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# THE FLAGSHIP



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## *Coming Up!!!*

April 19: Steve Kaufman  
& His Music

April 20: Third  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.,  
Bravo's! Italian Kitchen

April 26: Jill Lagerberg,  
Director, KnoxCAM  
Prison Ministry

April 29: Stream  
Cleanup Project, Turkey  
Creek, 9:30 a.m.

May 3: Board of  
Directors, 11 a.m.

May 3: Club Assembly

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

## It's Flatpicking Time With Steve Kaufman At Wednesday's Meeting

Probably for the first time ever, "flatpicking" is coming to the Rotary Club of Farragut. And the best of the best will be with us Wednesday — **Steve Kaufman** of Maryville, the three-time winner of the National Flatpicking Championship.



And you ask — what is flatpicking? Glad you asked. Here's what we found: "The simplest, broadest, and most general way to define flatpicking is to say that it is the technique of playing

a guitar with a flat pick (or plectrum), sometimes called a straight pick vs. the use of bare fingers, fingerpicks, or a thumbpick."

Our resident fiddler **Mike Singletary** will be introducing Steve and also joining him on a few songs.

He was only 21 when he won his first title and he's the first-ever three-time champion. Since 1990 Steve has developed the reputation of being labeled the "World's Guitar Instructor." You can click on this [LINK](#) to read more about Steve.

Steve began touring the world conducting seminars, workshops, clinics and concerts in 1990 and after five years he and his wife, Donna, began "Steve Kaufman's Flatpicking Kamp." Every other year they have added more camps into their agenda and now under the title "Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamps" they host two Flatpicking Kamps, Fingerpicking Kamp, Old Time Banjo, Bluegrass Banjo, Old Time Fiddle, Bluegrass Fiddle, two Bass Kamps, Songwriting Kamp, Vocals Kamp, Mountain Dulcimer Kamp, Celtic Harp, Resophonic Guitar and Mandolin Kamp as well.

They have grown into the largest Kamps of their kind in the world with students traveling from around the world to Maryville. Steve and Donna have received the Gold Award from a reader's poll in Acoustic Guitar Magazine for running the "Best Workshops, Seminars and Camps" every year since 2002.

Let's get ready for some pickin' and grinnin'!!!!!!



## Mayor Jacobs Discusses Education, Growth, Land Usage and Projects

**Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs** joined us Wednesday and his messages focused on growth, why businesses and people are moving here and a pair of educational issues. Jacobs, 55, moved to Knoxville in December 1994 and in 2018 was elected county mayor and he's now in his second four-year term.



He mentioned two issues to consider in the education field:

- “We have got to increase our third grade literacy rate. That rate indicates if our kids will have chances to be successful in high school. We don’t read like we used to in our families.”
- “Our high schools are focusing too much on preparing students for college when kids need to be offered

different pathways. Not every one is interested in college and we should make studying the trades (electrical, plumbing, construction, etc.) available. Let’s start working with business and industry on this.”

He cited the quality of life enjoyed by people in Knoxville and Knox County, our recreational offerings, mountain bike trails in our urban areas and the process underway to make Beaver Creek a 41-mile kayaking creek from Halls to Melton Hill Lake. “We’re also working toward being the most dog friendly city in the U.S. with the ongoing development of our dog parks.”

Jacobs, citing the recent news that we have the highest median housing prices in the U.S., wondered where we’re going to put these people moving

to our area from other states. “We have a program called Advance Knox in progress. We are working on how to develop high-density housing opportunities and reduce sprawl. We’re now working to overhaul our land-use programs and policies and zoning regulations.”

He’s optimistic these initiatives will work to accommodate our growth.

Jacobs said he had a commitment right after our meeting and left without taking any questions.

## The Bad Joke of the Week

Q. “Do you know what they call people who take care of chickens?”

A. “Chicken tenders”



Guess who told that doozy? Yet again, it’s Bill Nichols!

After our meeting an anonymous member sent this joke along to perhaps bolster our humor rating:

Q. “Why did Mozart hate chickens?”

A. “All they say is “Bach, Bach, Bach!”

Let’s move on down the road!!!!!!

## 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!

Stephanie Markowitz 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 [LINK](#) to our page.



