

# THE FLAGSHIP



April 9, 2023

Tom King, Editor

## Coming Up!!!

April 12: Knox County  
Mayor Glenn Jacobs

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.

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



## Mayor Glenn Jacobs Speaks Wednesday



**Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs** is our speaker on Wednesday. Before jumping into the political ring, he was known as “Kane” as a longtime professional wrestler. He won the Knox County mayor’s race in 2018.

Becoming Knox County's mayor was his first foray into politics. He's a big man and he's listed on a few websites as being 7-0 feet tall or 6-11 or 6-9. For 28 years plus he wrestled professionally with the WWE.

In August 2022 Jacobs defeated Democrat Debbie Helsley for a second four-year term as county mayor.

Jacobs, 55, and his wife, Crystal, own an insurance company, and have two adult children. He earned a degree in English Literature from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University).



## ‘Almost Made Me Laugh!’

That's the new name of our Humor segment of the meeting after this past Wednesday's Club Assembly. Here's why:



**Alex Barnwell** asked why golfers bring extra socks with them to play. His answer: “In case they get a hole in one.”

**Bill Nichols** had a joke about chickens. “I grew up on a farm and we had a hen that would lay eggs only in the fall and winter. She was no spring chicken.”

## The News From March's Board Meeting

**Secretary Sonya Ford** passed along these news items and notes from our club's April meeting of the Board of Directors.

Her report included:

- Five meetings in March with a 68.3% average attendance.
- Added 3 new members in March — Chase Depew, Brian Walker and Emily Lamon Justice.
- Total member count at the end of March was 86.

Sonya also recognized the following members for their Rotary Club of Farragut anniversaries:

- Sam Mishu and PP Fred Martin have both been with our club for 24 years.
- Mike Reynolds has been with us for 22 years.
- PP Tom King has been in our club for 17 years (although in Rotary for a total of 34 years).
- Jared Green and Stephanie Markowitz have both celebrated their 1-year anniversary.

Here is the report from President Megan Belcher:

- We're asking members to bring children's books to the meetings. Megan will collect these to take to the 2023 District 6780 Conference which will then be sent to Africa.
- A motion was made to use \$1,000 from our foundation for a Hardin Valley Academy sponsorship (to go to one student).
- Fox Den has given us a heads up that the full ballroom will not be available on June 21. The board voted to take the meeting offsite. I have volunteered to reach out to Harker Weiss about hosting our meeting at Costco in lieu of the previously discussed meeting at Costco on 9/27. Val and Teri Jo will work on the plan for the 9/27 meeting.

- The president previously approved the club to purchase a calligraphy pen sent for Meghan Jackson (Jim O'Brien's daughter), who has been donating her time to complete our new member certificates. A certificate was passed around for the members to view (she does a BEAUTIFUL job). The cost of the pen set was \$55.
- An email address will be setup for the club. Teri Jo will be creating this.

Committee Notes:

**Youth Service:** Bill Nichols said we now have two counselors for our 2023-24 Rotary Youth Exchange student coming from France. Working with her will be Vicki Williams and VP Teri Jo Fox.

**Membership:** More emphasis will be placed on new members serving as greeters at the sign-in table to get more acquainted with the members. Also, a board member suggested the President ask the new members to do the Four Way Test and pledge for the meetings.

**Stream Cleanup:** Howard Fass said we will start at 9:30 a.m., not 9 a.m., on Saturday April 29. "We have 20 waders available. However if everyone signs up early and more waders are needed we most likely CAN get them," he said. (See the story below to sign up!)

***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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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.

## Bettis, Povlin Inducted at Club Assembly

Our club inducted and welcomed two new members to our Family of Rotary on Wednesday — **Richard Bettis** and **Jay Povlin**. Richard's sponsor is Larry Sheumaker and Jay's sponsor is Sonya Ford. They are pictured below with President Megan Belcher, who inducted them.

Bettis recently resigned from the Rotary Club of Bearden and is a past president of that club. He also serves as the District 6780 Vocational Services chair. Bettis works in Commercial Lending at the ORNL Credit



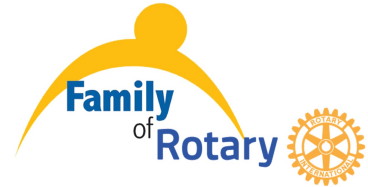
Union. Richard, 41, grew up in Greeneville on an 80-acre farm. He earned a degree from Tusculum University in Organizational Management in 1999. He has been a Rotarian for 12 years and has held multiple board positions. He and his wife Lisa have a daughter, Ainsley, who is 12. They are active at the Northstar Church.

