

THE FLAGSHIP



Feb. 4, 2024

Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

Feb. 7: Board of Directors, 11 a.m.

Feb. 7: Club Assembly

Feb. 14: Marianne Wanamaker, Dean, UT Howard Baker School of Public Policy - Affairs

Feb. 21: Todd Kelly, "100 Black Men on Peace"

Feb. 22: Third Thursday Social, Water Into Wine, 5:30 p.m.

(All meetings begin at 12:15 unless noted otherwise)

'D-Lo' Furlow Shares His Passion With Us On XHunger Program

Derrick Furlow, aka D-Low, a former Tennessee Vol football player, today is the Executive Director of **XHunger**. On Wednesday he shared his vast knowledge of this issue. It was an eye-opening message.

XHunger helps more than 20 food pantries in our local area. They've held 575 events to date and raised over \$200,000 since the beginning. "And every bit of this

has been done with only volunteers," he said. The organization opened in Knoxville on August 27, 2010.



“We are partners with area food pantries, food banks and similar organizations to help provide their two greatest needs: volunteers and funding,” Furlow explained. “We do this by providing volunteers to serve the pantries and organizations to help meet their goals in serving those with food hunger issues. Area fundraising events are created to reach those who wish to volunteer and to bring awareness to our non-profit partners about their needs to help those with food needs.”

In 2022 they had their first paid position, which was an executive director. When she left, Furlow took over this non-profit. In 2023 they had an XHunger Scholarship worth \$10,000 they split between high school and college programs.

You can join the movement for just \$25 which can be paid on their website at this [LINK](#) He said you can set up a monthly donation.

The Day’s Guest List

Let’s meet our guests who joined us at Top Golf:

- Jared Greene introduced his oldest son, **Dylan**, as his guest. Dylan played hooky from school to celebrate his 14th birthday. We may have a future Rotarian on our hands! They are pictured here.
- Someone we’ve not seen in a while was with us — **Pam Kerbs**, the lovely lady married to Terry. We’re always praying for her!!!
- **PDG Greg Maciolek** showed up for a Top Golf lunch with us. Greg’s fun to have around.
- And stranger but club friend **Alan Sloan**, the editor of the Farragut Press, joined us!



Glad to have all of you with us!

Humor for the Week

A scammer called my grandma and said he had all of her passwords. “Let me find a piece of paper and a pen,” Grandma said.

“OK, now, I’m ready, and thank the Good Lord for this,” she said. “I’m ready. Please talk slowly. What are my passwords?????”

Our Family of Rotary News

Wayne Davis says he’s “hanging in there.” He’s home resting a great deal after spending two weeks at Tennova West Medical Center. He is having a major problem — his body is not producing enough platelets. Tomorrow he has an appointment with an oncologist to try and determine the issue with his blood. He says his heart is operating “at about 50% or 55%.” He says he’s surrounded with help — Patti is being assisted by their son and a daughter from North Carolina. “Tell everybody hello for me and that I’ll be back soon,” he said.



Joe Wilson remains at Parkwest Medical and is now in a private room after a stay in an ICU step-down room, wife Peggy says.. He’s been there for the past 16 days after emergency surgery, sepsis and his kidneys shutting down. “He’s off dialysis and the doctors are waiting and wanting for his kidneys to restart,” she said.

Let’s keep Wayne and family and Joe and family in our prayers!

Community Projects, Fundraising, World Rotary Day: Busy Times @ Farragut Rotary

We will begin our Wednesday at the Farragut Community Center with a **Board of Directors** meeting at 11 a.m. Then we'll move into our **February Club Assembly** to focus on club business. If you've not been to a meeting for a while, how 'bout joining us this week!!!!

Now, let's highlight our coming attractions and news of the club. Also below you will find the flyers for our Top Golf tournament and Walk for Water.



We are planning to raise \$18,000 at our March 6 big fundraiser at our **Top Golf Tournament** with a fun event. The tournament will be held between 1 and 4 p.m. This event will benefit **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. The entry fee for a team of six is \$750 and the fee for a single player is \$150. The Presenting Sponsor (\$5,000) — known as the “ACE” — is the Knox Fox Real Estate Group (PE Teri Jo Fox of course). The other sponsorship levels are

listed on the flyer below. But to make it easy for you, go to this [LINK](#) for the sponsorship page and pick your option. Sponsorships are first come, first serve and the sponsorship is secured once payment is received. The tournament also will include a Hole-In-One contest. If you have questions about this event, call or text Vicki Williams — 865-742-4505. You can also email her at this [LINK](#)

Here are the balance of our fundraising events and projects between now and the rest of our Rotary year between February and June.

Saturday Feb. 24 is **Rotary Leadership Training** at the University of Tennessee. It's for all Rotarians who want to learn more about Rotary. Here is a [LINK](#) for you to register for this training.



Saturday March 23 is **World Rotary Day**. This year we will be working at our Partner In Education Ridgedale School from 8 a.m. to Noon. We have lots of projects to completed, such as power washing, fire pit/circle/etc. We need to have a big turnout for this and PE Teri Jo Fox says we have submitted a grant for this project.

This year's **Walk for Water** event will be held on Saturday April 13 at Lakeshore Park. You can donate, walk and also volunteer. Tory Kinson is our link to this event and this also is a project Rotary International is promoting. Last year this event raised \$25,000. If you can help and participate, here is a [LINK](#) to register and to read the details.

And in May our next event and fundraiser is May 4 at the Farragut Community Center. We will have the talented students from the **School of Rock** presenting a fun night of music and hopefully we'll have some excellent food. Tom Marsh and Andrew Vollman are focused on making this a successful fundraiser. More details to come.

Tom Woodbery, who coordinates our **CART** funding effort, says we have collected \$1,000 year to date. Drop your coins and greenbacks into the blue buckets on your tables at lunch and contribute to the research to find a cure for Alzheimer's.



Fundraising, Event Flyer Center

TOP GOLF TOURNAMENT

MARCH 6, 2024
1:00 - 4:00
AT
TOP GOLF

ROTARY CLUB OF FARRAGUT

Registration Now Open

Sponsorships Available

- One Player \$150
- Team of 6 \$750

Lunch & Drinks (2) will be provided.

BENEFITING SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

To register or for more information, contact Vicki Williams
865-742-4505 or Vicki.Williams@Movement.com

Register Here

WALK FOR WATER

Rotary water mission®

SATURDAY APRIL 13th 10 AM

Lakeshore Park – Marble Pavilion

The Walk for Water is a chance to experience what half of the world experiences every day. Join your friends as we raise money for a cause that is close to Rotary's heart.

<https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/walk-for-water-knoxville-2024>

Questions or want to volunteer at the event?

Call Tory Kinson 865-313-5403 icarusvic@charter.net

JOIN THE WALK VOLUNTEER DONATE

It's Mystery Rotarian Time in '24

It's time for our first **Mystery Rotarian of 2024**. And our sleuths — who may be a little rusty considering our December and January hiatus — will be challenged by this Rotarian's clues. All Good luck!!!

- Attended UT Law School
- Appeared on television in a foreign country
- Went to an N C A A basketball tournament on our honeymoon
- Friends with a MLB Hall of Famer



The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win someone a bottle of superb wine (red or white). If the sleuths strike out, our Mysterian takes the wine home!!!

Thought for Your Week

“Be happy with what you have while working for what you want.” — **Helen Keller**

Four-Way Test

Rotary's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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