## Big Day for Guests & Visitors

Part of our packed-house meeting Wednesday were the great guests and visitors we introduced and welcomed. Here's the rundown:

Our **Guest of Honor** came all the way from Munich to visit with us again — **Francesca Ru Panero**. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student with us in 2014-2015 who attended Webb. Today she is a beautiful young woman at 25, studying in Germany for a Master's degree in Tourism. Francesca is fluent in five languages. While here she stayed with one of her host families — PP Leah Berry and Mike and Orly, who also visited with Francesca in Spain a few years back. She is pictured here with, left to right, Leah, Liz Gregor who is retired from Webb and knows Francesca well, then Francesca, and Bill Nichols, our Youth Service co-chair. It was very special to have her with us!



And here are our other guests and visitors:

- Sonya Ford had three guests to introduce: **Amanda Mallery** is a volunteer writer with Knoxville Moms; and a pair of real estate investors, **Eddie Shainin** and **Yuval Shenhar**.



- **Amy Fletcher** is interested in membership and was the guest of Larry Sheumaker, our Membership Committee chair. She is from Oak Ridge and is the Lead Futurist of A. Fletcher Strategies, which she owns.



- Emily Lamon Justice's very first guest since joining the club was her cute son **Gabriel**. He's 6 and a first grader at Farragut Primary School and he's excited because our speaker Glenn Jacobs gave him a "Kane" toy to take home!

- **Brandy Hyder** is the newest member of the staff at the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and was the guest of her boss, Julie Blaylock. Brandy is the chamber's new Communications/Digital Coordinator.



Great to have had y'all with us!

## Family of Rotary: Drivers Needed For Bill Adkins; Dianne Martin Update

Starting on Wednesday, May 3, we have no one signed up to pick up **Dr. Bill Adkins** at Sherrill Hills Resort Community so he can attend our meetings. You'll also be giving him a ride back. If you would like to sign up to help him, please click on this [LINK](#) and select the next available date (May 3).

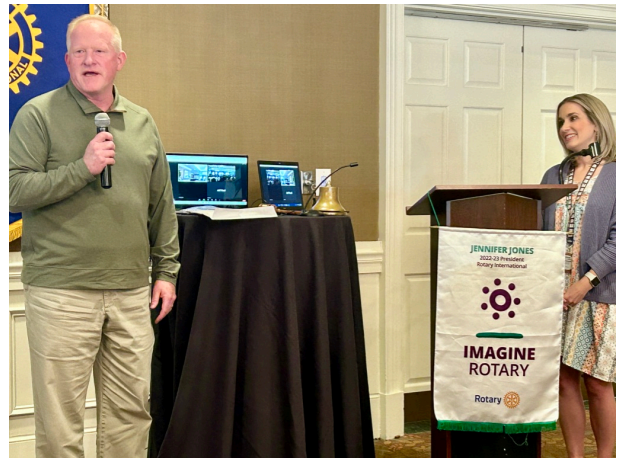


**PP Fred Martin** says wife **Dianne** began hospice care yesterday and today and says they are planning to come every day this week. "She took a turn for the worst last week and they tell me that she is in a transition phase now," he said. "She's comfortable, in no pain and at peace with everything." Dianne has Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Keep Dianne, Fred and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## *Our News and Notes*

### **Roger Moore Inducted; Time to RSVP For Third Thursday & The Kerbs Honor ‘Mattie’**

President Megan inducted our newest member on Wednesday — **Roger Moore**. His sponsor is **Sam Mishu**, who had to leave our meeting early and missed the ceremony. Roger is a former member of our club who joined way back in September 1991. At some point he left the club and joined the Rotary Club of Bearden. Now, he's back home. Roger is Principal Broker and President of NAI Koella | RM Moore. He has spent 25 years as a real estate agent and broker. If you don't know Roger, introduce yourself and say hi. He's a great guy!!!



**April's Third Thursday** is four days away and this month (on April 20) we will enjoy the delicious meals served at **Bravo! Italian Kitchen** in Bearden. Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus is taking us, for the first time, to Bravo! We will begin at 5:30 p.m. Cindy has already circulated the online invitation, but if you missed out just click on this [LINK](#) and sign up!

And in the FYI Dept. Rotarian and Farragut Mayor Ron Williams announced that the new **Elkmont Station** restaurant is now open. It is in the center next to Starbucks at the Campbell Station and Kingston Pike intersection.





