
THE FLAGSHIP



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Look What's Coming Up!!!

Nov. 10: Pat Polis,
President, Vietnam
Veterans of America
Chapter 1078

Nov. 17: Jeff Devlin,
Asst. Chief of
Operations, Rural Metro

Nov. 24: No Meeting!
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!

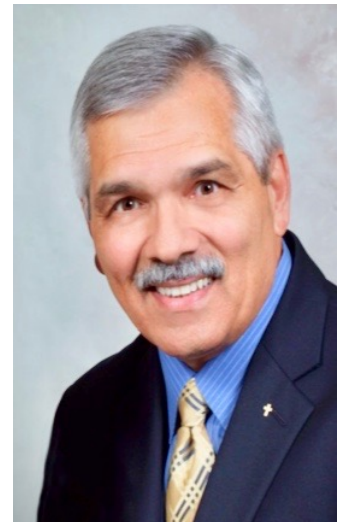
Dec. 1: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

Dec. 1: Club Assembly/
Webb School Madrigals

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

Veteran, Minister Dr. Pat Polis Is Our Veterans Day Speaker

Thursday is a day when our country pays tribute to its veterans on **Veterans Day**. And we have a number of the veterans in the Rotary Club of Farragut from the various military branches. Our speaker on Wednesday will be **Rev. Dr. Pat Polis**, who served eight years as an officer in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Vietnam as a company commander, receiving the Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star.



He is the current president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1078, here in Knoxville.

He has a Bachelors degree in Business, and a Masters and Doctorate degrees in Divinity. He has served as president of the boards of Midway Rehabilitation Center and Wesley House Community Center, the supervisory committee of Holston Methodist Credit Union, and is a chaplain with the Knoxville Police Department.

He was inducted into the Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning Georgia in 2019. He is a certified church consultant, certified in Church Revitalization, a John Maxwell Team member and author of the online course “Reclaiming the Church.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project A Huge Success & Big Turnout!

Yesterday’s **Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SIHP)** bed-building project at Fox Den Country Club attracted approximately 30 members of our club and about 10 students from the Hardin Valley Interact Club. Together and working with a few SIHP volunteers they built the components for 24 beds for kids in East Tennessee who sleep on floors and mats.



Scott Bertini, our chair of Service Projects, did a great job of pulling this project together and making it happen!

President David Bluford opened the morning with a prayer and also presented a check for \$4,500 to Bill Thompson, the SIHP coordinator.

Yesterday Scott sent out an email to the club that included a link to a collection of pictures and videos that he took for one and all. “I just wanted to send out a quick email to everyone to say a big THANK YOU to all who both supported this project as well as to those who were able to join us to build the beds. It was a really fun project and certainly a worthy cause!” he wrote. “I was overwhelmed with the whole project and the turnout.”

As you can see in the pictures here, we had some young and future Rotarians working with the adults. It was chilly but everyone bundled up and worked hard during the two-hour build. If you didn’t see his email, here is a [LINK](#) to the pictures and two videos. Here is a [LINK](#) to the video showing the work from start to finish.

Great job Farragut Rotarians!

The Project In Pictures



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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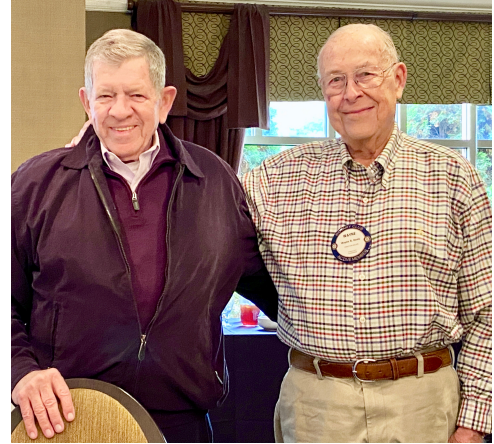
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A Light Day for V's & G's

- Wayne Davis introduced us to his good friend and former business partner, **Jim Montgomery** (they are pictured here). Wayne and Jim were business partners when they bought Farragut Lawn and Tractor in 1991, which Wayne recently sold. Jim does a lot of volunteer work for the Mission of Hope. Both are Vietnam veterans and both were in the famed 101st Airborne at the same time but didn't know each other then.
- A Visiting Rotarian visited us again — **Dr. Saleh Shahid** from the Volunteer Rotary Club.
- And with us again was **Tammy Cheek** of the Farragut Press.



