
THE FLAGSHIP



April 11, 2021
Tom King, Editor

Coming

Attractions!

April 14: Kim Bumpass,
Visit Knoxville

April 21: Daniel
Webster, Restoration
House

April 24: World Rotary
Day Work Day, 8 a.m.

April 28: Francis
Graffeo, Executive
Director, Joy of Music
School

May 5: Club Assembly,
Fox Den, 12:15 p.m.

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

Big News! Big News! Read All About It! In Person In May!!!!

The news? We're returning to in-person meetings beginning with the **Club Assembly on May 5 at Fox Den Country Club**. We will still be adhering to the COVID protocols — everyone must wear a mask and social distancing will be observed. We will have 50 spots available and will be taking reservations. Other details will be passed along as we draw closer to the date.

And beginning with the May 5 meeting, we also will be live-streaming the meeting via Zoom. **Denise Bash** has agreed to be our Zoom Operator and we need someone to step up and work with her. The board approved the expenditure of funds to have the needed equipment for this.

The board also approved the membership of

Julie Greene and Constantine Pappas. Julie’s sponsor is PP Tom King and Cindy Kraus is sponsoring Pappas. You can read more about each in an article below.

We also — and very reluctantly — approved the resignations of two great members.

Mike Fleenor has resigned after 32 years in our club. Mike says they are simply out of town too much to make it worthwhile. “We were in Florida last week, a wedding in Montgomery this weekend, then Alaska next week and Aruba later this month,” he said. “This is just a normal month for us! We probably traveled 40,000 miles or more in 2020.”

We’re also losing **Brandon Ross**. “I just have to focus my attention on my community. I work in Farragut, but my heart is in Urban/East Knoxville,” he explained. “I’ve recently prayed to be led to an organization that is working hands on with issues I’ve encountered in or around my community. Those doors have opened and I’ve got to walk through them for the generations looking up to me. I’ve fought with this decision for a year now. I’m not saying bye, just see-you-later. I’ve contemplated connecting with the downtown club or another club in the future.”

Kim Bumpas Speaks Wednesday

Our speaker Wednesday will be **Kim Bumpas**, who leads Visit Knoxville. She is a national and regional leader with strong hospitality experience and nearly two decades of experience in senior management, sales and marketing.



This meeting is a virtual meeting via Zoom.

At Visit Knoxville, Bumpas is focused on promoting Knoxville as a travel destination for leisure travelers and conventions. Bumpas serves

as a liaison for Visit Knoxville with the Knoxville Convention Center (KCC), City of Knoxville (COK), Knox County and Knoxville venues/properties.

Bumpas is a 1994 graduate from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Marketing. Her hospitality career began in college at the Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff.

2 Proposed for RCF Membership

The Board of Directors on Wednesday approved **Julie Greene** and **Constantine Pappas** for membership into our club. Julie is sponsored by PP Tom King and Constantine by Julie Kraus.

Julie is a freelance marketing and public relations professional and one of her clients is Knox County Rescue. Julie is the rescue squad's Community Outreach Coordinator. She has attended a meeting or two at our club in past years. She is a former Rotarian in the Knoxville Breakfast Club. She and her husband Brad have three children — Hannah 19, a sophomore at UT; Jacob, 17, a junior at Hardin Valley Academy; and Sarah Catherine, 12, at Hardin Valley Middle. Brad is the owner of Sixeight Ventures that focuses on “building businesses on purpose.”

Pappas, 83, was president of the Lexington Park, Md. Rotary Club and was a member of clubs in Culpeper, VA and Elkins, W.Va. He is a private pilot and worked in the aerospace technology industry. Pappas is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

According to Article 13, Section 5 of the club's Bylaws, any member who would like to comment about or object to his or her membership has one week (7 days) from the date of this publication to make in writing any objections to the Board of Directors. If there are no objections, we will proceed with the process to accept Julie and Constantine for membership.

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
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our page.

News and Notes

District Golf & Creek Cleanup

We now have three complete teams for the **2021 Polio Plus Dist. 6780 Golf Tournament** on May 7 at Avalon Country Club just beyond Dixie Lee Junction. Tom Marsh, the Tournament Director and our club's golf czar, needed one more player for our third team and President Ed Jones stepped up to play.

Our three teams are:

- Farrell Levy, PP Keith Bryson, PP Doug Powell, and Mark Bialik (will be going after the Governor's Cup)
- Our All-Ladies team: Val Privett, Sonya Ford, Lily Rayson and Chloe Bash, Denise Bash's daughter;
- Third team: President Ed Jones, Scott Brockamp, Scott Bertini and Chip Eaton, a friend of Cindy Kraus.

