
THE FLAGSHIP



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Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

Aug. 24: Jimmy Hyams,
The Sports Animal

Aug. 31: Hancen Sale,
Knoxville Area
Association of Realtors

Sept. 7: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

Sept 7: Club Assembly

Sept. 14: Eddie Smith,
Childhelp Tennessee

Sept. 21: Doug Lawyer,
VP/Economic
Development, Knox
Chamber

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

Great News To Share: Farragut High's Interact Club Is Coming Back

It's been several years since we have had an **Interact Club at Farragut High School**. The drought is ending. The resurrection of the club is underway. Last week Mary Cook, president of the Farragut High School Foundation, attended our meeting. After a conversation with PP Tom King and VP Teri Jo Fox, Cook got busy and the game was on.

Every year we have attempted to restart the club but the school always said they could not find a faculty or staff member to be the club's advisor. Not a problem now. Later Wednesday we received word that filling this important job will be Beth

Duncan, the FHS Parent & Community Involvement Coordinator/College and Career Mentor. And she's excited! And so are we!



Now, it's our turn to get busy and find a member to be the link between the Interact Club and our club.

We have some feelers out about this, but if you are interested please email PRESIDENT MEGAN to let her know. Having more than one member to help would be great.

This will be the third Interact Club that we sponsor and this could make for some interesting chemistry and fun competition between the clubs. PP Leah Berry is our club advisor to the very healthy club at Hardin Valley Academy and Noah Meyers is the advisor for our Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) Interact Club.

Jimmy Hyams To Talk UT Football, Basketball on Wednesday

Jimmy Hyams, sports director for 99.1 FM The Sports Animal in Knoxville and co-host of Sports Talk five days a week, will be speaking Wednesday about University of Tennessee football and basketball. And on Thursday, August 25, he will be inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame at its 41st induction ceremony at the Knoxville Convention Center.

This man stays busy and never slows down. During football season he also co-hosts Football Finals, the SEC Notebook and Sunday Sports Sound-Off. And he has hosted a Golf Talk show for 22 years. He's pictured here on the right interviewing a guest.

After 20-plus years as a sportswriter, Hyams changed professions in 1998 and was named the 1999 Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year. He also won the award again in 2004. Hyams has won the Tennessee Sportswriter of the Year award five times (1991, 2000, 2007, 2016, 2018) and has won 50 statewide writing awards. He is the only person in Tennessee to ever win the sportswriter and sportscaster of the year awards.



Hyams is also a regular guest on the Sunday Sports Source TV show that airs year round. He serves on six committees in Knoxville and he was a member of the 2015 Leadership Knoxville class.

Having covered Tennessee football and basketball since 1985, Hyams also has covered a variety of other sports, including golf and tennis. He wrote a book about Peyton Manning in 1998. He is the SEC football editor for Lindy's magazine and writes a regular blog.

Before moving to Knoxville in 1985, he worked at several Louisiana newspapers. He was sports editor of The Natchitoches Times at age 16. He also worked for the Shreveport Times (1977-78) and the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate (1978-83).

Hyams is a native of Natchitoches and a graduate of Northwestern State University. He and wife Melanie have two daughters, Leslie (29) and Valerie (26).

Let's give him a big welcome!

Mayor Ron Williams Outlines Town of Farragut Improvements



Farragut Mayor Ron Williams and his guest Wednesday, Fiona McAnally

The Town of Farragut has a lot to crow about these days and on Wednesday **Farragut Mayor and Farragut Rotarian Ron Williams** was crowing. His address centered around a document he had on our tables that was an impressive list of 62 items that have happened, are underway or will be underway to improve the town for its residents and visitors.

“During my time serving as an alderman and as mayor, this administration took on many different projects. When I began my term as mayor my first priority was to start with a town-wide cleanup,” he said. “Long time derelict buildings needed to be torn down, remodeled or replaced. This was a critical first step for the revival of our community.”

He also took a moment to recognize and praise PP David Smoak as Farragut's Town Manager.