Board Meeting's Actions on Wednesday

The **Board of Directors** gathered Wednesday and managed to conduct the club's business in a tidy and fun meeting. What did the board do? Glad you asked!

- Secretary Mary Ann Imgram reported that we now have 89 members (four Honorary); October's attendance was 55%; no resignations and no new-member applications submitted (although a few are in the works).
- Approved Rule of 85 status for PP Peggy Wilson.
- Noted that the Webb School Madrigals will perform at noon on Wednesday December 1.
- PP Doug Powell is going to meet with the Farragut High School principal about restarting an Interact Club at the school.

Adjournment was unanimously approved!

President David Retiring in January 2020, Leaving Park West After 32 Years

On Friday Jan. 28, 2020, President David Bluford will join the ranks of the retired when he steps down after 32 years as Chaplain and Guest Services Director at Park West Medical Center.

His father was in the Air Force and when he retired the family moved to Lenoir City. “My Mother was from Vonore and Dad from Greenback, so East Tennessee seemed the right place to be. During high school, through the relationships of friends, I began attending a church where events unfolded leading me into the ministry,” David said.

He came to Park West in January 1990 after 10 years as the chaplain at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis. He joined our club in 2003 and until his presidency, he’s been a fixture at our Infamous Back Roundtable. And no doubt he’ll be returning to his seat there come July 2020.

He earned his Ph.D. in ministry and his master’s degree in divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his undergraduate degree from Carson-Newman University.

Service Projects Calendar

Dec. 4 & 18: Salvation
Army Bell Ringing,
Kroger in Farragut

Dec. 17: East Tennessee
Children's Hospital Toy
Drive/Angel Tree

For 20 years, he was a TSSAA high school football official in Knoxville. Bluford joined Farragut Rotary in 2000 and has held various positions within the club in his 21 years.

“Chaplaincy for me is Service Above Self (sound familiar?) played out every day, in ways often unseen but always involving being present with another in times of need – and these are difficult times as well as times of joy,” he says. “After officiating probably as many weddings as funerals, I am reminded of the journey of life and how important it is to treasure every day.”

And after retirement, what will Rev. Bluford do? “My plans are yet to be decided. As I have trusted in God all along my path, such remains my course of action. I may have more time to ride my motorcycle; maybe do some visiting of historical sites not yet seen; but first is to complete my service with the Rotary Club of Farragut for which the members have entrusted to me.”

Today's Family of Rotary Updates



Josh Hornberger and wife **Chelsea** are new parents. Their daughter is **Willow “Will” Josephine Hornberger**, born at Park West Medical Center on Sept. 27 but her due date was Oct. 21. She weighed 5 lbs, 5oz and was 18 inches at birth. Josh says she’s now up to 8.5 lbs. “We are doing really well and falling into a solid routine with her. We have been showered with love from friends and family members and a great support system around us,” he says.

Teri Jo Fox’s mother, **Connie Jo**, is still at Tennova West. She says one of her brothers came in from Florida and is working to make her house handicap accessible. Her other two brothers installed a ramp at her house. She is still looking for a rehabilitation facility for her. “She got hurt during her PT on Friday and she’s worried about her dogs, her plants, her house and her leg and being able to walk again,” Teri Jo said. “She’s in a lot of pain.”

Ralph Henry’s daughter **Katie Sturgil** was taken to the ER at Tennova West on Friday, Oct. 1, with a headache and chilling. Here’s the report: She was tested for Covid and influenzas and the tests were negative. But she was moved to ICU with pneumonia and sepsis. Two days later she was diagnosed with the bacteria legionella and was flown to St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville and put on a ventilator.. She remained on the ventilator until Friday and made great progress. On Friday the lung doctor released

her, and she taken off the ventilator Friday evening. She was released on Monday and came home. She is doing physical therapy and doing great. She hopes to go back to work in a couple of weeks. She works at Tennova in the heart lab doing stress tests on heart patients.

