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# THE FLAGSHIP



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## *Look What's Coming Up!!!*

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Sept. 22: Stan Johnson  
& J.D. Jackson, The  
SEED Project

Sept. 25: Free Flu Shot  
Saturday — 7 a.m. @  
Farragut High & Hardin  
Valley Middle School

Sept. 29: Isabell Senft-  
Daniel, Executive  
Director, Pj Parkinson's  
Support Group

Oct. 6: Board of  
Directors, 11 a.m.

Oct. 6: Club Assembly

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

## You Have 6 Days Left To Sign Up For Free Flu Shot Saturday!

The words of **PP Ed Jones**: “Volunteers still wanted. Sign up to work. Come to the site early.”

The words of **Bill Rice**: “Ditto. Will be great PR for the club. Come have some fun and save lives.”

PP Ed, our overall coordinator, will be leading our team at Farragut High School (FHS) and Bill will be our leader at Hardin Valley Middle School for the **29th Annual Free Flu Shot Saturday** in six days on Sept. 25.

It's not too late to sign up and help out. And it's really easy to sign up with the Sign-Up

Genius. All you have to do is click on this [LINK](#) and select which site you want.

Our respective teams of volunteers are asked to be at the schools by 7 a.m. Based on years past, we should be done by 12 noon.

Wear your Farragut Rotary shirts and hats too (if you have them)!



Members of our HVA Interact Club (pictured here) will help us at HVA Middle and the new Interact Club at Christian Academy of Knoxville will be at FHS.

Bill mentioned about coming and having fun. He's right. This is both a fun and very important community project that began in our club in 1992.

With the recent increase in COVID cases, getting a flu shot this year is very significant and necessary.

## SEED's Johnson & Jackson Speak Wednesday



**Stan Johnson (left)** and **J.D. Jackson** will be our speakers Wednesday and they'll be planting seeds for their **SEED Project** that was funded in 2009 in the Morningside community of East Knoxville.

Johnson is the non-profit's Executive Director and Jackson is the Chief Operating Officer. Both have visited our club twice.

"We wanted to make a difference in our community, so they started knocking on doors and asking people what issues they were most concerned about. High utility bills was the answer



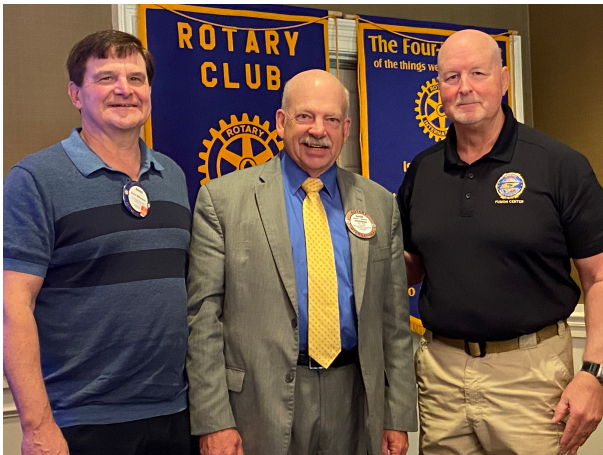
from most residents, so they started a forum and invited KUB and the mayor to talk to residents. The rest, as they say, is history,” he said.

SEED seeks to serve the largely marginalized community members and young adults in the area by providing programs that benefit themselves as well as the community as a whole. SEED further participates in greater advocacy work by utilizing community engagement to take the voices of the community to organizations and government agencies in order to actively fight racial trauma and promote equity. SEED creates pathways out of poverty for young adults and promotes positive community development through career readiness training, environmental education, and community engagement.

SEED is striving to make a positive impact in the community and environment and get everyone involved in that change. SEED wants to fertilize young minds and grow generational wealth.

Let’s welcome Stan and J.D. back to Farragut Rotary!

## Human Trafficking: ‘Modern-Day Slavery’



Human trafficking is real – right here in Knoxville and Knox County, in East Tennessee and across the state. On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Farragut heard from retired Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) **Special Agent Rick Stout**. Children as young as 5 years old get trafficked, he said.

Stout, who still works part-time, said sex trafficking is the No. 2 crime in the U.S. behind drugs, and often the two are intertwined. “Most of the Johns or pimps also sell drugs,” he said. “It’s big business that

operates in 78 of Tennessee's 95 counties. The gangs also are getting into the trafficking business now. It's nothing but modern-day slavery. And Knoxville is a major crossroads point."

He said that laws enacted by the Tennessee State Legislature have led to Tennessee being ranked as the top state nationally for combating human trafficking and reducing the number of crimes.

Here are other comments he made:

- "This will maybe shock you. The average age of a prostitute in Tennessee is 13."
- Many of the women and girls have bar code tattoos and many have been branded.
- Tennessee's registry for sex offenders numbers 25,785 "and it changes daily, usually growing."
- Many of the young prostitutes are runaways from home and that number statewide is between 1,500 and 3,500 a year. "Of those who are runaways, 30% are found by these traffickers within 48 hours and forced into trafficking and prostitution, offering them all kinds of things. They know where to find them," he said.

Stout spoke of the great work done by the Knoxville-based Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT), the only counter-trafficking organization in East Tennessee. This agency unites and equips the community to end human trafficking, providing survivors (the victims) with comprehensive, trauma-informed aftercare services.

