

THE FLAGSHIP



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What's Next!

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

Oct. 14: Lisa Oakley, East Tennessee Historical Society

Oct. 21: Dennis Rowe. Priority Ambulance

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



PP Leah Berry's daughter, Orly, 13, welcomes everyone to our 28th Annual Free Flu Shot Saturday

WHAT A DAY!!!!

It was a wee bit of a chilly morning yesterday in Farragut High School's parking lot for the **28th Annual Free Flu Shot Saturday**....and it was busy in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 900 shots were administered and

of those, 365 were given to seniors (65 over). The four sites combined gave 2,239 shots.

Event Coordinator Mark Bialik kept all 33 Farragut Rotarians busy from 7 a.m. to noon when the gates closed. They were helped by five members of the Hardin Valley Interact Club and a trio of Girl Scouts. The shots were given by 35 University of Tennessee College of Nursing students and professors in two tents.

PP Leah Berry and **Teri Jo Fox** stayed busy collecting money for the News Sentinel's Empty Stocking Fund (ESF) and their total was \$5,364. Collectively, the four sites brought in \$11,310 for the ESF. Shots were also given at Austin-East, Halls and West high schools.

"I want to thank each and every Rotarian who showed up today. This was much different than years past. The Farragut Rotarians were flexible and shifted as required. I am proud of the way we all changed to meet what we were facing. We are good at this. We should be proud of this." Mark said.

A few observations to share:

- **Mark Bialik** again did a wonderful job of leading this event with the complications due to COVID. Lots of adjustments had to be made and Mark took it all in stride and managed an efficient operation!!!! Thanks Mark!!!!
- Our newest member, **Scott Bertini**, earned the Hardest Working Rotarian Award. He was hustling clipboards with forms from the Paperwork Desk to the end of the car lines and back. No one but Scott was sweating!
- **President Elect Rev. David Bluford** rode his big Harley in from Jefferson County and was there by 6:30 a.m. directing traffic. He left around 8:30 to attend the PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) via Zoom from his office at Park West Medical Center.

- It was fun because it was clear that the Rotarians there all had a great time being together again and seeing one another and catching up! We even got to see Jack and Jeanne Faber, who drove up for their senior flu shots!

Enough words. Here is a look at our Flu Shot morning in pictures.



Ray Fisher's hard at work as David Smoak and Diane Wilkes say hello and catch up



The Masked Trio: Leah Berry, President Ed Jones and Bill Rice at the end!



Hardin Valley Interact students Sara Meghabghab, Lauren Phillips and Hailey Buell



Two hard workers: Sonya Ford and Scott Bertini

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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***The “Berry” hard working Berry
girls collecting donations:
PP Leah and daughter Orly***

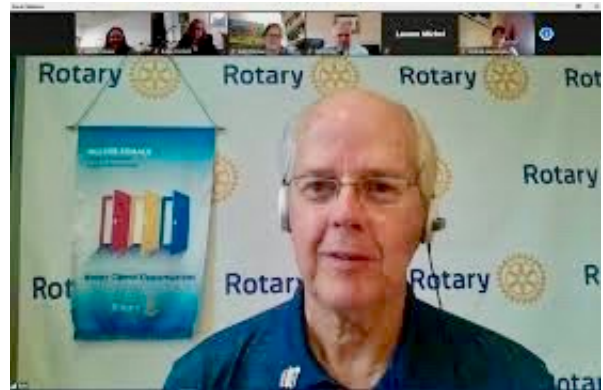


***Mark Bialik along with two busy
ladies — Teri Jo Fox and her friend
and employee, Kim Hohman***

DG Ron Appuhn Leaves Us With Messages That Resonate Today

District Governor Ron Appuhn was our speaker Wednesday and a few of his words truly resonate in these troubling and confusing times. He left us with a lot to think about in three statements.

- “The world needs Rotary more than ever.”
- “We all need to be as engaged as we can be.”
- “Let’s stay positive and be patient.”



Ron took a minute to recognize and thank our members who spend a lot of time and energy working on D6780 business. First was **District Secretary Patty Daughtrey**, then **PP Leah Berry** who is now chairing the district’s Four-Way Speech Contest, **Bill Nichols** for his long and continuing dedication to the Rotary Youth Exchange program, **PP Fred Martin** and **PP Peggy Wilson** and **Tom Marsh** for chairing the upcoming 2021 district golf tournament.

He urged all Rotarians to update their “My Rotary” on the Rotary International website, saying only 37% of our members have done so.

DG Ron recalled that he was asked long ago what being a Rotarian meant to him. “My answer then was one word — hope. I think that’s still true today. Rotary brings hope to the world and today we really need hope,” he said.

Thanks for a superb message, Governor!

Wednesday's Program: Purple Pinkie Donut Day by Dunkin' Owner Dave Baumgartner

We're going to hear from **Dave Baumgartner** on Wednesday about our upcoming **Purple Pinkie Donuts Day** fundraiser for polio. Dave is the president and Operating Partner of Bluemont Group, which today owns 50 Dunkin' Donuts in Middle and East Tennessee, Northwestern Georgia, Central Alabama.

Baumgartner is passionate about family, Tennessee football and the Sweet Nectar that is Dunkin' coffee. Prior to joining Bluemont in 2008, Baumgartner was with Anderson News for 12 years as vice president of operations.



Dave has been Operating Partner for the Bluemont Group since November 2008 and opened the first Dunkin Donuts store one year later in Chattanooga. Bluemont Group opened a donut bakery in early 2018 in Ringgold, GA, baking 70,000 dozen donuts per week for more than 150 Dunkin' stores delivering fresh donuts every morning.