Here is a short list of some of the projects he mentioned:

- The recent opening of Top Golf
- The coming construction of a Skore "Stay and Play" Hotel just east of Top Golf
- Future \$48 million Campbell Station Road diverging diamond design exit
- Future red light control system
- Future Watt Road roundabout at lower park entrance
- A new Panera Bread is coming next to Truist Bank in Village Green Shopping Center
- New Aldi grocery store that is now open
- 4 billboards removed and not replaced
- New Farragut Community Center
- McFee Park expansion & updates; dog park coming; pickle ball courts

That's 10 improvements from the list of 62. "There's still work to be done and we'll be doing it," Williams said.

Great program, Mayor!

Our Humor(?) of the Day

We had three wannabe comedians Wednesday. After asking around for reactions to the humor we heard these comments:

- "The Gong Show was a lot better."
- One wag said quoting Butch Cassidy: "Who are those guys?"
- And a final quote: "Lame, really lame!"

After our meeting three very thoughtful members all made the same suggestion: "If I were you I'd leave those jokes out of the newsletter this week."

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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Big Day for Guests & Visitors

It was a great day for guests — some new faces and some old faces. Let's meet 'em.

- We had a special guest who we had not seen in a while — **Past President Dale Read**, who now lives in The Villages in Florida, a small retirement community (age 55 and above) of only 140,000. He says The Villages has its own hospital but it does not have a maternity ward.
- VP Teri Jo Fox's guest was **Mary Cook**, president of the Farragut High School Education Foundation (pictured above at left).
- **Fiona McAnally**, who handles Legislative Affairs for the city of Knoxville, was the guest of Farragut Mayor/Rotarian Ron Williams.
- President Megan had a guest who sat with another Rotarian. Her guest was **Alicia Carver**, the Donor Engagement Coordinator for MEDIC. She is interested in membership and sat with her buddy, Vicki Williams, while Megan presided. Alicia, Megan says, is expecting twins (Vicki and Alicia are pictured at the right above).
- Jared Greene's guest was a familiar face — **Aaron Schmissrauter**, who operated the Restaurant Linderhof in Farragut a few years back.
- And **Tammy Cheek** of the farragutpress joined us.

Welcome one and all!!!

Family of Rotary News Updates



Denise Bash has a very brief update on **Marine Lance Cpl. Benji**: “He’s still recovering. Not much new. He’s just going to therapy every day in the hopes of getting the colostomy reversed. The PT is all about his pelvic strength. He’s scheduled to get retested later this fall so we will have a better idea.” And Denise says she’s hoping to see us after Labor Day. She has been missed for sure!

Keep **Judith Bradbury** in your prayers. She leaves on Monday for Nashville and early Tuesday morning is having right knee replacement surgery. Sounds like we need to get a Family of Rotary meal delivery team together for her and maybe some transportation professionals to drive her to appointments for physical therapy.

Bettye Sisco says she’s feeling good today and was packing to leave in the morning for Duke Medical Center and her leukemia clinical trial.

Prayers for our family members!

PP Ron Planning a Tractor Ride for ETCH

PP Ron Lawrence is planning to drive his John Deere green tractor — top speed 18 mph — across parts of Tennessee in November to raise money to help celebrate the 85th anniversary of **East Tennessee Children’s Hospital (ETCH)**. The route is a moving target right now, says Scott Bertini, our Service Projects Co-Chair.

Ron’s goal is to raise \$100,000 for ETCH to be used for purchasing medical equipment. The donations will be directed through the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation to eventually be presented to ETCH. ETCH’s marketing department is involved in this unique fundraiser and Bertini says “we have a lot of moving parts right now and all of the details have not been



nailed down.”

PP Ron had first proposed riding across the state from Memphis to Knoxville to perhaps the Tri-Cities area on the back roads — not on the Interstate highways of course. It now appears this may be a Knoxville to Tri-Cities ride and back and from Knoxville to Nashville and back.

