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# THE FLAGSHIP



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## *Coming Up!*

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July 8: Board of Directors, 11 a.m., online meeting

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

July 16: No Third Thursday

July 22: Club Meeting, speaker TBA

July 29: Club Meeting, speaker TBA

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



## Wednesday's Board Meets Online at 11; Next In-Person Meeting Will Be July 15

**President Ed Jones** says that our Board of Directors will have an online meeting on Wednesday at 11 a.m. and on July 15 we will have an in-person Club Assembly meeting at Fox Den Country Club. Ed

## ***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.

says that all members are welcomed to turn in and watch and listen to the board meeting and its agenda is packed.

On July 15 we will be inducting two new members — **Scott Bertini** and **Ni Qui** as well as handling some carry-over items. Prospective attendees will have to RSVP since the number of attendees will be limited to 50 as we again meet in the Fox Den ballroom. We also must wear masks and follow the CDC guidelines. It is our intent to stream the meetings for those who cannot attend in-person. Our first in-person speaker is planned for July 22, Ed says.

We also will meet at Fox Den in-person on July 29.

So far — and thankfully — no one in our club has tested positive for the virus, at least as far as we know. And we pray for that to continue being the case!

On Tuesday, we will email all members a link to the online board meeting, so please watch and check your email box for this.

And may the rest of your July 4th weekend be safe and happy....and perhaps throw in a prayer for our country in these troubling and unusual times!!!!

## Humorville Kids About July 4th

Teacher: “More than 200 years ago, our forefathers defeated the British in the Revolutionary War.”

Caleb: “Wow! They must have been pretty strong, four men defeating a whole army!” — Joke by Caleb B., Borfield, III.

Teacher: “What was the patriots’ favorite food in the Revolutionary War?”

Bobby: “I don’t know. What?”

Teacher: “Chicken Catch-a-Tory!” — Joke by Greg B., Corning, N.Y.

## [Our Family of Rotary Report](#) **The Bettye Sisco Sun Room Saga**

You may recall this past Monday evening when some really bad storms hit Farragut — lightning and thunderboomers followed by a long evening of heavy downpours.

**Betty Sisco’s** house was not spared. The rain started pouring into Betty’s sun porch room and flooded the floor.

About 9 p.m. she called PP Tom King and said she needed help. “Who can help Bettye?” Tom wondered. After about 30 seconds of wondering what to do, Tom dialed Noah Myers. After one ring, Noah said “Hello Tom.” After hearing Bettye’s plight and request for help, Noah told Tom to call

**Todd Knowles**, who works for Noah. Tom got Todd on the phone and explained the situation. Five minutes later Todd called Bettye and yes, things are much better at her house.



*Todd Knowles and son William*

By the way, Noah and his family were in Moab, Utah on vacation when Tom called him.

Early this past Tuesday Knowles was at Bettye's home to assess the damage and put a tarp over the sun porch. He and his son William, 15, have been back a time or three this week and work is underway to restore Bettye's room that she so enjoys.

"Todd Knowles is my new hero. This guy is wonderful," Bettye said. He's repaired her leaky roof, replaced the gutters, cut down the trees and bushes around the sun room and cleaned up the floor, a floor that he will soon replace for her. He's also patched up a roof leak over her garage.

"He's a Godsend," Bettye said to Tom today. "But so are you and Noah. Rotary really is a family who takes care of one another. I didn't know what to do, being here alone. You and Noah were there when I needed you."

Now, how is Bettye's leukemia doing? "I'm actually feeling good today," she said. She will have a CAT scan on July 16 and on July 18 she will have blood work done to check her numbers.

But before those appointments, this woman, who seldom slows down, is driving to Hot Springs, VA on Friday to attend her nephew's wedding, which is a week from today. She'll drive home on Monday and this is a five-hour plus drive.

Please keep Bettye in your thoughts and prayers.

## ..... And Here Are Our Other Family Updates

**PP Peggy Wilson** says she and husband **Joe** finally got a good nights sleep last night — the first in a while since Peggy’s surgery on June 22 and Joe’s recent rotator cuff shoulder surgery two weeks ago. “It seems that we are on the road to recovery. The meds are working,” Peggy says.

**Mother Rotary Joan McIntee** says husband **Jim** is recovering from having two stents inserted to improve his leg pains. “His legs are better and he’s walking around — four minutes every hour now,” she said. “We’re trying to hang in there. I’m in my wheelchair because my knee gives out on me now.”