Jay and wife Louise are the parents of three sons and two rambunctious dogs. They have been residents of Farragut since 2008. Louise of course is the Vice Mayor of the Town of Farragut. Jay is currently Chief Operating Officer for GatorStep, a marine decking company based in Lenoir City and has operated several businesses in the community since 2012. He has owned Anytime Fitness in Farragut for 11 years and is a partner in 5- Star Holdings, a tax and bookkeeping firm, both on Kingston Pike.

- The only guest we had with us was **Roger Moore**, a past member of our club who is rejoining us. He was most recently in the Bearden Rotary Club. His sponsor is Sam Mishu and he will be inducted on Wednesday.

## Our Family of Rotary Update

In case you didn't see yesterday's email or check your email, **Sam Mishu's** 101-year-old father, Fuad, passed away on Good Friday. A service will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Saint. John Neumann Catholic Church. Our condolences to Sam and Jessica and the family. Here is the [LINK](#) to his obituary.



**PP Fred Martin** has given us an update on wife **Dianne**, who has Stage 4 pancreatic cancer: “No good news here, I'm afraid. The chemo treatment just made her sicker with no improvement, so we are probably going to have hospice for the remainder of the journey. She is on meds for nausea and pain, eats almost nothing, has lost a lot of weight, and sleeps a lot. Not the end of life we had hoped for.” Keep Dianne, Fred and the family in your prayers.

## Farragut Rotary Has 3 Teams Entered In 2023 District Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of Farragut will have three teams competing in the **2023 District 6780 Golf Tournament for Polio Plus** on May 4 at the Sevierville Golf Club. We have two men's teams and a women's team entered. The tournament is being held the day before the 2023 District Conference begins at the DreamMore Resort in Pigeon Forge.

- Women's Team: PE Val Privett, VP Teri Jo “Hammer” Fox, Denise Bash and Sonya Ford.
- Men's Team 1: Farrell Levy, PP Doug Powell, and two new members — Richard Bettis and Roger Moore.
- Men's Team 2: Alex Barnwell, Greg Tilley, Scott Bertini and Jerry Schwallier.

Tom Marsh, our Golf Director, usually plays in this event but this year he has a work conflict. But he's been very busy putting our teams together.

The Governor's Cup is the big prize and it goes to the lowest-scoring team that is composed of four Rotarians from the same club.

## Turkey Creek, Here We Come!

**Howard Fass** and his **Stream Cleanup** crew will begin wading and cleaning up a big portion of Turkey Creek at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday April 29. Our volunteers can park at David's Abby 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. The picture here shows our team from a few years ago.

And here is the [LINK](#) to sign up for this great and fun service project!

## *News & Notes for You!*

# Francesca's In Town; Italian Third Thursday & April 22 Is Shred Day

In 2014-2015 we had a delightful young lady from Turin, Italy as our Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student. Her name is **Francesca Ru** and she is in town for a week-long visit and will be at our meeting Wednesday. She is staying with former member Diane Wilkes, who was Francesca's counselor during her exchange year. She is now living in Berlin and it will be great to hear from her!



Our **April Third Thursday** will give us a taste of Italy. Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus is taking us, for the first time, to **Bravo! Italian Kitchen** down in Bearden. 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!



You are invited to bring any unwanted documents, especially ones containing personal information, to our **Community Shred Day** on Saturday, April 22, at Admiral Title between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admiral Title is located at the corner of Walker Springs Road and Kingston Pike. 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. A Shred-It truck will be there to shred it all. Here is the [LINK](#) to register and where you can find the guidelines and other information.



Due to a conflict with Easter celebrations, the **District 6780 Visioning Facilitator Training** date has been changed to June 10th. The location and times will remain the same. This is an opportunity to learn how to help our Rotary clubs create a vision and strategic plan for success. We are looking for 15-20 members willing to commit to the one-day training and to conduct between 1-2 visioning sessions per year in your personal area of the District. It will be held at Roane State Community College's Crossville campus from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Click on this [LINK](#) to get your personal registration.

## **A Thought for One & All**

“Your life does not get better by chance. It gets better by change.” — **Jim Rohn**