

Rotary

Club of Farragut



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Club Meeting

Farragut
Meets at Farragut
Community Center

Time: Wednesday at
12:15 PM

Birthdays

Brandon Hackett
May 11th
Greg A Tilley
May 14th
Bill Rice
May 14th
Doug Powell
May 21st
Sonya Ford
May 22nd
John Ralph Henry
June 6th

Years of Service

Peggy Mahan Wilson
05-25-2005
19 Years
Michael Singletary
05-23-2012
12 Years
Howard Fass
05-25-2016
8 Years
Mansour Hasan
05-30-2018
6 Years

Speakers

May 15th
[Chris Massie](#)
Samaritans Feet
May 29th
[Phil Clodlough](#)
Zoo of Knoxville

May 22nd
[Cindy Bradley](#)
Sacred Ground

Samaritan's Feet

Samaritan's Feet provides shoes for those in need around the world. Giving Shoes. Giving Hope. is their inspiration. A pair of shoes can provide a foundation for children to be able to focus on education while at school and protect their feet from foot-borne disease. Samaritan's Feet was founded in 2003 and has provided over 9.4 million pairs of shoes in over 560 U.S. cities and in 109 different countries since its inception.

School Of Rock Fundraiser

School of Rock was a huge success! Andrew Vollman and Tom Marsh did an outstanding job organizing and coordinating this event. Thankful for the great article in Farragut Press on the event. The club sold 86 tickets to the concert and, with the various sponsors, made over \$2,000. Thank you to Howard Fass for helping with the tickets at the door and Bill Rice for helping with the audiovisual component.

Family of Rotary

Denise Bash and her family need our prayers, please see the message below shared from Denise:

"Urgent prayers needed: Benji started bleeding last night. We are in an ambulance heading for the ER. His blood pressure was down to 48/25. Prayers needed."

Good News Around the Club

Bill Rice thanked Andrew Vollman and Tom Marsh for the School of Rock event. They put in a lot of effort and dedication to make this event happen. The event was well received by all those in attendance, everyone enjoyed the variety of music that was played and it was a good time.



Tom Woodbery wanted to thank the Board, By-Laws Committee, and all members who attended the meeting today to discuss proposed changes to the By-Laws. The discussion was productive and went very well.

Ralph Henry volunteered with Mission of Hope and their partners Second Harvest and Compassion Ministries to provide over 580 meals in one day. They will be heading out again on July 13th and are headed to Scott County. Save the date in your calendar and reach out to Ralph if you are interested.

Wednesday's Guest:

Brian Walker was joined by Alex Cain. Alex is a small business owner and Farragut resident.



Stephanie Shipley Markowitz was joined by two of the Pellissippi State Community College Rotaract Club incoming Board Members; Cody Lewis incoming President, and Crystal Brave incoming Treasurer.



Tery Kerb was joined by his good friend and potential member Gregory Byrd.

Tammy Cheek joined us from Farragut Press.



Inducted into the Rotary Club of Farragut was Bart Van Edom

Farragut Rotary Inducts New Member Bart Van Edom

It's always a special day at the Rotary Club of Farragut (RCF) when new members are inducted. Wednesday, May 1st was very special at the Farragut Community Center. We began May by welcoming a new Rotarian -- Bart Van Edom -- to our Family of Rotary.

Bart Van Edom is sponsored into the club by Larry Sheumaker. Bart is the owner of Van Edom's Wine Bar in the Choto Marketplace.

Here is some information about this new Farragut Rotarian:

- **Van Edom** opened his wine bar 2.5 years ago. Bart is originally from Belgium and moved to the states for love. He's love of entertaining and passion for good wine and beer, good food, and the desire to share that with others led to the opening of his wine bar. His love of wine, beer, and good food also led him to a passion for running. Bart is a kind soul, you can find him at his wine bar daily, and he is always open to share a story and a glass of wine.

