



**Club Meeting**  
 Farragut Meets at Farragut Community Center

**Time:**  
 Wednesday at 12:15 PM

**Birthdays**

Alex Barnwell 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  
 Michael Singletary July 18th  
 Nancy B. Bosson July 21st

**Years of Service**

Staci Wilkerson 07-09-2011 13 Years  
 Brandon Hackett 07-22-2011 13 Years  
 Julie A Blaylock 07-12-2017 7 Years  
 Stephen F Krempasky 07-19-2017 7 Years  
 Gerald L. Schwallier 06-28-2021 3 Years  
 John Ralph Henry 07-05-2021 3 Years

**Speakers**

June 26th  
[The Changing of the Guard](#)  
 July 17th  
[Rob Danserau](#)  
 2024/2025 District Governor

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

**Nominating Committee Presents Slate**

The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for the 2024\2025 Board: Voting will take place at the meeting this week.

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

**NO MEETING WEEK OF JULY 3RD!  
BOARD MEETING MOVED TO JULY 10TH!**

**Good News!!!!**

Brandon Hackett's children were able to attend the Olympic Trials for Swimming while at a swim meet in Indianapolis. While they were there, they witnessed two World Records being broken.

Visiting Rotarian Greg Maciolek shared his Grandson is visiting Washington DC with his Boy Scout Troop and will be 1 of the 4 to escort the wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Noah Myers shared that his son will be reporting to Fort Campbell on Monday for his Army training. Noah and his wife will travel to watch him graduate on July 11th.

Jennifer and Brian Walker excitedly reported that their daughter is on her way home from New Student Indoctrination, where she was an instructor for the incoming ROTC recruits and will spend 18 hours in Knoxville. Adilynn's next stop is Germany, where she will be underway for one month for her 2nd Class Summer Cruise. Please keep her in your prayers for safe travels and positive experiences.

**Family of Rotary**

David Bluford announced he is transferring his Rotary Membership to the Rotary Motorcycle Club. David

moved up East and does not work in West Knox, which has made attending meetings regularly difficult. Transferring to a club that meeting virtually will provide him with the opportunities to continue his membership, stay involved, and continue to serve. David will be with us through the end of June.

Tom King had successful surgery on his hip and should be able to come home from the rehabilitation hospital on Friday, June 20th. Tom will have some recovery time at home if you would like to reach out.

Wayne Davis is making progress, but still has to use a walker most of the time to get around. He sees his oncologist regularly and has dialysis three times weekly (M, W & F). He's working to get his Wednesday dialysis appointment moved to another time so that he can attend RCF meetings. Wayne asked for all of us to keep him in our prayers—particularly to pray that his kidneys will start working again so that he can stop his dialysis treatments.

## The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation Changing of the Guard

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, three directors of The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation (Peggy Wilson, Leah Berry (Secretary), and Jim O'Brien (President)) will complete their terms of service in accordance with the RCF Foundation's bylaws. All three of these directors were charter members of the Board of Directors and they have contributed immensely to the success of the Foundation. They will be missed! When you see them, please thank them for their years of service.

Three new members of the Rotary Club of Farragut have agreed to succeed the three departing directors on the Board: Joseph Hicks, Ron Lawrence, and Tom Woodbery. Let's all thank these fellow Rotarians for their willingness to serve in this new capacity.

The RCF Foundation Board will hold its final meeting of the year on June 26<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting they will, among other things, elect officers for Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.

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.





## **Conflict Resolution Building Skills to avoid Toxic Polarization**

Have you ever been in a conversation that explodes into an argument?

It is human nature to have a difference of opinion with people you work with or people in your life. How you react when a disagreement occurs changes everything. When conflict is brewing in a conversation, you can respond with good polarization or toxic polarization. Jim Roxlo explained the difference in a simple way: good polarization, "We cheer for different teams and that's OK," toxic polarization, "Your team is evil and must be stopped." Good polarization supports discussions, it fosters an environment of active listening and asking questions of understanding. Good polarization does not just happen though, it takes effort and restraint, it takes willingness and compassion, it takes self-reflection and desire to be different.

Toxic polarization is everywhere in our daily environment. What is toxic polarization? Toxic polarization happens when people start using personal attacks in conversations instead of being open to hearing a different perspective. If you have watched the news, engaged in social media, or followed politics, you have experienced toxic polarization. As with human nature, when we are exposed to toxic polarization in that quantity, it often begins to creep into our daily language and becomes our way of handling conflict resolution.

Where do we go from here? How do we fight toxic polarization?

It's easier to choose a direction than it is to change directions. As individuals and a collective group, we must choose good polarization. We must be able to not only agree to disagree, but also be able to openly listen to each other, hear each other's point of view, and agree that it is ok to have different opinions than others. If we can learn to listen to each other first, we can avoid a toxic crisis and become better friends. We can be an example for our families, co-workers, and our community.

At the end of every meeting we recite the 4 Way Test. If we could apply the 4 Way Test to all decisions we make in our lives, this world would see the bright light that is inside each of us. The 4 Way Test should be our guiding light in our personal and business lives. I ask you to choose good polarization and use the 4 Way Test, self-reflect on our behavior and always strive to do good.

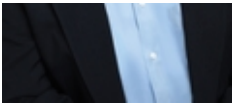
All District members are invited to attend the Sixth Annual District Governor's Installation on Saturday, June 29th, at the Knoxville Museum of Art. We'll start gathering at 2:00 p.m. ET and with snacks and refreshments. This will be a great event to witness the installation of District Governor-elect,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



**Rotary District 6780**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**"PACK THE PARK**  
**to END POLIO NOW!"**



[www.smokiesbaseball.com](http://www.smokiesbaseball.com)

**Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game**

Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>; 7:00pm EDT @ Smokies Stadium, Kodak Tennessee

Tennessee Smokies –vs – the Chattanooga Lookouts.

**YOUR \$15.00 DONATION** gets a ticket voucher, \$6.00 in Stadium Credit, and lots of fun!! And \$6.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight

## Polio!

If you can't attend the game on August 6<sup>th</sup> your ticket voucher is good for any regular season home game for the remainder of the 2024 season.

See your Club President or AG for tickets!

## **END POLIO NOW!**

### How it works:

1. Please have your members make their checks payable to your club for \$15 per ticket, and then have your club issue a single check (no later than game day) for \$8.50 per ticket sold, made out to the Tennessee Smokies. This check can be turned in at the Polio table near "Will Call" at the stadium on Game Day, August 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Ticket vouchers redeemed at the ballpark on August 6<sup>th</sup> will receive an admission ticket PLUS \$6.00 in Stadium Credit that can be used for concessions or at any vendor in the stadium. Vouchers redeemed at the Smokies Ticket Office after August 6<sup>th</sup> receive an admission ticket but not the Stadium Credit.
3. The \$6.50 donation to "PolioPlus" can be sent to Rotary International by your club at your convenience. (Use Multiple Donor Form 094-EN, if you want individual club members receive donor credit).
4. Contact John Downs, PolioPlus Chair, with any questions (260) 564-0059 or latigo57@yahoo.com.