Dave grew up in Kansas City and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He began his career at Procter and Gamble before moving to wholesale distribution in the publishing industry.

Again this year we will be taking pre-orders for Dunkin' donuts starting NOW!!!! The deadline for those orders is Oct. 16 and the pick-up day is Tuesday, Oct. 20. Each \$20 donation for a box of 10

Purple Pinkie Donuts is matched and matched and matched again, resulting in a total donation of \$180 to End Polio Now!

Here is the [LINK](#) to pre-order your donuts!

It's Humor From Humorville

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples: "Only take one. God is watching."

Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

And we had to pass this along too:

Q: What happens once in a minute and twice in a moment but never in a decade?

A: The letter "m."

Our Family of Rotary Updates

Here's the update from **Jeanne** about **Dr. Jack Faber**: "It's a slow process but he's coming along just fine. He's in great spirits but there is so little that he can eat. That has become a real challenge for me!," she says.



We were curious how the **McIntee's** are doing in Hillard, OH and we found out. **Mother Rotary Joan McIntee** is now in a knee brace and opted out of having a knee replacement. She starts physical therapy on the knee this week. She also had a spinal MRI that showed

“all is well.” The other good news is that **Jim** is walking 30 minutes a day. Good news!!!!

Bettye Sisco visited her doctor this week and blood work showed that her white cell count is too high, caused by her leukemia. “Yep, my numbers are up and we’re going to try a new treatment to get them down. It needs to come down and be still. I feel good and just need these cell counts to be stabilized,” she said.

Please keep one and all in your thoughts and prayers!



Sonya Ford, Service Projects co-chair, says that members have already pre-ordered 24 coupon books for **Ridgedale School**. That’s a great start but we need to do a lot better than 24 folks! Knox County Schools will officially begin selling the Coupon Books on Sept. 24. This project is very important for Ridgedale, which has no PTA or PTO. Ridgedale is our Partner In Education School. 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 your order. If you have any problems, shoot an email to [SONYA](#).

Mark Bialik managed to get in a round of golf earlier this week at the Williams Creek course. He “aced” the 10th hole and was only

mildly excited. It was his 5th hole in one since he started golfing, his second at Williams Creek. Ho hum!!!!

Dr. Jack Faber, in case you didn't hear, joined our weekly program from his hospital room at Park West. **PP Leah Berry** sent an email with a screen shot of Jack on his iPad from his room to **PP Jonathan Johnson** and **PP Brian Welch**. "If Jack can be part of the meeting from the hospital, what's wrong with you guys?" Leah wrote. No replies!

We still do not have a new **Webmaster** to replace the Florida-bound Scott Weinstein. PP Tom King, chair of our Club's Public Image Committee, is working hard to make sure this job does not return to Tom King! Let Tom know if you are interested in handling this job. Please! Scott says they are packing up the house and will be pulling out on Oct. 1.

Shop Farragut's 1st Fall Festival Is Set for Sunday October 4th

Get Sunday October 4th on your calendar. **Shop Farragut**, in partnership with the Town of Farragut, is inviting the community to join the **inaugural Farragut Fall Festival**. Shop Farragut

Executive Director Steve Krempasky says the festival will run from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the parking lot in front of the old Kroger.



The Festival, which is open to the public with no admission charge, will feature approximately three dozen retail and promotional booths

including food and beverage vendors along with five hours of “live” entertainment.

Steve says it’s free, rain or shine, and to wear your masks!

Patrons can get food and drink from The Admiral Pub, Water Into Wine, The Farragut Table, Kiki's Hawaiian Shave Ice, Mucho Gusto, Cruisin Cuisine and Berrylicious Bouquets.

“The Festival is a community event that basically replaces two of Shop Farragut’s favorite annual activities,” Steve says. “The pandemic has had us relook how to provide support to our small businesses in a safe and healthy way under the Tennessee Pledge guidelines. We need to remind folks that these businesses are open and working hard for their patronage. We hope it will raise the awareness of the community to go out and support our local economy. And, we hope this event can help their brands stay visible to the public and maybe, even make a few dollars.”

A Tino Janikov Update From Slovakia

(This is another in a series of updates from our former Rotary Youth Exchange students. Today we hear from Tino Janikov of Slovakia, who was here in 2009-10.)

I spent the 2009-10 academic year studying at Webb School through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. I stayed with three host families (including the King and the Nutt families) and have kept in touch with many friends.



After returning home, I obtained my Master's degree at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic and I'm now working on my Ph.D in Kinanthropology (kinesiology). He credits his year at Webb with giving him a love of learning and sports, particularly basketball. Highlights included playing on the basketball team, set construction on the Sweeney Todd musical, his host families, and exploring the USA.

Tino and his wife Majka just became parents to baby Artur pictured here with Tino. He says hello to everyone at Farragut Rotary!

Last Chance at September's Mystery

What's going on with the **September Mystery Rotarian**? In three weeks we have had only one guess. After 12 clues no less. All we can do is give you the final four clues.

- Broke first bone at age 61 playing softball
- Lived in France for two years
- Won the "Peoples Choice Award" at a Chili Cook-Off in Billings, Montana
- Once guarded Dizzy Gillespie's famous bent horn



The first correct Rotarian's guess emailed to TOM KING will win the wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor**. If the sleuths remain silent or can't solve this, the Mystery Rotarian will enjoy the wine!

A Thought for the Week

Autumn arrives on Tuesday, September 22. This quote says it all:
"Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and, if I were a bird
I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns."
— **George Eliot**

