

THE FLAGSHIP



January 8, 2023

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Coming Up!!!

Jan. 11: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

Jan. 11: Club Assembly

Jan. 18: Program To Be
Announced

Jan 19: Third Thursday,
5:30 p.m., Seasons at
Turkey Creek

Jan. 25: Program To Be
Announced

Feb. 1: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

Feb. 8: Club Assembly

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

After Christmas Party

Allison Myers Misses the Party After Scary Fall at the Town Hall

We've had several of our "After Christmas" parties at the beautiful home of **Noah and Allison Myers** — but it was different Friday evening. Allison was home but was resting and recovering from a hard and scary fall early Friday morning on the steps inside the Farragut Town Hall.

It could have been much worse for her. Noah says she has a bad concussion, a cut lip and lots of bruises and spent Friday morning in the emergency room and Friday afternoon sleeping at home. She landed face first at the bottom of the steps. But the party must go



on, she told Noah. “She wanted me to make sure we didn’t cancel the party, that our house was ready, the caterer would be coming and to have fun,” he said.

Today, Noah says that Allison “is pretty groggy today but in better spirits.”

President Megan Belcher said the party “was pretty short and sweet. We were in the last group that left and I think it was around 8:30. I think everyone wanted to wrap up quickly so Noah could be with Allison.” About 40 attended, she added.

Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus, who also took our pictures here, says the food was great and there was lots of it. “Everyone seemed to have a great time visiting. Of course Noah and Allison’s home is breathtaking. Much appreciation to Noah and his family for hosting us,” she said, especially under the circumstances.



Host Noah Myers tending bar on the beautiful porch!



*Having fun at the party, L-R:
Barb and Jerry Schwallier, Bill
Nichols and the doctors Hicks
— Joseph and Kimberly*



*At left, Barb Schwallier and Piper
Belcher (future Rotarian) are getting
to know one another!*

What's Happening Around Here?

Wednesday will be our first meeting of 2023 for the **Board of Directors** and our first **Club Assembly**, too. The board meets at 11 a.m. and as always the Assembly will be at 12:15. It will be great to be back together after our extended break for the holidays!



Our **Salvation Army Bell Ringing Boss** Mike Singletary reports that donors at the Farragut Kroger store filled the Red Kettle with \$1,839 on the two Saturdays before Christmas. We raised \$811 on Dec. 17 and \$1,028 on Dec. 24. Weather on Dec. 24 was really cold. "It was cold so they let us inside the double doors," says Tom Marsh, who teamed with Sonya Ford (they're pictured here). "We got so many contributions that they all would not fit in the bucket." Great job Mike and to all of our bell ringers!

Our first Third Thursday of 2023 will be at the popular bistro **Seasons Innovative Bar & Grille** in Turkey Creek. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus will have an RSVP sign-up page for us very soon.

Helping Fostering Hope Foster Hope

Our final service project for the first half of our Rotary year was exciting and special, as we had 18 volunteers working to make **Fostering Hope's** Christmas event for its foster families a big success. The event was held on Sunday, Dec. 18, at First Baptist Church Concord.

Eight of our members showed up and thankfully 10 members of the Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club also volunteered and worked hard.

Fostering HopeTN, Inc. was started by a local Knoxville family in 2013 as a non-profit to help children in the foster care system feel a sense of hope and self-worth.



PP Jim O'Brien and President Megan blowing hot air!!!!

Many children were moving homes using trash bags as their luggage and once people started hearing about this travesty the community came together to make a difference in these children's lives. The organization provides backpacks, suitcases, and supplies to children transitioning from foster homes or who have just entered the system.



***Howard Fass and Ralph Henry
helping the families have fun!!***

fast. The second shift helped with distributing the food, spending time with the families, and manning the booths.”

This project was less about us completing a task but about coming along side and helping a great organization in our community do something wonderful for the foster home community throughout Knoxville, Scott added. “Overall I believe we had eight members in our club participate, but most impressive was the force from our Hardin Valley Interact Club. They were in charge of organizing all the gifts for all the families.”

