

THE FLAGSHIP



January 14, 2024

Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

Jan. 17: Nancy Welch,
CAC Volunteer Assisted
Transportation

Jan. 18: Third Thursday,
5:30 p.m., Water Into
Wine (W2W)

Jan. 24: Howard Fass, A
Few Observations From
A Pharmacist

Jan. 31: Fundraiser at
Top Golf, 1-4 p.m.

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

Major Fundraiser Is On 1-31st @ Top Golf, Sponsorships Available

If the stars all align on Wednesday January 31st at **Top Golf** and we have a 102 golfers sign up and play, the Rotary Club of Farragut's fundraiser for Sleep In Heavenly Peace could raise approximately \$18,000.

This will serve as our meeting on the 31st and things will tee off at Top Golf at 1 p.m. with lunch and the event will run until 4 p.m. The club

JANUARY 31ST
1:00 - 4:00
AT
TOP GOLF

ROTARY CLUB OF FARRAGUT

Registration Now Open

- One Player \$175
- Team of 6 \$900

Sponsorships Available

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

will hold a brief meeting at Top Golf prior to the start of the tournament with lunch being served.

If you'd like to sign up for a team of 6 or as individual, call Rotarian Vicki Williamson at (865) 742-4505 or email her at vicki.Williams@Movement.com Those interested can scan the QR code here for all of the details.



Also, Hole in One tickets will be \$20 each for a chance at a \$10,000 cash prize! Each ticket is good for 3 swings (only 1 winner).

Our Presenting Sponsor is The Knox Fox Real Estate Group (PE Teri Jo Fox) for \$5,000. We have other sponsorships available and here is the [LINK](#) to the form to sign up as a sponsor. Choose your sponsor level! Availability and invoicing will follow your registration.

- Ace Presenting Sponsor \$5,000 includes 6-player team (Knox Fox)
- Double Eagle Lunch Sponsor (1 slot Available) \$3,000 includes 6 player team
- 19th Hole Bar Sponsor (1 slot Available) \$3,000 includes 6 player team
- Birdie Bay Sponsor (7 slots Available) \$1,250 each includes 6 player team
- Hole in 1 Sponsor \$1,000
- Team of 6 Sign up (7 teams Available) \$900 (\$150 per player)
- Friends of Rotary 5 \$150
- Individual Player \$175

Also, Vicki Williams says those sponsorship levels get recognition, therefore she says “We need their logos so that we can have it on the marketing pieces at Top Golf.”

World Rotary Day Project Will Be At Ridgedale School, Scheduled for March 23

When **PE Teri Jo Fox** says she has some exciting news to share, get ready because it's usually big — and her latest exciting news is big. The Rotary Club of Farragut will be the lead club on this year's **2024 World Rotary Day** project on Saturday March 23 at our Partner In Education school — Ridgedale School.



This past Thursday Teri Jo attended her first meeting of the Council of Presidents of all of the local Rotary clubs and made what was a strong presentation on this impressive project. We have had a multi-year relationship with Ridgedale and have worked on a number of projects there. Ridgedale is a special school. Its first floor houses an Alternative School for 6-8 grade students. On the second floor are students in grades 1-12 with physical and/or developmental disabilities.

Its students are from throughout Knox County and it is not your typical neighborhood school. It has no PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) to support the school financially or help with projects.

“We are really looking to have a large number of members from our club to join in, since it is the school we support,” Teri Jo says. “Members from the other clubs will be joining us to get this project done. We have them (Ridgedale) prioritizing the list, just to make sure we get some of the most important items done for them. No way can we do all of these.”

Once the list of projects is whittled down, we'll share what all is on the day's work schedule for us.

Wednesday's Program
**VAT: Nancy Welch's
Favorite Topic!**

Nancy Welch is the Program Manager of Knoxville-Knox County CAC's Volunteer Assisted Transportation (VAT) program and on Wednesday she will present our program. For the last 10 years she has recruited, coordinated, and trained volunteers from the community to assist with transportation to Knox County seniors and people with disabilities.



She began as a volunteer driver while she was in training to become a Certified Nursing Assistant and a Phlebotomist. Nancy has worked in healthcare and been a caregiver for family members and has seen first hand the needs of the elderly and what helps them remain independent, active, and healthy.

VAT provides rides for seniors and persons with disabilities who need assistance to travel safely to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, prescription pickup, other important appointments, social and recreational trips inside Knox County. Out-of-county trips are approved on a case-by-case basis. Fares are \$3 one way and \$6 roundtrip.

Let's give this hard-working professional a warm welcome!!!

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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Today's Family of Rotary News

Jeanne Faber says today that **Dr. Jack** “has a pretty bad case of pneumonia and will be here a while.” He is at Tennova West Turkey Creek Medical Center. She said he also has a low oxygen level and is on oxygen now. Get your prayers going for Jack and Jeanne!



Short Review of a Quickie Assembly; 2024-25 Leadership Team Is Duly Elected

It was a quick **Club Assembly** meeting Wednesday. President Val said it was perhaps the shortest one she's ever seen. It was a short meeting but we got a lot done, including a vote to elect our officers and directors for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

With no nominations from the floor, the members voted in the proposed slate of officers and directors. We will be led by President Teri Jo Fox,

President Elect Scott Bertini and Vice President Andrew Vollman. That entire team is pictured here (minus just a few).

Secretary Sonya Ford recognized the members celebrating anniversaries in December. Here they are: Dr. Tom Pattison 30 years; Bill Nichols 27 years; Stephanie Myers 23 years; PP Leah Berry 18 years; Tom Marsh 13 years; PP David Smoak 11 years; PE Teri Jo Fox 7 years; Jeff Devlin 2 years. She also said we now have 87 members.

