



Club Meeting

Farragut
Meets at Farragut Community
Center

Time: Wednesday at 12:15 PM

Birthdays

Nancy B. Bosson
July 21st
Roger M. Moore Jr.
July 29th
Emily Lamon Justice
August 2nd
Adam Brock
August 6th
W. L. Sheumaker
August 20th

Years of Service

Charles E. Laine Jr.
08-05-2013
11 Years
Scott Bertini
07-23-2020
4 Years
Ron Williams
08-11-2021
3 Years
Kristen Otto
08-18-2021
3 Years

Speakers

July 24th
Millie Gimmel
University of Tennessee Department of World
Languages

July 31st
Valerie Kinson
Rotary Youth Programs



Our Speaker this week is Millie Gimmel. Millie is from Louisville, KY. She completed her BA at Murray State University in 1988 after spending a year in Arequipa, Peru, as a Rotary Fellow. She completed her PhD in Spanish at Indiana University in 2002 and has been part of the Department of World Languages and Cultures at University of Tennessee since then. She enjoys travel, gardening and cooking and has just returned from leading a study abroad program in Alicante, Spain. Her husband Paul is the director of Kickstand Community Bike Collective and her daughter Magda will be starting her second year at Tennessee Tech in Environmental Science.

Rotarian of the Month



Our Rotarian of the Month is Stephanie Shipley Markowitz. Stephanie, a Knoxville native and Bearden High School alum (Class of 2003), is an Instructional Technology Specialist/Instructional Designer at Pellissippi State Community College. She supports faculty in developing online courses and offers professional development in course design, student engagement, and emerging technologies. Previously, she held a similar role at Roane State Community College (2016-2019) and taught 2nd and 3rd grade in Knox County for 8 years. She earned her doctorate in Instruction and Curriculum Leadership from the University of Memphis in 2021. Stephanie also teaches as an adjunct professor for Pellissippi State and Tennessee Tech University.

Stephanie serves on the Rotary Board as the Vocational Services Co-chair. In 2022, she reactivated the Pellissippi State chapter of Rotaract and is their current advisor. Outside of Rotary, she is on the Board of Directors for the Knoxville Nativity Pageant, where she is the Cast Director. She is an active member of Central Baptist Church of Bearden.

In her free time, Stephanie enjoys serving the Knoxville community and spending

time with her husband, Brent, and their sweet daughter Madi. They are expecting a baby boy in January 2025. Dedicated to Rotary's motto, "Service above self," she cherishes her role in the community.

CART Fund grant recipients at University of South Alabama

Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama recently received a \$300,000 grant from the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART). To read the entire story click the link below.

<https://medschoolwatercooler.blogspot.com/2024/07/usa-scientist-receives-300000-grant-for.html>

Rotary Club of Farragut Member Survey

Member Interest Survey

As discussed during some of our recent meetings, President Scott Bertini has developed a survey for members to engage with leadership and share their vision for our club's future.

Below is a link which will take you to our Member Interest Survey.

<https://s.surveypal.com/wle1xp2l>

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After all the questions are taken, the page will automatically close things out at the end - don't think something is off. 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

Interact Scholarship Recipient



Future University of Tennessee Student Recipient of Interact Scholarship

With Fall just around the corner, young adults all over the country are dreaming about days at their new universities. While parents are dreading their babies leaving home and the tuition bill that follows. Our club was able to bring a piece of sunshine to one family with the \$1000 scholarship awarded to an Interact Student. This year, Sydney Clemmer from Hardin Valley Academy was the recipient of our club's \$1000 scholarship. Sydney was a four-year member of the Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club, serving most recently as Secretary. She served at club meetings, club service projects, Purple Pinkie Donut Day, and worked with our club on the Sleep in Heavenly Peace project. Sydney is headed to the University of Tennessee Knoxville to major in criminology with a

minor in philosophy. Her goal is to work for the FBI.

Sydney was joined by her family and one of the HVA Interact Teacher/Sponsors, Mrs. Russell. Thank you, Leah Berry for your continued service and support of the Hardin Valley Academy Interact club.

Create Hope in the World



Create Hope in the World 2024 Award Recipient - William T. Nichols

Create Hope in the World was the 2023-2024 Presidential theme. Rotary International President Gordon R. McInally explained that the goal is to "restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and to help achieve lasting change." He calls for Rotary to create hope by working for peace and mental well-being, urging members to engage in tough conversations and earn the trust that's necessary to realize these values.

William (Bill) T. Nichols was presented the 2024 Create Hope in the World awarded by Past District Governor Susie Cantrell. This prestigious award is to honor the continued service and dedication Bill makes to Rotary Youth Exchange. Bill joined Rotary in 1996. Bill has served on countless committees and held many board positions with the Rotary Club of Farragut. Bill is currently serving as the Outbound Chair for District 6780's Rotary Youth Exchange.

Since 1929, Rotary International has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary Clubs every year. Typically, students are sent to another country for a year-long stay, generally living with multiple host families during the year and being expected to perform daily tasks within the household as well as attend school in the host country.



Vibrant Clubs Workshops - August 10 & August 17

Do you want your club to be a Vibrant Club? What is a Vibrant Club? Are there things you would like to change or improve with your club? Do you have some great ideas your club has that you would like to share?

These are questions many may be asking after receiving an email about Vibrant Clubs. We have a great opportunity for club presidents, presidents-elects, presidents-nominees, Foundation Chairs, Membership Chairs, Public Image Chairs, Youth Chairs, and anyone who would like to learn more or get more involved with your Rotary Club. We have four workshops planned around our district over two weekends to give everyone an opportunity to participate. Come meet fellow Rotarians in your area and work with them to learn more about your club and how to be a more vibrant club.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO RSVP YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND THE WORKSHOP, SO WE HAVE A HEAD COUNT FOR HANDS OUT, ETC. THE LINK TO RSVP IS NEXT TO EACH LOCATION. THIS IS A DIFFERENT PROCESS THAN REGISTERING AND IS QUITE EASY AND NO SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED. IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RSVP'D, NO NEED TO DO SO AGAIN. THANK YOU.

The first set of workshops will be on Saturday, August 10th, from 8:00 am to noon local

time. The locations are:

Manchester Conference Center - [RSVP](#)
147 Hospitality Blvd
Manchester TN 37355

Pellissippi State Community College - [RSVP](#)
Goins Auditorium
10915 Hardin Valley Rd
Knoxville TN 37932

The second weekend of workshops will be Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to noon local time. The locations are:

Cumberland University - [RSVP](#)
1 Cumberland Dr
Lebanon TN 37087

Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce - [RSVP](#)
225 Keith St SW
Cleveland TN 37311

We hope that you will make plans and bring a team from your club to have an exciting workshop, fellowship with other Rotarians, and learn more about Vibrant Clubs.

Looking forward to great workshops.

Cindy

THIS IS AN IN-PERSON EVENT ONLY.

Pack the Park for Polio Eradication - August 6, 2024



Rotary District 6780
14th Annual
“PACK THE PARK
to END POLIO NOW !”



www.smokiesbaseball.com

Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game

Tuesday August 6th; 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 6th 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 6th.
2. Ticket vouchers redeemed at the ballpark on August 6th 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 6th 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.