



Club Meeting

Farragut
Meets at Farragut Community
Center

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

Birthdays

Jennifer Walker
June 21st
Alex Bamwell
June 25th
Ron Williams
June 27th
Howard Fass
June 29th
Jonathan Johnson
July 3rd
Terry L. Kerbs
July 5th

Years of Service

Gerald L. Schwallier
06-28-2021
3 Years
John Ralph Henry
07-05-2021
3 Years
Thomas Woodbery
06-15-2022
2 Years

Speakers

June 26th
[The Changing of the Guard](#)

July 3rd
[July 4th Holiday](#)

Knox County Community Action Committee's™ Volunteer Assisted Transportation

Every wonder how seniors and people with disabilities who need assistance to travel safely get to the places they need to be? For those in our community who need assistance with traveling to doctor appointments or getting to the grocery store can be an unmanageable task. Sometimes the everyday task that we take for granted can be stress in others' lives. The heroes that work at Knox County Community Action Committee's Volunteer Assisted Transportation is here to assist those who require assistance to travel safely and remove that stressful element from their life. Anytime the program staff are able to match a volunteer driver and vehicle with a rider's request, the ride will be provided. In 2023, they provided 3814 trips, totaling 50,766 miles, and a total of 4,357 hours. All this adds up to a value of \$138,522.60 in assistance to our community.



Nancy Welch is the Program Manager of Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's™ Volunteer Assisted Transportation program. For the last 13 years; she has recruited, coordinated, and trained volunteers from the community to assist with transportation for Knox County seniors and people with disabilities. She came to Volunteer Assisted Transportation as a volunteer driver, while she was training to become a Certified Nursing Assistant and a Phlebotomist.



Good News

Humor is back! We encourage all of our comedians to bring their best to the meetings. However, make sure your jokes meet the Four Way Test.

Stepanie Shipley Markowitz announced they are expecting Baby #2. Huge Congratulations to the happy parents and Big Sister!

Brian and Jennifer Walker have just returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where their son Riley married his college sweetheart. Riley and Kjerstin will be moving to Farragut in July.

Scott Bertini shared his wife accepted a teaching position at UTK, in the Nursing School. Very excited for her continued success.

Vistors

Stepanie Shipley Markowitz introduced Tyler Mattern, a visiting Rotarian from the Downtown Club. Tyler grew up in Farragut.

Greg Byrd joined us as a potential new member. Greg will be inducted at our next meeting.

Tory Kinson was joined by his wife Monica and our guest speaker Junno Choi.

Brandon filled in for Tammy Cheek from our local press.

General Assembly

Secretary Report: Membership 87 members, 5 meetings in May, 71% attendance, 5 resignations. **Treasure Report:** Currently we have \$25,000 in the bank account as we close the year. Very successful fundraisers contributed.

International Service Chair: Wesley House project has been completed. Received \$5,500 matching funds from grants upon completion. The proposal for Ridgedale Alternative School project to be completed next year has been approved for \$16,000 with \$8,000 coming from the matching funds grants.

Public Image Chair: The Flagship is being worked on weekly and everyone should be receiving it on Sundays. Looking for committee members to help with the upcoming year.

Club Rotary Foundation Report: Ended the year just short of our \$10,000 goal at \$8,710. Did achieve Star Club status.

Club Service Report: Craig Donnachie is our incoming chair. Looking forward to continuing with our projects that are club favorites and seeing where we can expand our service to the community.

Fundraising Report: We are currently in need of a Fundraising Chair and Co-Chair. With the fast approaching Bourbon Tasting event, the board is seeking to postpone or cancel the event.