The Rotary Club of Farragut meets each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestown Blvd. If you want more information about Rotary or are interested in attending a meeting or joining, please stop by and join us.

Rotary Survey

Member Interest Survey

As discussed during some of our recent meetings, we have developed two surveys that we would greatly appreciate your assistance with. This is the 1st and the other will be sent out next month.

Below is a link which will take you to our Member Interest Survey, which is only 20 questions. The goal of this survey is just to get to know our members a little more and discover your interests within our club. After all the questions are taken, the page will automatically close things out at the end - don't think something is off.

<https://s.surveymonkey.com/5fe882cr>

We would appreciate all responses being submitted by May 24th. Also, feel free to call me at the number below if you have any general questions or have trouble with the link.

Scott Bertini (865) 898-4421



Giving people their dignity back one haircut at a time

Janette Burgin, Board Member, met founder Martha "Marti" Baker and began her journey to provide services to the Knoxville homeless community that would change her life. Care Cuts started by simply providing haircuts under the bridge, meeting people where they were to simply give them their dignity back. The first time out, they were able to reach 65 people in one day. Homelessness is everywhere and affects everyone in some way. In Knoxville, the homeless population is around 3,000 people. 800 of those

are between the ages of 18â€”24 years old, and 15% are veterans. The carrot is the haircut. They also provide food, clothing, a prayer tent, showers, and clothing. The most important service provided is a caring and open heart. The volunteers are there to listen to the person's needs, their story, and provide them with the hope that there is hope. Through Care Cuts services and assistance, over 500 people have been able to find housing. In partnership with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who provided a vehicle, Care Cuts assists people in finding a job and provides the transportation to and from that job. Many do not choose homelessness, it's a series of mistakes and/or misfortunes. Care Cuts can use your support through the donation of small young adult clothing, belts, pop-top cans of food, and so much more. Information can be found on their website <https://carecutsknox.org/>



The 2024 District Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, May 16th at the White Plains Golf Course in Cookeville.

Check-in will be at 10 a.m. CDT and a shotgun start at 11:00 a.m. CDT.
Lunch will be served during the round on the course.

Chad McDonald of Chattanooga Breakfast is the District Golf Tournament Chair.

Contact Chad McDonald by [email](#).

[Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

White Plains Golf Course
4000 Plantation Dr
Cookeville TN 38506
931.537.6397

An initiative by Rotary District 6760 to have a specialty plate dedicated to Peace has been approved by the TN State Legislature and the campaign to get 1,000 registered motorists signed up is underway. Here are the details:

1. The first year's \$35 will be covered by donations from the Districts. The goal is for \$35,000 to be donated from Club Foundations so that no one has to pay the \$35 the first year.
2. You don't have to be a Rotarian to have the plate, which is a big deal. Anyone can sign up for the plate and the money still comes to the Rotary Districts of Tennessee. As a bit of information, the Don't Tread on Me plate has almost 29,000 motorists who display it, and it generates about \$1million dollars for their organization.
3. This needs to be accomplished by June 1, 2024.
4. \$35,000 has been pledged, so the first year fee is paid.
5. 938 plates have been ordered as of May 9, 2024!



- First 1,000 reserved are free the first year. (\$35 annual fee is added to vehicle registration renewals.)
- Net proceeds fund community peace projects organized by the 7,000+ Tennessee Rotarians.
- First editions expected on or before Oct. 2024.
- Your County Clerk will notify you when your plate is ready to be picked up.
- To reserve your first edition plate(s) or to donate go to www.US-PPF.org or use the QR code->



By Andrea Ludden



The primary goal of Rotary Youth Exchange is providing young people with opportunities to experience cultural exchange and to develop as leaders who promote peace and justice around the world. To achieve this, everyone involved in an exchange  including students and volunteers  must be open-minded, tolerant, and supportive of one another.

Click [HERE](#) to hear what past RYE students have to say about their experience after a few years, and what they are up to now.