



### 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

Robert N. Parker  
July 9th

Denise Bash  
July 14th

### Years of Service

Staci Wilkerson  
07-09-2011  
13 Years

Julie A Blaylock  
07-12-2017  
7 Years

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](#)

## Big Announcement for Rotarian Jeff Devlin

In a recent announcement, Rotary Club of Farragut member Jeff Devlin was named Interim Fire Chief. Jeff Devlin has been working as the interim fire chief for the past seven months and the announcement of his promotion to Fire Chief should be coming soon. You can read the full story posted to [KnoxTNToday.com](https://www.knoxtntoday.com).

<https://www.knoxtntoday.com/rural-metro-changes-harnish-moves-to-amr-devlin-is-new-chief/>

## Paul Harris Fellow Recognition

Bill Rice was able to present two members with their Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for donations received: Noah Myers awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for donations exceeding \$4,000

Tery Kerb awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for donations exceeding \$2,000

Congratulations to both of these Rotarians, and thank you for the example you continue to set for our club.

## New Member Inducted

This week Greg Bryd was inducted into our club. Greg is a Sr. Loan Officer with Tennessee Bank. Greg is excited to be part of the Rotary community and looks forward to working on service projects in the community. Welcome to the club.

## Nominating Committee Presents Slate

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for the 2024\2025 Board: Voting can take place after 10 days of this presentation.

### Officers: Nominated to fill vacancies:

President - Scott Bertini

President Elect - Candace Viox

Vice President - Brian Walker

### Previously approved

Secretary - Greg Tilley

Treasurer - Jared Greene

Sgt at Arms - Howard Fass/Eddie Jett

### Directors (Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs)

**Nominated and Previously Approved:**

**Public Image: Chair:** Jennifer Walker **Co-Chair:** PJ Dieffenbach

**Foundation:** Steve Krempasky

**Family of Rotary: Chair:** Alex Barnwell **Co-Chair:** Jerry Schwallier

**Membership: Chair:** Larry Sheumaker **Co-Chair:** Denise Bash

**Service Projects: Chair:** Patrick Finn **Co-Chair:** Cindy Kraus

**Youth Services: Chair:** Tom Woodberry **Co-Chair:** Sara Branson

**Rotary International: Chair:** Becky Duncan **Co-Chair:** Judith Bradbury

**Vocational Service: Chair:** Stephanie Markowitz **Co-Chair:** Richard Bettis

**DEI:** John Hoffman

**Fundraising: Chair:** Craig Donnachie and **Co-Chair:** Emily Justice

## Good News!!!!

Mayor Ron Williams announced that Publix Market has been approved to build a new location near the corner of Kingson Pike and Watt Rd. They will break ground this summer.

Jonathan Johnson's son, Baxter Johnson, was named Sentinel Male Lacrosse Player of the Year for 2024. Baxter plays lacrosse at Webb High School.

## Family of Rotary

Sam Taylor is struggling with his health. Bill Nichols asked members that knew Sam to reach out to his wife Linda.

Tom King had successful surgery on his hip and is spending time at the rehabilitation hospital. Reach out and give Tom a call to help lift his spirits.

## Guest

Assistant District Governor Bill McGrath attended our meeting today.

Scott Bertini had future Exchange Student (hoping for Paris, France) Anniston Bertini with him today.

Peggy Wilson was joined by her husband, Joe Wilson.

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.

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 111<sup>th</sup> 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:

By Deborah Alexander-Davis

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



The District's Rotary Foundation Chair, Debbie Alexander-Davis, and her team have provided a great review of this year's grants, both global and district, Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Peace, Paul Harris Society, the Polio Plus Society, and gifts to the Rotary Endowment/Major Gifts. We've had another great year. Read away and be proud.

### **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

â€“ 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 Rotariansâ€™ 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 â€“ 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 â€“ 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 â€“ 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 masterâ€™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 letâ€™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 â€“ 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 â€“ 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 â€“ 23 STAR club awards!

- **Polio â€“ 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](mailto: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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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](#)

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](#).