
THE FLAGSHIP



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Rodney Dangerfield's Humor!

"You want to have some laughs? Do what I do. When I go through a tollbooth, I keep going. I tell the guy, 'The car behind me is paying for two.'"

"I get no respect. The way my luck is running, if I was a politician, I would be honest."

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous... everyone hasn't met me yet."



Changing of the Guard: Get There Early! You Can Still RSVP For Wednesday's Meeting

COVID-19 has impacted most every facet of life this spring, and our "**Changing of the Guard**" Wednesday will be no different. We are limited to having only 50 people attend and as of today we have 34

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.

who have RSVP'd to watch **Ed Jones**
become our President for the 2020-21
Rotary year.

You can still RSVP until 6 p.m. today by
emailing TOM KING.

You need to arrive a little early because
lunches will be served at 12 noon at the
tables, and we will have only 4 people per
table in Fox Den's large ballroom. We will
ring the bell at 12:15 p.m. That has a nice
ring to it!

Here are other changes for the meeting:

- No one will wear badges
- Everyone must wear a mask
- We will not be taking attendance
- Keep everyone's well being in mind; if
you've been ill or running a fever, please
do not attend

District Governor Greg Maciolek will be
conducting the installation ceremony for
Ed and his leadership team as President
Staci Wilkerson passes the President's pin
to Ed. We hope as many of our officers
and directors can attend Wednesday as
possible as well as Past Presidents.

We also will be thanking **Jim Dodd** for 26
years of dedicated service, week by week,
as our great Sergeant at Arms. He says
he'll really enjoy coming to meetings and
not "working."

For those of you who cannot attend, we will be broadcasting the meeting on Facebook Live. Our Facebook leader Denise Bash will be handling that and we will be providing all members with a link so you can watch the meeting live.

We will be welcoming seven new members to our Board of Directors and that has major benefits — new ideas and new leaders for the future of our club, which recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. That's a party we still need to have soon!

Below is our complete team that will be installed Wednesday.

Our 2020-2021 Leadership Team

President — Edward Jones

President-Elect — Rev. David Bluford

Vice President — Andy Luttrell

Secretary — Joshua Hornberger

Treasurer — Howard Fass

Sergeant at Arms — Vicki Esponge

Public Image — PP Tom King

Service Projects — Brian Elton and Sonya Ford

Family of Rotary — Mark Bialik

Fundraising — Megan Belcher and Scott Brockamp

Club Membership — PP Doug Powell and Arlene Weinstein

International Service — PP Becky Duncan

Youth Services — Cindy Kraus and Kristin Abouelata

Rotary Foundation — Scott Weinstein

Immediate Past President — Staci Wilkerson

First Club Assembly Meeting on Zoom Worked Great; 32 Members Attended

In a year of “first ever” we had one this past Wednesday — our first-ever online weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Farragut. **President Staci Wilkerson** and **President-Elect Jones** led the online get together while our **Webmaster Scott Weinstein** served as the moderator.

We had 32 members “tuned in” via the Zoom platform and we had one guest — Prospective Member Scott Bertini.

Following discussion about this coming week’s meeting, President Staci led her final Club Assembly and this is what we heard:



- Secretary Julie Blaylock said that the recent resignations of Amanda DeBord and Yvonne Key (report below on Yvonne), we now have 99 members but we will be, at some point, inducting two new members — Nina Qui and Scott Bertini.
- If you suggested speakers and programs, please email them to DAVID BLUFORD. He will be our President Elect, and Co-Chair of Administration and Programs.
- With Amanda DeBord’s resignation, PP Becky Duncan will be chair of our International Grants Committee.
- Family of Rotary Chair Mark Bialik is hoping we can have a Third Thursday in July, if the conditions allow. He did announce we will

not have a summer picnic. Mark said as of now he has no information about Flu Shot Saturday.

- Rotary Foundation Chair PP Bob Parker says our members donated \$23,800 to Rotary's Annual Fund and Polio Plus this year, which qualifies us as a District 6780 STAR Club. We have recognized three new members into the Paul Harris Society this year, with one major donor honored, and our per-member giving was \$950.
- DG Greg also began the \$250 Club this year and we had 23 members.
- Megan Belcher and Scott Brockamp are co-chairs of our new Fundraising Committee and are planning some interesting things ahead. Stay tuned in for their plans.

Emily Richardson, Former HVA Interact President, Awarded \$1,500 Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Farragut is proud and happy to announce that we have awarded a \$1,500 scholarship to former Hardin Valley Academy (HVA) Interact Club member **Emily Richardson**. This past year Emily finished her senior year at HVA and also attended Pellissippi State Community College (PSCC).

She was president of the HVA Interact Club for three years (2018-2020) and will be continuing her education at PSCC this fall. Then she plans to attend the University of Tennessee for undergraduate and Master's degrees in Finance.



Here is what Emily told us — about Emily: “For the past four years I have had the honor to attend Hardin Valley Academy. Along the

journey I have joined various clubs and done various activities as a Hawk. The first club I ever joined has helped shape me today is DECA. For three years I have competed in district and state finals while fundraising for a club I no doubt believe in. By joining DECA I was selected for Miss Business Junior Achievement to connect with female business women in Knoxville. I knew I wanted to be involved in the community so I joined the Rotary Interact Club.”