He said if anyone suspects someone they know is caught up in this, to call the Tennessee human trafficking hotline at 1-855-55-86484. If the victim is under 18, call the Tennessee Dept. of Human Services at 1-877-237-0004.

## ***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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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!

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our page.

## **A Memo To Our Members**

**Secretary Mary Ann Imgram** says we have members who are bypassing the sign-in desk and sign-in sheets at the Front Desk. That really makes it difficult for her to track attendance, which in turn impacts Treasurer Steve Krempasky when it comes to billing/financial issues.



That said: Please don't forget to sign in and also note your makeups and the names of your guests. And please write their names so someone can read their names.

And a note about this past Wednesday's meeting from Mary Ann: "We had 46 members attending of which 5 were on zoom. That brings the attendance percentage up to 61.3% for Wednesday. Best week yet!"

## **A Wee Attempt at Humor**

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy says, "In the car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."

## Great Day for Folks Visiting; 3 Are PMs

It took greeter **Noah Myers** a few minutes to negotiate our list of guests and visitors on Wednesday, especially when he started reading out names from the wrong column on the sign-in sheet! Good one, Noah! Our guest list included three Prospective Members (PM) — Bruce Williamson, Dr. Charlie Barnett and Fred Adomat.

Here's the rundown....

- Noah first welcomed back **PP Bruce Williamson** (he's also an Honorary Member) back to the club. Bruce is back home after spending six years in Augusta, ME as one of the three gubernatorial-appointed Public Utility Commissioners for the state.
- PP Ron Lawrence had a pair of guests — former member **Cody Barnes and Lynette Newman**. Good to see Cody again. They are pictured here.
- Former member **Dr. Charlie Barnett** is a PM and was the guest of his brother, PP Dan.
- Dr. Bill Adkins' guest was his son, **Jack**, visiting from Pennsylvania.
- Dr. Tom Pattison's guest again was PM **Fred Adomat**.
- PE Megan Belcher's guest was **Candace Worobe**, a Commercial Relationship Manager with Megan at United Community Bank.
- Also covering our meeting was **Tammy Cheek** of the Farragut Press.



A big welcome to everyone!

## Today's Family of Rotary News & Updates

**Mother Rotary Joan McIntee** remains in a rehab center in Ohio and doing physical therapy. We spoke to Joan and hubby Jim yesterday. “How is the club doing?” was her first question. She enjoyed hearing that PP Bruce Williamson and Charlie Barnett are coming back into the club and wanted to know how Bettye Sisco is doing. Daughter Jeanne Middleton said Joan took 25 steps this week and is making progress. After her rehab they will moving into assisted living. “Tell all hello for me,” she said.



**Bettye Sisco** is busy packing today for her trip back to Duke Medical Center on Monday. Her friend Elaine Grove is driving Bettye to Durham and staying with her. Bettye says they should be home Thursday or Friday. Bettye said she's feeling really great these days and she sounded great. “I hope and pray the new med is kicking in. I feel so good I'm thinking ding dong the witch is back,” she said. After this she will have a month off before returning. Great news!

Just to catch you up, **PP Bruce Williamson's** wife **Susan** had a second cancer surgery last March 22 and will have her second post-surgery CT scan (for comparison purpose and detection of any regrowth) in mid-October at Vanderbilt. “In the meantime she will be going to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for consultation(s) on longer-term considerations, just to see what their experts think,” Bruce said. “We're not expecting any treatment there, it's just for a different, and hopefully thorough, viewpoint.”

The **Judith** and **Phill Bradbury** report: “Nothing new. Some 😊 days, some not so good days.”

**PP Peggy Wilson** says she's OK after a front-porch fall this past Tuesday that required 27 stitches on her face. "I'm OK. Been taking it easy. Getting the stitches out Tuesday," she says. "It was clear on the Ring doorbell video that I didn't raise my foot high enough and just went down, hitting the door. Thank goodness it was partially open or it would have been worse." She has stitches in her forehead, upper lip and chin. And the football helmet? "My sister sent this picture (of the helmet) as a suggestion for my birthday present," Peggy said. Not a bad idea at all!!!



Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers!



## ***Service Projects Calendar***

Sept: 25: Free Flu Shot  
Saturday @ Farragut High  
& Hardin Valley Middle,  
7 a.m.

Oct: 20: Purple Pinky  
Donut Day

Nov. 13 Sleep In  
Heavenly Peace bed  
project. Location/time  
TBA

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

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

## **‘No, It’s Not Chuck Laine!’**

Yep — it’s time for more clues about our **September Mystery Rotarian!** Many guesses poured in and the answer is “No, It’s Not Chuck Laine!” So who is it? Maybe these clues will do it for you.

- Favorite expression: “I know that!”
- Used to travel and speak to groups of business people and give his Christian testimony.
- Loves watching reruns of M\*A\*S\*H\*
- Hit 4 deer over the years and always with the newest car he owned.



The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING wins the wine from Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor. If no one can solve it, the Mysterian wins the wine!

## **A Thought for Everyone**

“Some things are better left unsaid, which I generally realize right after I have said them.” —  
**Who Hasn’t Thought This?**