Saturday, June 8, 2024

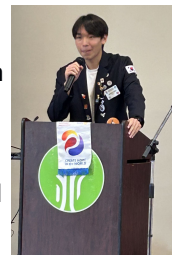
A Year in Knoxville



Traveling to another country can be an exciting and thrilling experience. Many of us probably have a bucket list of countries and places that we want to travel to and cultures we want to experience. For Junno Choi traveling to Tennessee was more of a roller-coaster ride. As a young junior in high school, traveling to another country for a year brings many feelings and experiences. Junno visited our club this week to share his story with us. Junno explained his journey brought many emotions and in the end, changed him forever. Upon first arriving in Knoxville, the realization that he had left his family to live with strangers became overwhelming. Junno did not speak the language well and immediately was thrust into another family and was under their family rules. Junno's new family gave him chores, he was not a fan of picking up the dog poop, and it took time to adjust to turning over his cell phone each night. Just as that adjustment was easing up, a new challenge began. It was time to start the school year at an American high school. With the language being a challenge, making friends did not come easy. As in most journeys, the honeymoon period had come to an end and daily life was not easy for him. Junno retreated to his room and into himself, feeling like a failure. This feeling led to thoughts of returning home. Around February, Junno had decided failure was not an option and he was not going to fail. Junno took the initiative at school to speak to everyone, making the effort to make friends. With the change of attitude and effort, things began to turn around for Junno. He began making friends and even attended two



proms. The prom was a favorite memory for Junno, as they do not have this custom in Korea. Junno is hopeful to return to Knoxville as a student at the University of Tennessee after completing his final year of school in South Korea. As Junno prepares for a tour of the West, he leaves Knoxville feeling confident and accomplished. Junno is grateful to the Kinson family, he no longer feels like a stranger, but rather a son. Troy Kinson echoed the feeling, stating that Junno truly became a son to him during this past year. Junno also shared some of his American experiences:



Favorite Spot: Atlanta

Favorite Activity: Basketball

Favorite Restaurant: Chick-fil-A

Favorite H.S. Experience: Dancing with girls at prom



Ron Lawrence gave a special parting gift to Junno. Many years ago, Ron traveled to South Korea with Rotary and spent a month on an exchange trip. When Ron was returning home, the Rotary Club gifted him with a hand painted tapestry that he had held on to with found memories and a ceremonial bell. Ron parted with these gifts, asking Junno to take them back to South Korea with him. It was a very touching moment for everyone.



All District members are invited to attend the Sixth Annual District Governor's Installation on Saturday, June 29th, at the Knoxville Museum of Art. We'll start gathering at 2:00 p.m. ET and with snacks and refreshments. This will be a great event to witness the installation of District Governor-elect, Rob Dansereau, as the new District Governor.

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. We'll finish no later than 4:00 p.m. ET.

If you plan to attend, please register at this link as we need to know a head count. Thanks.

Sixth Annual District Governor Installation Celebration



Rob Dansereau

Becomes the District's 111th Governor

Knoxville Museum of Art
1050 World's Fair Park Dr
Knoxville TN 37916
Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Directions to Installation Location:

From the West:

From the East:

District Rotary Foundation Committee Report

It has been a wonderful year for giving and for projects making a difference in our district and around the world! Keep reading for highlights of Rotary Foundation related activities during the 2022 – 2023 Rotary Year!

Grants

- **Global Grants – Jim Roxlo, Rotary Club of Chattanooga Breakfast, Chair**

Our District is supporting 37 active Global Grants with a total value of 4.5 million dollars. These grants support projects in East Asia, South Asia, Africa, North America, Mexico, and Central America. The projects include scholarships, jobs training, disease prevention, water and sanitation, elementary education, and peace programs - making a difference around the world!

Fourteen of the projects benefit from cash contributions and personal involvement from our clubs – Bradley Sunrise, Chattanooga Breakfast, Crossville, Farragut, Knoxville, Livingston, Maryville, Monteagle-Sewanee, and Oak Ridge Breakfast. The combined investment is \$280,000, all of which comes from our own Rotarians' contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The next time you meet with fellow Rotarians, thank them for their contributions. The world is thanking us, too.

- **District Grants – David Carroll, Rotary Club of Cleveland, Chair**

District 6780 had \$151,195 in District Designated Funds that could be allocated for district grants for the Rotary years 2022 – 2023. Twenty-four clubs received funds for a total of 27 grants. Projects focused on peace (1), water and sanitation (4), health (4), community and economic development (7), and education (11). Twenty-two were for local projects and 5 for international projects.

- **Peace – Ron Appuhn, Rotary Club of Maryville, Chair**

The Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee worked with five applicants in June - July 2022. Of the three applicants pursuing the two-year master's degree program, the Subcommittee endorsed two of those, and no applicant was selected for the program. Of the two applicants pursuing the one-year professional development program, the Subcommittee endorsed both applicants, and both applicants were accepted into the program at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. The Subcommittee members have completed their annual endorser training for the next group of applicants in June 2022.

