

THE FLAGSHIP



April 2, 2023

Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

April 5: Board of Directors, 10:30 a.m.

April 5: Club Assembly

April 12: Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs

April 19: Steve Kaufman & His Music

April 20: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., location TBA

April 26: Jill Lagerberg, Director, KnoxCAM Prison Ministry

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

Robin Wilhoit Says: Take Job Seriously, But Not Yourself

Robin Wilhoit packed the house Wednesday. The popular WBIR-TV news co-anchor took us inside her life in front of the camera and shared the stories that have made a difference in her 33-year career, 31 of those here in Knoxville. Perhaps the best news of the day — she has no plans to move on.



“We have no plans to leave. My family has put down roots here. I’ve paid a lot of money to UT

(University of Tennessee) to educate our two kids,” she said. “I’m from North Carolina and graduated from the University of North Carolina, but I bleed both blue and orange, but I am a diehard UT fan.” She is married to Brent and their children are Katherine and Brandon. She met Brent in Johnson City when she was reporting on a story about a Marine from Johnson City. She married the Marine — Brent.

As a longtime pro, she shared a philosophy she follows: “Don’t take yourself seriously. Take your job seriously.” She is probably the most-watched TV anchor in Knoxville television and in demand for public appearances that she must juggle along with her daily workdays.

She cited a long-ago assignment to cover Remote Area Medical (RAM) on a clinic trip to the interior of Mexico as one of the most moving and important stories she has ever covered. Robin also talked about meeting Julie Tryukhan and her kids, Mark and Polly, and sharing her story of leaving war-torn Ukraine with the help of Rotarians.

“Julie wanted what’s best for her kids and she’s created a family here. She wanted to keep them safe and she has. We’re all more alike than we know,” she said. “It is my joy to tell these kinds of stories.”

Our Guest and Our Visitors



- PP Peggy Wilson’s guest was her daughter, **Melissa Bassett**, and they are pictured here.
- Sonya Ford’s guest was **Jay Povlin**, a Prospective Member we will induct on Wednesday.
- Former Farragut Rotarian **Roger Moore** was Sam Mishu’s guest and he also is a Prospective Member. See the story below.
- **Richard Bettis**, Prospective Member who also will be inducted Wednesday, was Larry

Shoemaker's guest.

- **Liz Gregor**, a Visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Knoxville, joined us, and Bill Nichols' guest was **Julie Tryukhan** from Ukraine and her kids — Mark and Polly.
- President Megan Belcher had a guest — **Jeremy Henderson**, who works as a Commercial Lender at Megan's bank — United Community Bank.

We're so glad you all joined us!

Barnett Turns to "AI" for Our Humor

Our humor this week is most unusual. **Dr. Charlie Barnett** had to resort to "Artificial Intelligence" (AI) poetry using a new software known as "ChatGBT". Charlie asked this AI program to write a funny poem about Tom King writing the Rotary club newsletter. Here it is:

*Tom King sits down to write,
The Rotary club newsletter tonight.
He sips his coffee, takes a breath,
And hopes his words will bring some zest.*

*But as he types away with glee,
His cat jumps on the keyboard, you see.
The words all jumble up in a heap,
And Tom just can't help but weep.*

*He tries again with all his might,
To write about the club's great plight.
But then his phone begins to beep,
And he can't resist the urge to sleep.*

*So, with a snore and yawn,
Tom's Rotary club newsletter is gone.
But don't worry, it's not the end,
He'll try again, my funny friend.*

Roger Moore Proposed for Membership

He's back....or almost anyway. The Board of Directors this week approved **Roger Moore** as a new member, and this will be his second time to "join" our club. His membership is sponsored by Sam Mishu.



Roger is a Principal Broker and President of NAI Koella | RM Moore. He has spent 25 years as a real estate agent and broker. He began his career in 1980 as a licensed realtor for his father, who had the largest real estate company in the state of Tennessee. In 1995, following in his father's

footsteps, Roger carried on a family tradition when he opened R.M. Moore Real Estate Company and focused on commercial real estate.

In 2017, Roger combined business with Maribel Koella of NAI Knoxville to form the largest commercial real estate group in East Tennessee, now known as NAI Koella | RM Moore.

According to Article 13, Section 5 of the club's Bylaws, any member who would like to comment about or object to Roger's 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 him 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?

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.

Mississippi Tornado Relief, Turkey Earthquake Donations Still Needed

The need to support those impacted by the recent devastating and killer **tornadoes in Mississippi** has not gone away. Those people and their cities are hurting and need our help. **Sam Mishu** presented PP Jim O'Brien, president of the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation (RCFF), with a generous donation this week to support those affected by the horrific tornadoes that destroyed Rolling Fork, Mississippi.

Jim says any members who would like to join Sam and others can pass a check to him, to PP Staci Wilkerson, the RCFF treasurer, or to any of the other RCF Foundation Board members or mail a check to The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation, 10805 Kingston Pike, Ste 200, Farragut, TN 37934-3064. And do not forget to write on the check in the memo line -- "For Mississippi Tornado Relief."