Great job by Scott and our volunteers and the Hardin Valley students!!!

The first shift was primarily involved with setting up for the party, which involved setting up tables, table decorations, blowing up balloons and getting the food ready., says Scott Bertini, our Service Projects Co-Chair. “There were lots of people there — not just our group, and things were moving

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?

Find Us On Facebook

If you have not visited our Facebook page, give it a try!

Stephanie Markowitz does a great job of keeping the page updated. If you have not visited our page, we invite you to do so and to also **LIKE** the page!

Here is a [LINK](#) to our page.

RAM Jan. 14 Clinic Is a Service Project Opportunity for Our Club

Our first Service Project opportunity in 2023 is the **Remote Area Medical (RAM)** free health clinic on Saturday Jan. 14 at the Jacob Building (3301 E. Magnolia Ave.) at Chilhowee Park. We need volunteers — and volunteers must be 14 years old and up and youth volunteers who are under the age of 18 will be paired with their attending adult. Ages 18+ may be assigned independently.

ALL volunteers are only able to be checked in & COVID screened (via questionnaire) by RAM clinic coordinators at 5 a.m. and 12 noon; volunteers may not arrive in between shifts.

RAM prefers volunteers complete the shift they signed up for, however they do have protocols in place should a volunteer need to leave a little early. The clinic itself opens at 6 a.m. on Saturday, Jan.14; patients will have been waiting since midnight and RAM staff begins assigning patient numbers as early as 3 a.m.

Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up for this project. So far we have only three vols!

If you have questions, please contact Service Project Co-Chair Julie Blaylock. You can text her at 865.599.9625 or email her at this [LINK](#)

Catching Up With Our Family of Rotary

Madi Markowitz is now 2 weeks old and here's our report from her Mom, **Stephanie**: "We are doing good! Madi is up to 5 lbs 2 oz now, loves to sleep, eat, and love on Mommy and Daddy! Mommy and Daddy are still pretty tired still but she is worth the world to us! So a lack of sleep is nothing! Her smile will light up an entire room and she is already 2 weeks old."

It will be fun when we're able to meet this new little member of our Family of Rotary!





The holidays were special for **Denise Bash** and the family, having **Benji** home for two weeks. “For the first time since the wreck, he was more like the old Benji! He still has surgery scheduled on his bladder on January 11 and that’s what we are focusing on right now,” she said. “He’s doing physical therapy two to three days per week but the muscles in the right leg are not activating. Once we get the bladder issues taken care of, we will be focusing on the colostomy next.” At left, Benji is enjoying some golf at Top Golf during the holidays with his family and friends. Denise said: “Didn’t think he’d ever do this again! But he still beats everyone but his Dad! Scratch that — he beat his Dad.”

PP Bob Parker’s wife **Lynne** is home recovering from cancer surgery on her right lung at Vanderbilt Medical Center a week ago. “The report we received seemed to be in line with our understanding of things. We’ll go back to the doctor at the end of the month to see what’s next. We think the doctor caught it early.”

Only 4 Birthdays in January

Four Farragut Rotarians have **January birthdays** and due to our publication schedule we’ve already missed two. So we offer belated Happy Birthday wishes for those two. Here are those January birthdays:

Jan. 5—Tom Woodberry
 Jan. 6—Brian Elton
 Jan. 12—PP Ed Jones
 Jan. 15—Lilly Rayson



Happy Birthday everyone!

A January Mystery Surfaces for Us!

It's a new year, a new month and we have a new Mystery Rotarian for you! Today we give you the first four clues from our **January Mystery Rotarian**. So, get busy and good luck!

- Hooked on a word game called “Word Chums.”
- Have attended more than a dozen jazz festivals around the country, from New Orleans to Newport.
- Second job during high school was as a radio disc jockey on a country-western station.
- Favorite crime writer is Michael Connelly.



The rules: one guess per week per member; first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will take home a great bottle of wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors** and our buddies the Taylor Family. If no one solves the mystery, our Mystery Rotarian will win the wine!

A Thought for the Week

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.” —
Sir Winston Churchill