How about a standing ovation for **Pam and Terry Kerbs**. The Kerbs are members of the Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Virtue Road. In case you missed this week's Farragut Press, Tammy Cheek had a superb story about the Kerbs donating \$35,000 for a new church playground to honor their son, **Matt, or Mattie**, who has special needs. Matt is 35, lives alone and has worked at Park West Medical Center

for 15 years. The playground was dedicated today at noon and in the picture are Pam, Terry, Mattie and their minister, Rev. Steve Koopman. What a great tribute for Mattie!!!! Here is a [LINK](#) to Tammy's full story. And our photographer was PP Staci Wilkerson!

**Community Shred Day** is next Saturday April 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Admiral Title at the corner of Walker Springs Road and Kingston Pike. You are invited to bring any unwanted documents, especially ones containing personal information. And it's free. Our hosts are Farragut Rotarians Vicki Williams of Movement Mortgage, PE Val Privett of Beacon Insurance Advisers and VP Teri Jo Fox of The Knox Fox Real Estate Group. Here is the [LINK](#) to register and where you can find the guidelines and other information.





## 2 ‘Water’ Service Project Reminders!

### 2 Disaster Support Reminders

**First** — As of today we have only 4 Farragut Rotarians signed up for our **2023 Stream Cleanup** on Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. And that includes Howard Fass, who is coordinating and leading this fun and great community service project. And we need a lot more than four members to work until around 12 noon.

Our volunteers can park at David’s Abbey Carpet and we’ll clean the creek from there to behind Costco. Howard says we have 20 pairs of waders from the Town of Farragut but can probably get a few more if we have enough members or guests to sign up. Dress accordingly for the weather and bring some gloves and maybe some water.

Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up for this project.

**Second** — On May 6 you have the chance to be on the Rotary Club of Farragut team to walk in Knoxville’s inaugural **Water Mission Walk** at Lakeshore Park (Marble Pavilion) beginning at 10 a.m. or be a volunteer or sponsor. **Tory Kinson** is leading our team. “The walk for water is an opportunity for people to experience what half of the world does every day to get clean water.

It is a 3-mile walk where they carry buckets, fill them with water and walk back to the starting point to have the water cleansed,” Tory says. We need between 10-30 volunteers in total. The registration price is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids. All proceeds will go to defraying the cost of the event and the remainder to the Water Mission.

Here is a [LINK](#) to our team page to sign up that Tory created if you want to walk. As of today we have 14 walkers registered.

## Tornado & Earthquake Relief Updates

1. This is the last call for donations for the **Rotary District in Mississippi** that continues to assist those who lost lives, homes and their belongings in the recent spate of killer tornadoes. To make a tax-free donation, make a check out to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation and in the memo or “For” line write “Mississippi Tornado Relief.” To date we have collected \$3,750.
2. Our Foundation is also asking for donations for the **Global Grant in Turkey** to build and staff a mobile-like MASH hospital for those injured and displaced by the recent massive earthquakes. To date we have only \$1,500 for this effort — \$1,000 from Denise Bash and \$500 from Cindy Kraus. Make your checks out to the Foundation and note that it is for the Turkey Earthquake Victims.



## PP Jonathan & Son Hank Running In Tomorrow's 127th Boston Marathon



**PP Jonathan Johnson** and his son **Hank**, 18, are running in tomorrow's **127th Boston Marathon**. The starter's gun fires at 10 on the 26.2-mile course. This will be Jonathan's fifth time running in Boston and this is Hank's first trip on the course. They'll be running with three Knoxville buddies and they're all in the picture, left to right — Michael Faulk, Jonathan, Andy Broome, Hank, and Aaron Wise. Billy Hicks, Joe's brother, is also running.

Jonathan's wife and far better half, Betsy, is not competing this year due to some injuries she's nursing.

Can Hank beat Dad? "Yes, he's much faster than me," Jonathan said. "Hank will run with Aaron and Andy as long as he can and I'll be behind cheering them on." Hank had to qualify to get into the huge field of approximately 30,000 runners.

The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon and includes runners from all 50 states and from 121 countries.

## **A Thought for Your Week**

"You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough." — **Frank Crane**