

Rotary Club of Farragut Flagship Newsletter



Club Meeting

Farragut
Meets at Fox Den Country Club

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

Birthdays

Tory Kinson
November 15th
L. F. Pratt
November 19th
Rebecca T. Duncan
November 21st
Kristen Otto
November 21st
Daniel L. Barnett
November 25th
John G. Hoffman
December 5th

Years of Service

Leah E. Berry
12-01-2005
19 Years
William R. Adkins
11-20-2019
5 Years
Jeff Devlin
12-08-2021
3 Years

Speakers

November 13th Doug Kirchofer
CEO Boyd Sports - Smokies Baseball
November 20th
??????? Michelle Peckham
Knox County CAC Office on Aging

December 4th
President Scott Bertini
Club Assembly

I want to start off with a Thank You to Vice President Brian Walker. I worked the election polls on Tuesday, November 5th and woke up Wednesday with COVID. Vice President Brian Walker is always stepping up to help with notes and photos of the meetings I am unable to attend.

Meeting Recap

After President Scott opened the meeting, Bill Rice recognized the veterans in the room since Monday is Veterans Day. (reminder)

President Scott brought to life a table game and gave every group 5 minutes to prepare an elevator pitch about what Rotary is... results were mixed but enjoyable and Dr. Bill Adkins gave a fantastic history of his Rotarian experience back to when he was in his 20s, before the War and before women could join the club.

Congratulations to Greg Tilley for being Rotarian of the Month.

Tom Woodbury announced the Hidden Hero would be revealed at the next meeting. The local media will be joining us at the meeting for the big reveal.

Stephanie announced Rotaract will have an induction of new officers and member ceremony on November 13th.

Also, Stephanie and Richard Bettis will be running a booth at Pellissippi College at the Career and Graduation Fair with a focus on networking to get jobs/careers for students.

Larry Sheumaker went over the membership report. We will be inducting 4 new members on December 4th. Joshua Hornberger has requested reinstatement of membership.

Alex Barnwell, November 21st is the day we are going to the Giving Machine in Knoxville.

David Smoak gave a report on Wreaths Across America. The placement will be Dec 14th and Farragut has 275 Veterans resting in our local cemeteries.

Tom Woodbury went over the District Grants to Interfaith. They are moving to Middlebrook Pike and looking to buy a dental x-ray machine and complete a patient waiting room. Matching funds will come from the District.



Bill Rice spoke about the foundation and gave a Paul Harris award to Fred Adomat. This was his second. Talking with Fred, he is a third generation Rotarian, and he said his Dad and Grandfather would be very proud of him, as we all are.



The meeting was adjourned by President Scott after a fantastic quote from Bill Murray: "Always give 100%, unless you are donating Blood..."

Respectfully submitted by Brian Walker

Family of Rotary

Happy Birthday to Dr. William (Bill) Adkins (92) and Stephanie Markowitz (40).

Ron Lawrence gave the good news that his family recently grew with 2 new grandchildren to 17 in total.



It's Baseball Time in Tennessee!

In 24 years with Tennessee Smokies baseball, Doug Kirchhofer has played a key role in the growth and direction of the Smokies organization. Doug Kirchhofer has over 35 years of hands-on experience in minor league franchise development and sports facility management, as well as a finance background. Doug Kirchhofer, who serves as CEO of Boyd Sports in Tennessee, is a Class of 2007 graduate of Leadership Knoxville and has made East Tennessee his permanent home since 1981 despite sometimes working in other locations, because of his love for the region.

Before joining the Smokies, he served as president and CEO of Cincinnati Entertainment Associates, Ltd., and oversaw the acquisition and \$16 million renovation of Riverfront Coliseum, transforming the aging downtown building into the then-named Firststar Center. He served as president and CEO of the Cincinnati Cyclones professional ice hockey team from 1990-2001.

Doug Kirchhofer got his start in professional sports in 1989 as part of the group that formed and operated the Nashville Knights of the East Coast Hockey League. Later in the 1990s, Doug Kirchhofer became part owner of the Birmingham Bulls, an offshoot of the Cincinnati franchise. During his years in Cincinnati, he was also involved with teams in minor league basketball and professional indoor soccer.

Doug Kirchhofer's ties to Tennessee include vice president/finance for Concoal Management Company in Knoxville and service on the board of directors at First Heritage National Bank in Loudon. Prior to Doug Kirchhofer's arrival in Tennessee, he was a manager in the tax department of a public accounting firm in Atlanta, a job he held after earning a master's degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois. Doug Kirchhofer also graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

He and his wife, Lana, have two grown children, Kristi and Kyle, and four grandsons, Jay, Tanner, Drew and Evan. The couple have both served as board members of the Christian Academy of Knoxville, and Doug Kirchhofer served a term as president of the school's board. Kirchhofer is also a Class of 2003 graduate of Leadership Sevier and Class of 2006 graduate of East Tennessee Regional Leadership.



Knoxville Challenger

Benefiting the McNabb Center

Game, Set, Match

Saturday, November 9th was not only Game Day for the Volunteers, it was also the semi-finals for the men's division of the Knoxville Challenger. Not really knowing what to expect, I entered the center with an open mind and curiosity. The first semi-final match that morning was Johannus Monday, a British tennis player who is currently a senior at the University of Tennessee and ranked in both Singles and Doubles. Monday's opponent is Chris Eubanks, a former Georgia Tech player turned pro in 2017 and has played in the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and US Open. The match was intense with Eubanks winning the first set in a forced tiebreaker, Monday rallied in the second set to win 6 games to 4, and the final set came back to a forced tiebreaker. Monday had the home court advantage, but in the end, Eubanks was able to win the final tiebreaker and win the match. After watching the first semi-final match, I was hooked. It helped to have a player to cheer for, but tennis provided all the drama and excitement I needed to want to attend the next matches. If you have never attended the Knoxville Challenger, make sure you grab tickets.



Rotary International adopted an Action Plan in 2021 and all Rotarians need to get intimate with the four areas as depicted on the image:

- Increase our impact
- Expand our reach
- Enhance participant engagement
- Increase our ability to adapt

In fact, consider reciting these four areas after each meeting. They should be as familiar as the 4-Way Test.

For more information on the Rotary Action Plan, go [HERE](#).



Additionally, Past District Governor/RI Director Beth Stubbs is more than happy to come do a program on the Rotary Action Plan. She can be contacted by [email](#).



As a Rotarian and a supporter of polio eradication, Rotary's #1 priority, I wish to participate in this humanitarian endeavor as a member of the PolioPlus Society.

PolioPlus Society Membership Forms:

PDF ([Hand Fill](#)); PDF ([Fillable online](#))

Contact is [John Downs](#)



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

10 A.M. DECEMBER 14

The Town of Farragut is honoring over 275 veterans laid to rest within Town cemeteries by partnering with the Veterans Heritage Site Foundation to sponsor Wreaths Across America on Dec. 14, 2024.

There will be a remembrance ceremony at Pleasant Forest Cemetery at 10 a.m., followed by a wreath-laying on veteran graves at Pleasant Forest, Virtue Church, Union Cumberland Presbyterian and Grisby Chapel cemeteries.



Scan the above QR code and click "sponsor wreath" to honor our veterans.