The Report From the Boardroom

Our **Board of Directors** met Wednesday prior to the Club Assembly. A few issues the board is working through dominated the discussions but no final decisions or votes were taken. Here is a review of the meeting and actions that were taken.

Secretary Sonya Ford said with the passing of David Fielder last month, our club now has 87 members.

The board:

- Approved limiting prospective members to two (2) meals paid for by the club (other meals can be paid by the sponsor or the prospective member directly).
- Credit card fees of \$12 per transaction have not been rolled on to our members in the past. The club has been absorbing this fee. The board voted to pass this fee on to the members going forward.
- Approved an “exit interview survey form” for all who have left our club going forward, including 2023 members who left.
- President Val mentioned we are researching implementing a reservation system for our weekly meetings/meals and we’ll vote electronically in about a week about this.
- FYI: A service project with Sleep in Heavenly Peace is coming up in April, but the date is not known at this time.

How 'Bout a Little Humor?



With apologies to Rodney Dangerfield, how about a few one-line jokes from down the road in Humor World!

- “Why should you never play poker at the zoo? Too many cheetahs...”
- “Your brother is so dumb — he thought Dunkin' Donuts was a basketball team.”
- “Two fish are in a tank. One says, ‘How do you drive this thing?’”

Time to move on down the road

RCF Foundation Salutes These Donors

PP Jim O’Brien, president of the Board of Directors of the **Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation (RCFF)**, extends its appreciation to the following Rotarians for their generous donations. “Together they are helping to fund near-term charitable projects and build the Foundation’s Endowment Fund for projects in the future,” O’Brien said.

Cindy Kraus: Soon after the establishment of the RCF Foundation, Cindy pledged a donation of \$30,000 (\$3,000 per year for 10 years). Cindy



donated \$3,000 in 2023 and these funds were provided to the Emerald Youth Foundation for their Christmas Store.

PP Jim & Diane O'Brien: Jim and Diane pledged a donation of \$10,000 to the RCF Foundation (\$1,000 per year for 10 years). They've blown by that commitment having already donated \$15,000---\$3,000 in November 2023.

PE Teri Jo Fox & Eric Whitener: TJ and Eric donated \$2,000 to be used to support near-term charitable projects like Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

PP Tom & Faye King: Tom and Faye are loyal supporters of the Foundation, too, having recently donated another \$2,000.

PP Dale & Robbie Read: Even though Dale and Robbie now live in The Villages in Florida, they continue to support the RCF Foundation with a recent donation of \$1,000.

PP David & Sonya Smoak: David and Sonya pledged \$2,500 to the RCF Foundation (\$500 per year for 5 years). The Board appreciates their latest donation of \$500.

PP Peggy and Joe Wilson: Peggy and Joe donated another \$500 to the RCF Foundation's Endowment Fund. In future years these funds —along with the dividends and capital gains that they will generate — will support charitable projects that have yet to be identified.

Scott Bertini: Much to his credit, Scott arranged for his company to make a \$750 donation to the RCF Foundation. We're looking forward to receiving their check and putting it to use on an upcoming project.

David Fielder: One of Dave's last acts before he got sick and passed away was to write a \$250 check to the RCF Foundation. May God bless him for his generosity. If any of our fellow Rotarians would like to honor Dave's memory, a donation to the RCF Foundation in his name will be greatly appreciated.

Any of our fellow Rotarians who would like to pledge a donation to the RCF Foundation are urged to contact PP Jim O'Brien or any of the other members of the Foundation Board: John Hoffman (Vice President), PP Leah Berry (Secretary), Howard Fass (Treasurer), PP Dan Barnett, PP Ed Jones, Farrell Levy, PP Jonathan Johnson, or PP Peggy Wilson.

News & Notes:

Third Thursday @ W2W; Red Kettle Totals



January's Third Thursday is on for this coming Thursday (Jan. 18) and we're returning to Water Into Wine. We gather at 5:30 p.m. at Candace Viox's fun place for great food, libations and fellowship. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up for this fun time! Bring a guest!

Mike Singletary reports that we raised a total of \$2,294 on our two Salvation Army Red Kettle Saturdays at Kroger. On Dec. 16, \$1,179 was donated and \$1,121 on Dec. 23. "Thank you to our willing FRC volunteers and I am sure that some needy families thank us as well," Mike said. During the holidays the Salvation Army collected just more than \$200,000 and were helped by 1,839 volunteer hours.

Our RI Foundation **Chair Bill Rice** says that as an additional incentive to assist in the eradication of polio, he would like to extend the matching points program until the end of this Rotary year. "For every additional dollar a member contributes, the board will match 1:1 up to \$250, all of which will go towards their Paul Harris Fellowship," Bill explains. If you have any questions regarding how to make contributions, your current standing or other, contact Bill.

While we're all freezing around here, **Denise Bash** is enjoying the great weather in Kissimmee, FL at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Water Park. Here's the video we found from yesterday. She's looking good surfing and here's the [LINK](#) to her video to prove it.

RI President-Elect Selects Her Theme For 2024-25: 'The Magic of Rotary'

Rotary International **President-elect Stephanie Urchick** announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is "The Magic of Rotary" and called on RI's Family of Rotary members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.



“Don’t misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words,” Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on January 8th. “It’s up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member.”

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, PA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

“One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, ‘Show me the magic again,’” she said. “Obviously, the water filter wasn’t magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life.”

Urchick urged members to champion Rotary’s Action Plan, find a balance between continuity and change, and work for peace. She plans to host a

presidential peace conference in 2025 with the theme “Healing in a Divided World.”

A Good Thought for Our Week

“Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end you get, the faster it moves.” — The late great **Andy Rooney**