THE FLAGSHIP



Sept. 13, 2020 <u>Tom King</u> — Editor

What's Next!

Sept. 16: DG Ron Appuhn

Sept. 19: Free Flu Shot Saturday, Farragut High School, 7 a.m.

Sept. 23: Dave Baumgartner, Purple Pinkie Day.

Sept. 30: Jimmy Hyams, The Sports Animal

Oct. 7: Board of Directors, 11 a.m. online

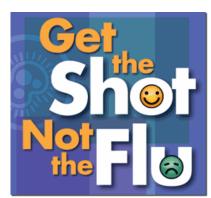
Oct. 7: Club Assembly

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

It's FFSS Time! 28th ANNUAL FREE FLU SHOT SATURDAY!

Project Chair Mark Bialik will again lead us in this great community project from 8 a.m until 12 noon in the Farragut High School parking lot on Saturday Sept.

19. Our "Vols" should arrive by 7 a.m. to help with set up, paperwork, passing out clipboards and traffic control.



As of now, Mark says he has around 35 volunteers if everyone shows up. Seven of the volunteers are members of the Hardin Valley Interact Club. It's not too late to volunteer. We'll put everyone to work!

All COVID-19 precautions will be in place — face masks are required, social distancing, cleaning the clipboards after each use and latex gloves for those in jobs who need them. If you are sick and not feeling well on Saturday, Mark says to please stay home.

The medical community has been emphasizing the importance of getting flu shots this fall during these days of the corona virus.

Also, Farragut will be the only site giving the seniors only flu vaccine for those 65 and over. Kids 4 and older can also get their flu shots.

People will be able to make donations to the News Sentinel's Empty Stocking Fund holiday project, in cash, checks or electronically with credit cards.

All of the flu shots will be given by nurses and students from the UT College of Nursing at all four of the school sites — Farragut, Austin-East, Halls and West High schools. The shots will be given to people in their vehicles under tents. It's a "drive-thru" event this year!

If you have Farragut Rotary golf shirts or hats, wear them. This is a great public relations/visibility project for our club in our community.

If you want to sign up to help or have pens to donate, email <u>MARK</u> BIALIK now!

DG Ron Appuhn Makes Annual Visit As Wednesday's Speaker

Once a year the District 6780 Governor speaks to the club and on Wednesday our 2020-21 district governor, **Ron Appuhn**, will be our speaker via the Zoom online platform. Ron also is a Farragut resident.

No doubt he will be updating us on a number of initiatives and projects the district is involved in and on his focus areas during his year running the district.

Ron's wife, Karen Wentz, also is a Past District 6780 Governor and was a director on Rotary International's board.



You can read more about Ron at this LINK

Ron is like all District Governors. They stay busy. DG Ron will host his monthly **District Facebook Live Meeting** on Thursday evening, September 17, at 7 p.m. ET / 6:00 p.m. CT. This is a change from the Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. meetings because more Rotarians have returned to work and find it harder to engage in the meeting.

The topic this month will be polio eradication, the progress being made, challenges because of COVID-19, and to announce the World Polio Day Purple Pinkie Fundraiser on Tuesday, October 20. Africa has been declared polio-free finally. Join in to hear the updates.

Let's give him a big virtual welcome!

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?

Find Us On Facebook

If you have not visited our Facebook page, give it a try!

Denise Bash does 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 <u>LINK</u> to our page.





Rotary's 'Positive Peace' Course Perfect for Our Times

Peace. If the world ever needed it, it's now!

That said, for many people the terms "Positive Peace" and "Negative Peace" are probably new. They were coined by a Norwegian sociologist, Johan Galtung, 89, who still today dedicates his life to researching peace and its various forms.

Here are his definitions of each term:

- Positive Peace creates an optimum environment in which human potential can flourish.
- Negative Peace is the absence of war and violence.

On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Farragut was introduced to these concepts by former Rotary **District 6780 Governor Jim Roxlo** of Chattanooga. Roxlo, one of 26 Rotary Positive Peace Activators nationwide,

is explaining these concepts to Rotarians and hoping to get them involved in the process.

A major part of this is an online course entitled the Rotary Positive Peace Academy developed by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), an international think tank. Roxlo says the free short course introduces the framework of Positive Peace and is available in 50 languages. The course includes over 12 lessons of on-demand video, exercises, and interactive content.

"This course can be used by countries for peace, but its principles are also applicable in your local community, in our schools and organizations and even for families," Roxlo explained.

You can learn more about this initiative and the course by clicking on this LINK

Help for Humorville!!!!!

This week an email came from a fellow Farragut Rotarian. Citing the weakness of our humor of late, this guy sent along a joke he liked. He did, however, request to remain anonymous. Read on and you'll understand.

"I can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole my limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go?"

Sorry folks! Send something better!!!

It's Coupon Book Time for Ridgedale!

Knox County Schools will officially begin selling the popular Coupon Books on Sept. 24. But Service Project Co-Chair Sonya Ford has us ahead of the game. She says it's time to reserve your books to

benefit our Partner In Education school,

Ridgedale.

Sonya has made it easy to order the coupon books! Each book is \$10 and \$9 of that goes to Ridgedale. You can click on this LINK for the sign-up sheet to place you order. If you have any problems, shoot an email to SONYA.

Ridgedale is an alternative school for middle schoolers and its other students are K-12 students with disabilities. The school does not have a PTA or PTO to raise money because it is not a "neighborhood" school. Let's help out Ridgedale with these coupon books!

Family of Rotary News & Updates

PP Fred Martin shared some great family news with us during Wednesday's meeting. For the past month he and wife Diane hosted the "grands" — Cara Beth (3) and baby Houston (5 months). Justin and wife Hayley Martin are getting their house in St. Louis ready for sale. Justin has a new job with Enterprise that allows him to work from home, so they'll be moving home to Knoxville as soon as the house sells and they find one here. "The month with grandkids was tiring but we're really excited about having them come home," Fred said.