Giving

Now let's talk about how all those great projects and scholars receive funding from The Rotary Foundation that enables club dollars to go further in doing good around the world!

- **Annual Fund – Andy Anderson, Rotary Club of Bradley Sunrise, Chair**

As of June 2, 2023, generous Rotarians in District 6780 had given a grand total of \$487,396 to Annual Fund – Share. After three years half of these contributions come back to district for the district and clubs to spend for global and district grants as well as polio eradication and scholar programs.

There were 40 STAR clubs out of a total of 62 clubs in District 6780 as of June 2. The members of these clubs contributed an average of \$100 per capita to the Annual Fund. If your club has not yet qualified for STAR club status, it is not too late - donations received by June 30 will count toward the 2022-23 STAR club awards!

- **Polio “John Downs, Rotary Club of Sparta, Chair**

As of June 2, 2023, District 6780 Rotarians had donated \$208,163 to polio eradication efforts. It is clear our Rotarians understand the need to continue to support polio eradication until the job is complete.

Also as of June 2, there were 38 Bill Sergeant Polio Eradicator clubs. This recognizes clubs who average at least \$50 per capita in donations to the Polio Plus Fund. If your club has not yet reached eradicator status and wants to be a Polio Eradicator Club, you have until June 30 to send your donations to The Rotary Foundation!

New this year is our **Polio Plus Society** with more than 100 district Rotarians enrolled as charter members. These members have pledged to contribute at least \$50 per Rotary year to the fight to end polio and will continue to do so until the World Health Organization officially certifies the world as polio free. Show your support for ending polio now by joining the PPS! For more information, contact David Sergeant, Rotary Club of Chattanooga Breakfast at SergeantDavid@yahoo.com

- **Endowment/Major Gifts “Alan Johnston, Rotary Club of Chattanooga Hamilton Place, Chair**

Twelve very generous Rotarians have given \$10,000+ during the 2022-23 Rotary year. In addition, a number of district Rotarians have established Endowment Funds of \$25,000 or more that will ensure that future members have the resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year.

- **Paul Harris Society “Karen Wentz, Rotary Club of Maryville, Chair**

Are you interested in pledging to support Rotary’s work every year? Consider joining the Paul Harris Society, a group of dedicated Rotarians who have committed to contribute \$1,000 each year to The Rotary Foundation for as long as they are able. The combined 201 members of the PHS in District 6780 pledges total \$201,000 for supporting our work now and in the future.

Special thanks go to all the dedicated Rotarians who work tirelessly to ensure our District continues to shine in both giving and service. Thanks also to DG AI and his team who have spread the message regarding the good the Foundation does.

It has been both my honor and my pleasure to serve as your District Rotary Foundation Chair for the last three years. I am so proud of all our clubs and Rotarians as they embody our motto of “Service Above Self”

Deborah Alexander-Davis
Rotary Club of Kingston
District Rotary Foundation Chair, 2020-2023
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The Rotary International Service Above Self Award is the most honored and respected award that Rotary International awards each year. There are 534 Rotary Districts in the world and only up to 150 are awarded in any given year. This year, only 151 Districts

submitted nominations and only 80 were awarded this year.



PRIP John Germ - DG Susie Cantrell - Dave Baumgartner

Dave Baumgartner of the Rotary Club of Knoxville received the award this year. He was nominated by District Governor, Susie Cantrell, in recognition of his efforts the last several years to raise funds to help eradicate polio. He definitely was surprised to hear his name called out by Past RI President, John Germ, who presented the award to Dave, along with District Governor, Susie Cantrell, at his club's weekly meeting on May 28th.

This is well-deserved recognition for Dave and Margo Hughes, his point person for the effort called the Purple Pinkie fundraiser. The effort started with jars at each of his Dunkin' Donuts

stores and raised a few hundred dollars to last year's effort when 150 stores participated in six states and raised \$1.5 million. So far, the Purple Pinkie campaign has raised over \$6 million dollars. And this year, the numbers will reach \$2 million dollars.

Congratulations, Dave. You earned it. You exemplify Service Above Self. Thank you.