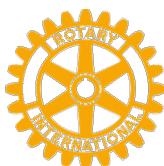


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# THE FLAGSHIP

**Rotary**  
Club of Farragut



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Tom King, Editor

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## *Coming Attractions!*

April 7: Board of  
Directors, 10:45 a.m.,  
Zoom

April 7: Club Assembly  
via Zoom

April 14: Kim Bumpass,  
Visit Knoxville

April 21: Daniel  
Webster, Restoration  
House

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

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



## Wednesday Is a Busy Day! Our Board Meets Before April Club Assembly

The first Wednesday is a busy day for the Rotary Club of Farragut. Our Board of Directors will be meeting virtually at 10:45 a.m. and that is followed by our monthly Club Assembly at 12:15 p.m., also on Zoom.

President Ed Jones says the board will be discussing our plans for May at Fox Den Country Club and the rest of the year and hearing proposals for two new members.

We'll also be discussing a list of business items — the annual report, member engagement, the status of club awards, club

finances, and Fox Den preparing for our meetings.

“Finishing the year strong!” Ed said.

We also have a list of strong speakers/programs for April. Check the list above for “Coming Attractions!”

## Cats, Ferrets & Humans: The COVID Connection From Dr. Jim Thompson

Many of us have cats. A few may have pet ferrets. **Dr. Jim Thompson**, Dean of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, says humans can pass COVID to cats and ferrets but those animals – or any others – can’t pass it back to humans.

That was part of the conversation we had with Thompson this past Wednesday during our weekly meeting. He is in his 13<sup>th</sup> year as dean of the college that opened in 1976. Prior to that, many Tennesseans who wanted to become vets did so at Auburn University.



The numerical makeup of the college today is 405 students, 310 staff, 120 faculty and 70 house officers who are in graduate courses studying specialty areas of practice.

“The studies have shown humans can pass it to the cats and ferrets, but they typically have mild cases and then become immune to it, and they do not pass it back to humans,” he explained. “Turkeys and pigs also can have the coronavirus but do not pass it to humans. Most animals do have coronavirus but can’t pass it on.”

He shared a number of interesting facts about the college. Here are a few:

- Since the school opened, it has graduated 2,700 veterinarians and 2,100 of those are working in the southeast.
- Average age of graduates is 29.
- The school autopsies all dead animals from Zoo Knoxville. “It’s vitally important for the zoo to know why an animal dies,” he said. “Any animal.”
- The vet school handles vet services for the animals at Tiger Haven in Roane County -- tigers, lions, leopards, puma, snow leopards, jaguars and panthers.
- Annual in-state tuition is approximately \$29,000 and double that for out-of-state students.
- The majority of graduates become small-animal vets.

Thompson did not mention this, but it has been previously reported and confirmed that three Malayan tigers at Zoo Knoxville had COVID last year. At the time the zoo said the three had had mild coughing, lethargy, and loss of appetite and believes they got the virus from a staff member who was asymptomatic. A veterinary team from the vet school cared for the cats.

The main areas of the school are animal emergency, avian and exotics, the equine hospital, the farm animal hospital and the small animal hospital.

Great program Dean Thompson!

## ***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!

Denise Bash 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.

## **Today's Family of Rotary News**

This week's report from **Judith and Phill Bradbury** is really encouraging. "It was a good week. Physical and speech therapies are SO helpful, especially after the COVID year without any. It has really made a big difference to Phill's morale," Judith said.

**Past President Bruce Williamson** (Honorary Member) drove wife **Susan** home Thursday night from Vanderbilt Medical Center.

"She's able to be up and about for limited periods, and slept better last night without all the usual hospital interruptions. She's feeling better every day," Bruce says. Susan underwent an 11-hour surgery to remove a large tumor from her abdomen a week ago from last Monday.



**Bettye Sisco** says she's feeling good but sore from two physical therapy sessions this week on her back. She also has a new rollator walker and is looking forward to some walks with her pooch.

**PP Peggy** and hubby **Joe Wilson** are hanging in there. "We're doing OK and Joe is doing better and walking the steps and walking outside some," she says. Joe had open-heart surgery in March.

Prayers and good thoughts to everyone on this Easter Sunday!

## Humorville Humor? Nope! It's From 'Nicholsville!'

So a chicken walks into a library and says "buk buk." Sounding like "book" the librarian hands him a a book. He takes it and goes merrily on his way. Then the next day the chicken returns and the librarian hands him two books. Away he went. This goes on for several days. The librarian gets curious and follows him to see what he's doing with all these books.



There is a frog sitting on a rock in a pond across from the library that the chicken takes the books to. The chicken approaches the frog and says "buk buk" and gives the books to the frog.

The frog responds by tossing each book aside one by one — "reddit reddit"!

A great contribution!!!!

## World Rotary Day Set for April 27

The March weather wiped out our first **World Rotary Day** work date at Westview Elementary School. That said, Farragut Rotarians and Rotarians from all Knoxville clubs will come together to work on **Saturday, April 24**. 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.

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

We are starting another sign-up sheet for members and others who would like to help. If you can be there, please email TOM KING soon.

## Let the Guessing Begin in April

The winds of March are behind us but the showers of April may be coming ... along with **April's Mystery Rotarian**. This should be fun for one and all. Let the clues begin!

- Lived and worked as Veterinary Technician in San Francisco
- Once ate 10 sushi rolls in one sitting
- Juggled a soccer ball 105 times in a row
- Played first chair trombone in the high school jazz band and marching band



The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win a bottle of wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors**.

## A Thought for Your Easter

“Easter is very important to me — it's a second chance.” — **Reba McEntire**