped her find a house in Birmingham, get her condo in Memphis ready to sell, and closed on both and moved her to Birmingham," Mike says. "She is now an MD and resident in OBGYN at the University of Alabama Birmingham Medical Center."

Most of us are aware of Mike being a big fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide. That medical school in Memphis that Mike mentioned was actually the UTHSC School of Medicine (University of Tennessee Health Science Center). She also got a Master's degree in Pharmacology from UTHSC.

But he adds: "Her undergrad in biology is from University of Alabama. By the way, my wife and daughter are the die-hard Crimson fans. I'll pull for the Tide unless they are playing the Big Orange!" Now, we got that cleared up!

"You might also get a kick out of this. My son Mark has added Helicopter Glacier Tours to his activities at Sheep Mountain Lodge," Mike says. "He came to Arkansas before COVID, got his commercial helicopter license and bought a four-person helicopter. I'm looking forward to flying with him in August!" Sheep Mountain Lodge is in Chickaloon, AK, two hours northeast of Anchorage.

The Fleenors are back in Florida now and flying to Alaska on Aug. 2 to visit Mark and family there.

Sing it out, Willie!

The Latest News About Polio

Amidst this attention on COVID-19, let's not forget about Rotary International's focus on the **eradication of polio**. There's still a long way to go to banish this crippling disease.



Here is a quick summary of cases as of July 21 from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative:

- Afghanistan: five WPV1 cases and five WPV1 positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: two WPV1 cases and eight WPV1 positive environmental samples
- Cameroon: one cVDPV2 positive environmental sample
- Chad: three cVDPV2 cases

If you'd like more detail, click on this [LINK](#)

A Thought for Your Week

“Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.” — **Late comedian Robin Williams**