



**Annual Homes For Humanity Golf Tournament on October 22** As a Gold Sponsor, the club will provide volunteers to assist with the day's activities and will send two teams of four golfers to participate in the event.

The tournament, sponsored by Atmos Energy, will take place at Lambert Acres Golf Club in Maryville. It offers players 18 holes of golf including cart, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes for both teams, multiple prizes to the top prize, hole-in-one prizes on multiple holes, door prize giveaways, and golfer handy bags. Lunch, including, is served prior to the challenging afternoon of golf and followed by an awards ceremony, raffle drawings, and complimentary bar sponsored by Green Meadow Wine & Spirits.

All proceeds raised continue to directly support families who partner with Blount County Habitat for Humanity to achieve strength, stability, and self-sufficiency through safe, affordable housing. Generous sponsors and donors have helped Habitat build more than 140 new homes since 1991 and provide nearly 100 home repair projects each year for income-qualified households.

#### Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club Hunger Walk

By Richard Stewart-Drew

Back in the Autumn of 2014, Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club (MSRC) President John Goodson brought up the idea of planning an event that would raise money for local food banks. This event would be a community walk. Brilliant because so long as a person was able to walk, she or he could participate. At this time, the "Hunger Games" movie franchise was in full tilt, hence the name "Hunger Walk." The Hunger Walk, hunger is no game. On its first try, it was successful raising almost \$9,000. During the first couple of years, the revenue was approximately one third from the participants and two thirds from our sponsors.

Over the years, the Hunger Walk has grown to netting approximately \$25,000 per year. The sponsorship aspect has increased to an average of 7:1 sponsorships to participants ratio. Why? Because the seriousness of food insecurity with one neighbor is impossible to deny. Hunger is not a "run back to the USA" idyllic phenomenon. The good that the food banks do is beyond commendable. People, businesses, and corporations responded. [See More](#)

#### Mt. Juliet Breakfast Club Promotes Literacy

The Mt. Juliet-based club received a district grant this year that has allowed it to expand its literacy program from one school in 2019 to multiple schools in 2020. This year they have also partnered with other clubs in Mt. Juliet and Lebanon to serve eight different elementary schools in Wilson County.

At each of the eight schools each first grader gets to pick from a small selection of books each month, and the club provides that book to the child. The club is proud of their partnership with Wilson County Schools and their work to promote literacy by providing books to first graders.

Because of the COVID-19 virus, the distribution looks a little bit different from what was originally planned. Club members cannot hand the books directly to the students, but pictures of the students and teachers with books on their faces prove that this is a great program. The Mt. Juliet-based club is looking forward to expanding to other area schools and continuing its partnership with the other Wilson County clubs.

#### Maryville Club Focuses on Positive Peace

As the incoming president the Maryville Rotary Club during the COVID-19 pandemic, President S.C. Williams wanted to establish a clear direction to focus for change, energy and resources during this time of social distancing, national political division, and the resulting economic hardship being experienced by so many fellow community members.

After hearing District Governor Chair Jim Reiss speak about the Rotary Positive Peace Assembly and Rotary's partnership with the Institute of Economics and Peace, she knew immediately that she could use those pillars to guide her club through a purposeful discovery of the Pillars of Peace as they used in Blount County.

The guiding theme for the overall 2020-21 year is The Power of Choice in Opening Doors. It focuses on how having limited choices impacts the development of a sustainable community in Blount County. She assigned each of the eight Pillars of Positive Peace to a calendar month and built a program series across each month on the assigned pillar. The remaining four months have each been assigned one of the following topics: The Power of Choice, The Rotary Foundation, The Community Health Update, and The Year in Review. [See More](#)

#### Morrisstown Noon Club Honors Outstanding Members

On July 29<sup>th</sup> the Morrisstown Noon Club held its Club Assembly. President Evan Anderson led our meeting, during which he presented awards to several club members.

Twenty members received the 2500 Club Member Award, as well as a few other special awards. Conrad Brinkell (pictured center) received the Paul Harris Fellow Award and Carl Storms (right) received the Major Donor Level Two Award. Long-time member Dan Butler (left) was presented with a special plaque recognizing his 50 years as a Rotarian. Join us in wishing these Rotarians a hearty well done! for their hard work and dedication!

#### The Fairfield Glade Club Presents Hippie Fest 2020

Whether you want to relive your hippie days or just want to find out what your parents were dancing to in 1969, join the Fairfield Glade Club at the Hippie Fest 2020 on Saturday, October 24. The Woodsmen, one of the top Beatles tribute bands in the country, will entertain you with your favorite Beatles tunes plus others from the Summer of Love in 1969.

Break out your bell-bottoms and tie-dyeds and wear your favorite hippie outfit to win a prize for the best costume. The fun will begin at 2:00 PM (Central time) at the Square on the corner of Peavine and Stonehenge in Fairfield Glade. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate.

This event is a fundraiser for the Fairfield Glade Club to support non-profits, scholarships, and other causes. It is a rain-or-shine event with no refunds. Tickets are available from any Fairfield Glade Rotarian or from their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/fairfieldrotary](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldrotary)

#### Knoxville Rotaract Club to Host Pint Night Fundraiser

On September 24, The Knoxville Rotaract Club will host its fifth Annual Pint Night Fundraiser at Huxagon Brewing on September 24 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Funds raised this year will be used to support Project Grad Knoxville, whose mission is improving student achievement and graduation rates, college and career path readiness, and college completion rates.

[Project Grad Knoxville](#) works to ensure academic and professional success for students in the Knoxville community. Knoxville Rotaract will support projects such as college success care packages, a mentorship program, clothing closet and food pantry. Huxagon Brewing has both indoor and outdoor seating, with plenty of room for social distancing, and they have agreed to donate a portion of every pint bought towards the cause! There will also be door prizes so make sure to stop by for your chance to win!