ETCH is working on getting NASCAR and the Bristol Motor Speedway involved as well as a radio station. As Scott says, “things are in flux right now.”

As the details emerge, we’ll share the news with one and all.



It's Newsy Notes Time in The Flagship

A great time was had by all at **Thursday's Third Thursday** at Calhoun's at Turkey Creek. We had 16 there and packed two tables on a busy night at the restaurant. The early arrivals at the big table at left above were Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus and husband Paul (we finally met him!!!!); Sam Mishu; Jerry Schwallier; Ralph Henry; Faye and PP Tom King; Mary and PP David Bluford; and Fred Adomat and his friend Paula Womack. The second table held the rest of us — Jeanne and Dr. Jack Faber; Mary and Steve Krempasky; and PE Val Privett. Our next club social will be on Sept. 22. Where? Not sure. Stay tuned!

Brandon Hackett has left TNBank to become Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Banking Officer for a new player in Knoxville — **Eclipse Bank**, which has its headquarters in Louisville, KY. “Right now I am the only employee in this

market and currently working from home. In the next 6-12 months we will add to the team and look for office space,” Brandon said. “I’m not exactly sure where the office will be located at this point.” Eclipse already has banks in Nashville and Johnson City. Good luck on this new path, Brandon!

Harvey Heard will be leaving the club and his position at Sherrill Hills Retirement Resort that he and his wife manage. Two of our members live there — Bettye Sisco and **Dr. Bill Adkins**, who was Harvey’s sponsor. And he’s Bill’s driver to our meetings. That said, Dr. Bill needs and wants a ride to our weekly meetings.

A fall fundraising wine tasting and dinner is being planned by **Fundraising Co-Chairs Scott Brockamp** and **Jerry Schwallier**. They need a few members to raise their hands and volunteer to work with them to make the evening a rousing success! The date may fall during the second week of November. We’re told they have some fun things planned for one and all. Details forthcoming, we are told.

For our donut lovers, the 4th Annual **Purple Pinkie Day** is coming on Oct. 12 with our great friends and partners at Dunkin’ Donuts. Get this on your calendars as we buy and sell donuts for the Rotary commitment to eradicate polio. Last year our District 6780 raised \$1.2 million for this great cause. It’s a good bet the bar will be raised this year!

Our Medical Moment From Doc Barnett

Dr. Charlie Barnett’s message today is about COVID and cognition. Here’s what he has to say:



“I was alarmed this week when I read a recent article showing that one of eight people with COVID during its early phase in 2020 had a decrease in mental function (cognition) at one year post-infection. Worse than that, those with severe COVID had an increase of 480% in early onset decline, a 750% increase in late onset and a 1900% increase in progressive cognitive decline. Even those with non-severe infection had a cognitive decline incidence of 71%. In real numbers that was one of eight patients. Being a COVID survivor, I haven't hit the panic button yet because:

1. These numbers are true only in survivors of the original COVID virus. They do not reflect any long-term connections from the more recent Omicron variants.
2. Also, these morbid statistics do not reflect the preventive effects of vaccination or the medications now available to treat COVID.

“Despite the unknown effects of later COVID, please remember that new evidence points to the prevention of dementia with good health habits. Even if you're young without the least worry of dementia, recognize now that prevention of this horrid condition starts with lifelong good health habits.”

August's Mystery Has Sleuths Searching

Eight clues revealed, eight clues down. And the Super Sleuths are busy. Maybe someone will step up and ID our **August Mystery Rotarian** and sack the Sleuths! That would be fun! Here are the next four clues for one and all.

- Wife was a school teacher and a librarian
- Enjoyed spending a lot time at Disney World
- Ran the Peachtree Atlanta 10k Race 5 times
- Favorite movie and book — “All The Presidents Men”

If you think you've got it solved, email TOM KING with your guess and the first correct guess wins the wine from the Taylor family at **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor**.



A Dolly Thought for the Week

“I'm not offended by all the dumb blonde jokes because I know I'm not dumb...and I also know that I'm not blonde.” — **Dolly Parton**