The **Jack and Jeanne Faber Report** is short and quite good. Jeanne tells us: "Jack is doing fine! He has basically slept since he got home late Friday afternoon." And how is his wife and nurse doing? Jeanne replied: "I am doing just fine! It's so wonderful to be able to stay home and not spend 10 hours daily at the hospital."

Things have not slowed down at the Imgram home. **Mary Ann** says **Rich** has been recovering nicely from having a heart attack and a stent inserted to prevent the "widowmaker" attack. Now, the rest of the news: "We were exposed to COVID and we had to go for a test. Two of my closest neighbors have it and we saw them on Tuesday night! Pray for us!" Both Rich and Mary Ann were tested and their tests were negative!!!!!

Bettye Sisco says she's had a good week and "is doing well" as she continues to battle her leukemia.

We checked in with **Mike Singletary** about his wife, **Anita**, and how things are. Here is Mike' report: "Anita is now 17 months into her cancer medicines and one med is an immuno infusion for kidney cancer that does not bother her much and for the time being is managing her cancer. The other is a bone cancer med that does cause some difficulties, but she fights it and maintains a positive disposition. We are praying for the earliest possible vaccine or an effective treatment so we can get back to socializing and visiting family. I have amused myself these last four and five months learning to play lead guitar melodies from way back along with some Willie Nelson tunes and some gospels and classics. I love doing it, so that has been a blessing for me."

Doc Pratt is still off his right foot and at home after recent surgery. "The foot is looking good and the biopsy showed no infection in the

bone but he also said to take it easy, keep it elevated when possible and wait another week to go to the office," Doc said.

In addition to those mentioned here, please keep **Judith and Phill Bradbury** and **PP Chris Camp** in your thoughts and prayers.

News & Notes: PP Leah, Webmaster & Bell Ringing

Earlier this week we saw the news about **Strata-G** founder Dan Hurst selling his 250-employee company to two longtime vice presidents — Elliott Barnett (CEO) and John Patterson (President). Also, our **Leah Berry** was named a Partner and Minority Owner of Strata-G. She began working there in 2004. Her new title is Vice President of Business Services. Congrats to PP Leah!



Surely there is someone in our club who will be a better **Webmaster** than the default candidate — PP Tom King. Our Florida-bound Scott Weinstein has cleaned up things so there's not much to do. Please email <u>TOM KING</u> if you'd like to help the club with this!

Our Salvation Army Red Kettle coordinator, **Mike Singletary**, is ahead of the game. Mike has already nailed down dates for our two Saturdays at Kroger in Farragut — Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Mike will begin recruiting the bell ringers in November.

One of the community non-profits we have supported is **Laundry Love: Knoxville.** They are conducting a donation drive to collect

laundry supplies for families of students at West View Elementary and Inskip Elementary. This will fill an important need for families who have access to a washer and dryer but struggle to afford detergent and fabric softener. You can purchase items from their Amazon charity list. Just pick the items you want to purchase and select "Neighboring Knoxville's Gift Registry Address" at checkout to have them shipped directly to us. Start here at this <u>LINK</u>.

Hoffman Passes Along COVID News From Chancellor Plowman

John Hoffman, recently appointed to the University of Tennessee's Chancellor's Associates, was in a meeting earlier this week with **UT Chancellor Donde Plowman** and the main topic was calling for greater discipline to reduce the spread of the corona virus on campus.

She reminded one and all to urge any family member enrolled at UT to take this very seriously and comply with these simple requests:

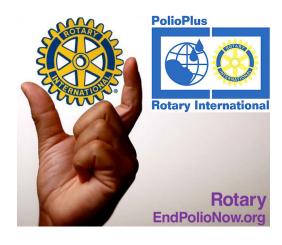
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distancing
- Avoid crowds (especially indoors)
- Comply with self-testing directives
- Tell the truth if a contact tracer reaches out to you.

"If we do these things we can still beat this back and continue to have some face-to-face classes and preserve some semblance of the collegiate experience. If we don't, it is reasonable to expect even greater restrictions, and potentially the return to distance learning," Plowman said.

John added that Chancellor Plowman provides publicly accessible briefings twice a week. Her team publishes data pertaining to active cases and isolation Monday through Friday. Here is a <u>LINK</u> for the briefings.

Polio Update: We've Work To Do

The **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI) has its latest update as of September 9. It shows that the battle to rid the world of polio is not over.



Here's the update with a summary of new WPV and cVDPV viruses this week (AFP cases and ES positives):

• Afghanistan: Four WPV1 cases

• Pakistan: Three WPV1 cases and 17 WPV1 positive environmental samples

• Chad: Three cVDPV2 cases

• Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR

Congo): 15 cVDPV2 cases
• Sudan: eight cVDPV2 case

September's Mystery: No Guesses!

Hmmm!! The Mystery Rotarian Administrator is wondering why we are having no guesses for our **September Mystery Rotarian**. Maybe the clues are too tough. If so, maybe this week's clues will unleash a bevy of guesses. Here we go:

- Lived in France for two years
- Visited 47 of our 50 states and lived in four
- As a teenager, built an 800-square-foot clubhouse in the woods, complete with two double beds, a kitchen and electricity
- Was the publisher and an editor of their high school yearbook



That first correct guess emailed to <u>TOM KING</u> wins the wine from the Taylor family's **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor.** If this keeps up and no guesses come in, the Mystery Rotarian will get the wine.

A Thought for the Week

"I have never been especially impressed by the heroics of people who are convinced they are about to change the world. I am more awed by those who struggle to make one small difference after another." — **Ellen Goodman**, author/columnist