To get an idea of what some Rotarians are already doing, click on this [LINK](#)

We also can't forget about the proposed **\$300,000 Global Grant** for earthquake relief efforts in **Turkey**. That grant is awaiting approval from Rotary International. If approved, it will provide a mobile clinic (think M*A*S*H*) to serve families and children in the devastated areas in the Adiyaman province, where hospitals were destroyed.

Any funds donated over \$1,000 will be matched. The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation has already committed \$5,000 towards this grant, which means any additional funds will be matched. "We have the opportunity to be part of a project that will make a tremendous impact for the Turkish people," President Megan says.

Please donate to our Foundation and mark your checks or donations with the notation "For Turkey Earthquake" grant.

The Week's Family of Rotary News

Those wishing to donate to “Bettye’s Memorial” fund still have a few days to do so to honor the life of **Bettye Sisco**. The fund is halfway to its goal of \$2,850. April 15 is the last day to donate. Here is a [LINK](#) to the donations page if you would like to donate. Bettye passed away on February 19, 2023 after a 13-year battle of chronic lymphocytic leukemia.



We are needing a few drivers to sign up and pick up **Dr. Bill Adkins** at Sherrill Hills Resort Community so he can attend our meetings, and also give 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. And we thank one and all for helping out.

Congratulations to **Susan** and **PP Bruce Williamson**. Bruce announced that their daughter, **Julia**, is engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Tyler Lingenfelt. Both are UT undergrads. Tyler just completed a Master’s in Sports Management from Western Kentucky and is starting work at the Cal Ripken facility in Pigeon Forge. Julia is midway through her four-year PharmD program at UT. No dates are being talked about yet.

March Mystery Rotarian Presentation Is Wednesday

On Wednesday we will introduce our **March Mystery Rotarian**. After 16 interesting clues no one — none of the sleuths — unmasked our member. Our Mystery Rotarian could not be at this week’s meeting but will be present on Wednesday when he or she will be presented with a bottle of fine wine. And you may be surprised!!!



Golf! RYE Counselor! W2W! & More

Tom Marsh is still looking for golfers to be on our teams for the **2023 District 6780 Golf Tournament for Polio Plus** at the Sevierville Golf Club on May 4th. We have a full ladies' team ready — **PE Val Privett, Denise Bash, Sonya Ford and VP Teri Jo Fox**. And speaking of Teri Jo, she is donating 125 goody bags for the players with all kinds of goodies from Knox Fox Real Estate. Great news and thanks Teri Jo. If any of you gents want to play, please contact Tom Marsh ASAP: You can text or call him at 865-607-5902 or click [HERE](#) to email him.



During Wednesday's meeting Youth Service Co-Chair **Bill Nichols** said that we will have an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student. He said we will have a young lady from France and that he needed to find a female counselor to support this student. Before he left from the meeting **Vicki Williams** stepped up to handle this. Thanks Vicki!!!!

Do not forget about the **April 29 Stream Cleanup** service project of Little Turkey Creek from David's Abby Carpet to behind Costco. The work in the water will begin at 9 a.m. and **Howard Fass** is the Crew Boss. In next week's newsletter we'll provide the link to the sign-up page. We have 20 wader suits for the work.

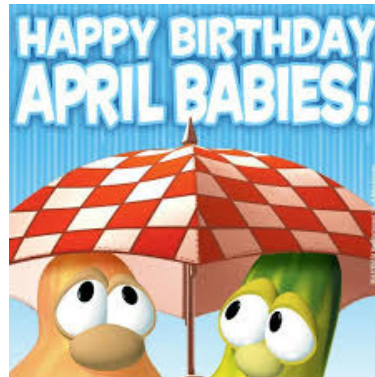
In case you missed this, TV's "America's Best Restaurants" is bringing its ABR Roadshow right to Farragut to feature **Candace Viox's Water Into Wine** as one America's Best Restaurants! To celebrate, Candace is giving away a pair of \$25 gift cards to her restaurant. The details are on W2W's Facebook page. Be sure to leave a comment for your chance to win! No announcement on when the episode will be broadcast.

Don't forget to toss your coins (or greenbacks) into the blue cups on our tables weekly with all of the money going to help fund research to find a cure for **Alzheimer's**. Tom Woodbery is coordinating this and to date we have raised \$472.

Birthday Wishes for Our April 'Babies'

A belated Happy Birthday a day late to **Scott Brockamp**, who was an April Fool's baby and we'll leave that one alone for now. Just a big birthday wish to Scott and to our other April birthday babies!!!

April 1 — Scott Brockamp
April 6 — Jerry Schwallier
April 8 — Jessica Mishu
April 15 — PP Bruce Williamson
April 18 — PP Jim O'Brien
April 24 — Jim Dodd
April 25 — Scott Bertini
April 30 — Candace Viox



A Good Thought for One & All

“Discussions are always better than arguments, because an argument is to find out who's right, and a discussion is to find out what is right.” —

Anonymous