**PP Chris Camp** has good news as she continues to battle pancreatic cancer and shelters at home. “I’m feeling really good and there’s actually nothing new to report,” she said. Great news that she’s feeling good these days!

Thoughts and prayers for one and all!!!!!!

## PP Ron Lawrence’s Summit View Also Named Best in Readers’ Choice Honors

Last week The Flagship reported that seven Farragut Rotarians were honored in the 2020 farragutpress Readers’ Choice Awards that were recently published. Well, there were actually eight Rotarians honored.

We somehow erred and missed the honor for **PP Ron Lawrence and his Summit View of Farragut**. Ron was voted best in the Best Nursing Home category!

Congratulations to PP Ron!!!!!!

## Meet New Dist. Governor Ron Appuhn

**Ron Appuhn** is the 107th District Governor for District 6780. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Maryville, which he joined in 2006.

He has served as club president and currently serves as the International Service chair for the club. Ron has served in several capacities in District 6780, including Chair of the International Service Committee and member of the Group Study Exchange Committee.



He received Rotary International's Service Above Self award in 2015.

### ***DG Ron Appuhn and wife Karen Wentz***

Ron is known in our district and our zones as a lead advocate for the Heart 2 Heart program. The Heart 2 Heart program is a collaborative partnership between 27 districts in the U.S. and two districts in central Mexico to provide humanitarian service, primarily through TRF global grants. Ron is a member of Rotary International's Finance Committee and its Investment Committee.

Ron is an early retiree from full-time employment. His career was in the education finance field, primarily as the Chief Financial Officer in colleges in three states and at Webb School of Knoxville. He has a B.S. in accounting from the University of California Berkeley and a MBA from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and he is a Certified Public Accountant. Ron has also served on several local not-for-profit boards.



Ron is married to **Past Rotary International Director Karen Wentz**. Karen and Ron have a large blended family — Ron has two boys and Karen has four children, five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Ron and Karen enjoy family, Rotary, and travel. They are strong supporters of Rotary's peace activities and are members of the Paul Harris Society and the Arch Klumph Society.

This past Tuesday DG Ron was installed by Past Rotary International President John Germ and here is a [LINK](#) to the D6780 online meeting.

## Bill Rice Has His Own Firm Now

In case you had not heard — and The Flagship had not — **Bill Rice** in January opened this own company. Its name is “**Innovative Call Design.**”

And he says, “Yes, after 14 years with Hiscall (no relation to HisSecurity!) I decided to start my own practice. Relying on my 30 years industry experience, my new enterprise focuses on helping businesses communicate better with their customers/clients/patients using technology.” And considering what is happening with COVID-19, his timing was perfect, but unexpected.



Bill is still providing support to a majority of his customers from the past two to three decades, a majority of which are community banks, medical practices, contact centers and rural utility companies, he says. Great news for Bill and good luck Rotarian!

## Our July Rotary Birthdays

July's here — it's finally getting hot — and also here are birthdays for five Farragut Rotarians. Here's a belated birthday wish for **PP Jonathan Johnson** and today we pass along Happy Birthday wishes to **Terry Kerbs!**



Here are our July babies:

July 3: PP Jonathan Johnson

July 5: Terry Kerbs

July 9: PP Bob Parker

July 14: Denise Bash

July 21: Nancy Bosson

Cheers and Happy Birthday!

## Canada Steps Up in Polio Fight



In the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to recognize the power of vaccines and immunizations, which save millions of lives each year. Karina Gould, Minister of International Development of Canada, has announced that her country has committed \$47.5 million annually over four years to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Endgame Strategy, and renewed funding for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, ahead of its upcoming replenishment.



Rotary clubs throughout Canada welcomed the new pledge as a continuation of the country's leadership and partnership to end polio. Canada has worked closely with Rotary clubs in Canada since 1986 when Canada became a donor to polio. To date, Canadian Rotarians have raised and contributed more than \$41.3 million to eradication efforts.

Here is a [LINK](#) to the full story.

## ***A Thought for Our Weekend***

**“One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, One Nation evermore!” —  
Oliver Wendell Holmes**

**And a July 4th fact:** Two of our Founding Fathers — Thomas Jefferson and John Adams — died hours apart on July 4, 1826 — on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Adams was 90 and Jefferson 83.