Congratulations to this impressive young lady!

Family of Rotary Report:

Bad Day for the Nichols Family & More

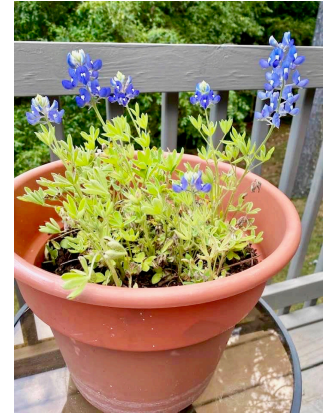
About three weeks ago (on Sunday May 31) **Bill and Linda Nichols** had a really really “bad” day, we found out, all within a four-hour time frame. Their daughter, **Kay Cornett**, was tossed off a horse and broke her left wrist and the distal radius bone in her arm while jumping. Linda had been with her at Park West Medical Center and was on her way home on Dutchtown Road and received a speeding ticket from the Knoxville Police Department — for going 54 in a 40 mph zone. Once home they had to take their little pooch, Gracie, 11, to have her put down. “Danged tough day indeed!” Bill said.



Diane Wilkes tells us that she officially retired on June 5 after a long career in the banking business. She was at Mountain Commerce Bank when she retired. She says this comes at a good time. Her brother, **David Wright**, who is 71 and lives in Oak Ridge, is seriously ill with cancer. “I’ll have the time now to be with him,” she said. Her brother is under Hospice care with Stage 4 lung cancer. “He underwent three weeks of chemo and radiation and is now home.

This was a very unexpected diagnosis,” Diane says. “Prayers appreciated for his comfort and for his wife and daughter.”

Bettye Sisco is having breathing issues and she suspects that changes in her chemotherapy dosage is doing it. “I’m OK if I stay in my chair and I don’t have any energy. I’m using oxygen from time to time,” she says of her battle with leukemia. She has two doctor visits scheduled this week and hopes to find out some answers. On a fun note, she has five Texas Bluebonnets blooming!



Second Notice!

Please Make Your Club Payments

Club Treasurer Howard Fass reminds us that the end of the Rotary Club of Farragut’s fiscal year is June 30, 2020. There are members who still have a balance due to the club.

Please forward your payment to the address below. If you need an updated invoice please email me at h.fass2@gmail.com. Thank you and be safe and well.

Please remit your payment to:
Farragut Rotary Club
PO Box 22158
Knoxville, TN 37922

NEWS & NOTES

Yvonne Key has resigned from our club. The Board of Directors reluctantly approved her resignation in an online vote this week. She was an assistant in the development office at KARM. “We will not be having fund-raising events like we used to due to COVID-19 and so my position was no longer needed,” Yvonne explained. “I took my old position back in KARM’s Serenity Women’s Recovery Program. Because of my move I will no longer be able to attend meetings or be a member of Rotary. It does sadden me because I miss seeing everyone. Please ask everyone to keep me and KARM in your prayers as we are under this transition.”

DG Greg Maciolek continues his online District 6780 meetings on Tuesday at 3 p.m. and this week **Farragut Rotarian Patty Daughtrey**, who is the secretary of the district, **Jenifer Campbell**, treasurer, and Social Media boss **Ed Anderson** will talk about the operations of the District. They also will take questions from those listening in on this LINK. The final meeting will be on June 30 with the Virtual District Governor Installation Event. Featured will be incoming DGN Al Clark, DGE Cindy Gammons and DG Ron Appuhn. DG Greg will make remarks about his year. It will on the same link previously provided.

Eradicating polio is still a fight that needs fighting. The latest news as of June 15 is that there are 12 cases in Afghanistan (YTD) and 50 in Pakistan (YTD). For 2018, the totals were 21 in Afghanistan and 12 in Pakistan with a worldwide total of 33.

Rain or shine on Tuesday, June 23rd **XHunger** will host its 2020 golf tournament at Egwani Farms. Lunch registration starts at 11 a.m. and play begins at 1 p.m. They are happy to share no COVID-19 restrictions for golf carts. The beverage tent will be available all day. **Jimmy Buckner**, the founder of Scarecrow Foundation and XHunger, has extended an invite for a complimentary team of 4 to the Rotary Club of Farragut in appreciation of our recent generous donation. If you would like to join this team, have some fun, and be a part of Ending Hunger in America please email [Teri Jo Fox](#) or call her at 865-617-3292.

Looking ahead: **Steve Krempasky** of SHOP FARRAGUT and Rotary Club of Farragut fame, says that the popular and fun **DOG DAZE IV @ Village Green Shopping Center** is indeed returning on August 14-16 and will be presented by TDS Telecom. This will be a three-day festival of fun, food, shopping and competition! SHOP FARRAGUT and Town of Farragut have teamed up with Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs to bring a nationally sanctioned regional canine aquatics competition by DOCK DOGS INTERNATIONAL. Again, the festivities will take place in the Village Green Shopping Center parking lot, just south of Stein Mart and Planet Fitness.

A Thought for the Week

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” — **Dr. Martin Luther King**