Yes Virginia, we will be cleaning up **Little Turkey Creek** this year. Our "waders" will be getting wet on Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. Here is a [LINK](#) for you to sign up. This is a fun event! We need about 8-15 total volunteers (Rotarian's and family/friends welcome) and will meet at David's Abbey Carpet and finish at Costco. From Costco, we will walk back to David Abbey Carpet. Waders and garbage bags will be provided.

Our Family of Rotary Report

PP Bruce Williamson (former member) says wife **Susan** is getting a little better, but tires quickly when up. “It's slow. The many many staples came out Friday, but there's a lot more surgical work internally that has to heal,” he said. Susan had an 11-hour surgery at Vanderbilt two weeks ago to remove a large abdominal tumor. Bruce is home from his job in Maine caring for her.



Judith Bradbury says things are much better at the Bradbury home. “This physical therapy is really helping Phill and he's feeling like the old Phill again and it's great,” Judith said. They are missing our Zoom Wednesday meetings right now because that is when he has physical therapy. Great news!

World Rotary Day Set for April 24

No one has signed up for the **World Rotary Day** work day on Saturday, April 24 at Westview Elementary School. We have started a new list and if you signed up in March, please repeat that procedure. If you can be there, please email TOM KING soon.

The fun begins at 8 a.m. and should end at noon.

The school is at 1714 Mingle St. NW. We will need rakes, paintbrushes, and trimmers for landscaping. If you have any of these tools, please bring them with you! We'll be painting, raking, assembling a couple of soccer goals, planting bushes, flowers and trees. And some mulching. If you bring tools, put your names on them.

You can invite your family and friends too. Socially distanced projects are plentiful.

Buy a Ticket & Maybe Win a Golf Cart!

The **Volunteer Rotary Club** has teamed up with **Ladd's** to give away a golf cart to a lucky winner. All proceeds will help fund Rotary's community and worldwide projects, including student leadership and professional development, reading programs, veterans services, environmental and conservation programs, worldwide polio eradication and more!

Our club has become a partner in this and for each ticket we sell our club will receive \$10.



**HELP THE ROTARY CLUB
AND
HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**



WIN





GRAND PRIZE
Newly Refurbished Utility Cart

2nd Place \$100.00

3rd Place \$ 75.00

4th Place \$ 50.00

5th Place \$ 25.00

Purchase a \$25.00 ticket for an opportunity to win one of the above prizes. Drawing will be at 12:00 noon EST on Saturday, July 17, 2021. Your attendance at the drawing is not required to win. The drawing will be broadcast live from Ladd's Carts of Knoxville on the Knoxville Volunteer Rotary Facebook page.

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Drawing Winning Tickets

Jimmy Hyams
Sports Director For Cumulus Broadcasting
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3-7 pm Weekdays

Proceeds from ticket sales will be used to fund Rotary's community and worldwide projects. Including: Student Leadership programs, Elementary School Reading programs, Veteran's Services, Environmental and Conservation programs, Fresh Water Development in Remote Areas and Polio Eradication Worldwide.

All pictures are exemplary only and cart will equal or exceed cart displayed. Subject to final refurbishment.

To enter for a chance to win, request a ticket by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Tickets will be mailed to your address. When you return the completed, attached stub with full payment (check payable to Knoxville Volunteer Rotary Club), you will be entered in the drawing. Return address will be sent with tickets. Completed stubs and full payment must be received no later than July 4. You must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket and proof of age will be required before awarding the prize.

April's Mystery Remains a Mystery

The first four clues about **April's Mystery Rotarian** did not lead to a barrage of guesses. Maybe these next clues will create some creative sleuthing from our sleuths. Or maybe not!

- Will eat sriracha on anything
- Helped rehabilitate a loggerhead sea turtle that had eaten a plastic bag
- Lived in the Canadian wilderness for 10 days and nights
- Was a certified wild-land firefighter while attending the University of Tennessee



First correct guess emailed to TOM KING wins a bottle of wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor** and the Taylor family. If no one unmasks the Rotarian, he or she wins the wine.

Happy Birthday To You.....



Last week we missed celebrating birthdays and having fun with our one only April Fool's Day birthday boy — **Scott Brockamp**. No doubt Scott has had to deal with this issue for a long time, so we'll not pile on.

So, Happy Birthday to our April "babies."

April 1— Scott Brockamp
April 18 — PP Jim O'Brien
April 24 — Jim Dodd
April 25 — Scott Bertini
April 28 — Jerry Dietz
April 30 — Candace Viox

A Thought for Your Week

“A person who feels appreciated will always do more than is expected.” —
Anon