Bettye Sisco says she doing pretty well. She returns to Duke Medical Center on Tuesday Nov. 16. She also sees her oncologist on Thursday.

Jeanne Faber is dealing with the pain from scoliosis of the lower spine. She had cortisone injections for it earlier this week, and says it is really affecting her sleep and causing neck and leg pains as well. "The doctor said it may take two to three weeks for the shot to work, so I'm just hoping this starts to ease up at some point," she said.

Here's a good update from **PP Peggy Wilson**: "I am doing pretty good. I will be Sling Girl until December when PT will start. Almost no pain unless I try to do things I am not supposed to do."

Doc Pratt says "I still have a cough but things are better and I feel fine. The pulmonologist wants another scan and see him again in 6 months."

News & Notes for You!

Third Thursday at The Challenger; Scott Beats His Goal & A Lot More News

Don't forget that Thursday at the **2021 Knoxville Challenger Pro Tennis Tournament** will be our **November Third Thursday** social during the dinner hour at the Goodfriend UT Indoor Tennis Facility. President David has tickets remaining that you can get on Wednesday. We also have parking passes and there are shuttles from the parking lot to the center.

Scott Brockamp's fundraiser for the Real Men Wear Pink cancer cure campaign raised just more than \$61,000 this year and his goal was \$60,000. Great job by this Rotarian in his quest to help find a cure for this disease.

To better monitor and make sure our two **Little Library** boxes are full of books, President David is asking for members to sign up and check them on a regular basis. Our first Little Library is at the original entrance to McFree Park and the second at the new Farragut Community/Senior Citizens Center. We'll have a sign-up sheet available on Wednesday.

Summit Healthcare will be offering free Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine shots for children ages 5-12. These clinics will begin on Saturday (Nov. 13) in partnership with the Knox County Health Department. The goal is to vaccinate 500 at each clinic, 100/hr, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be a drive-through operation. If the demand is high, they will continue every Saturday (minus Thanksgiving and Christmas weekend) to vaccinate as many as possible. It will be held at the clinic at 9142 S. Northshore Drive. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Mary Thompson at (865) 202-3960 or email her at this [LINK](#)

ADG Janice Mitchell, a member of Bearden Rotary, passed along news about two opportunities you may be interested in.

1. She's a member of the **Bazillion Blooms Committee** which is charged with planting dogwood trees in and around the greater Knoxville metropolitan area. They have planted more than 10,000 since 2009. By purchasing and planting dogwood trees, the Rotary Clubs are fulfilling International President Shekhar Mehta's directives of the new emphasis on "Environment" and "working with another organization." If you want more information, shoot Janice an email at this [LINK](#).
2. Janice plays horn in the **Scruffy City Orchestra** and they have a re-opening of the concert season on Friday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. as part of Sacred Heart Cathedral's Concert Series. Janice is the co-founder and president of the orchestra's board. There are 68 members and Conductor Ace Edwards will lead this concert — "A Fantasy, A

Discovery, and A Premiere." Tickets are required and are free and may be printed at this [LINK](#)

November's Mystery: It's a Doozy!!!

A doozy indeed. So much so that not one of our sleuths submitted a guess after the first four clues about this month's **Mystery Rotarian**. Not PP Ed Jones. Not PP Fred Martin. Not PP Leah Berry. And the other sleuths. So perhaps these new clues will be easier.

- Broke into the old UT Faculty Club and went skinny dipping with three friends in the pool. Ten of UT's Campus Security guards showed up and busted them as they ran down hill.
- Favorite hobby is cooking: "Years ago I inherited a big green egg (smoker) from a relative. I'd never used one. But I have studied the art of smoking food to a point of obsession, practically."
- Favorite go-to vacation spot is Charleston and surrounding islands (Isle of Palms, Pawleys Island).
- Is a scuba diver with a fear of certain sharks. "Years ago I was snorkeling a good distance off the shore and saw an enormous Tiger shark. They say to stay calm and don't make splashes. I did neither. I screamed and kicked so hard I practically walked on water to get out."



The first correct guess emailed to [TOM KING](#) will win the wine donated by **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors**. It's a good bet the Mystery Rotarian will enjoy this wine!

A Thought for This Week

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting."
— **Brian Tracy**, author and motivational speaker