
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!!!

Jan. 18: Brian Tankersley, Protecting Your Data

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

Jan. 25: Program To Be Announced

Feb. 1: Club Assembly

Feb. 8: Board of Directors, 11 a.m.

Feb. 15: Program To Be Announced

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

Board Approves Club's Next Leadership Team; Bertini Selected as VP

The Rotary Club of Farragut's Board of Directors has approved and places before the club its nominations for our leadership team for the 2023-2024 Rotary year. The big news is that **Scott Bertini**, our co-chair of Service Projects, will be our Vice President, putting him on the ladder to be president in 2025-2026.



This process elevates Val Privett to the president's job this next Rotary year beginning July 1 and Terri Jo Fox to president elect. Joining them as our officers are Sonya Ford, secretary; Steve Krempasky, treasurer; and Howard Fass, sergeant-at-arms.

Here is the slate including our directors. who serve as committee chairs and co-chairs in their respective areas of responsibility:

President	Val Privett
President Elect	Teri Jo Fox
Vice President	Scott Bertini
Secretary	Sonya Ford
Treasurer	Steve Krempasky
Sgt.-At-Arms	Howard Fass
Public Image	PP Tom King
Membership	PP Larry Shuemaker
Fundraising	Tom Marsh & Andrew Vollman
Family of Rotary	Cindy Kraus
Rotary Foundation	Bill Rice
Service Projects	Kristen Otto, Fred Adomat, Jerry Schwallier
International	PP Becky Duncan
Youth Services	Tom Woodbery & Bill Nichols
Diversity	PP Ed Jones

The club also has a new Diversity Committee that PP Ed Jones will head up.

According to the club's Bylaws, this slate must be published in "The Flagship" for two consecutive weeks prior to a vote of the membership to approve these new officers and directors. This is the first of the two publications. At our next two meetings members can make nominations from the floor but you must have that member's approval before you nominate them.

If this slate is approved, we will have four members who will be new to the Board of Directors — Andrew Vollman (Fundraising), Kristen Otto and Fred Adomat (Service Projects) and Tom Woodbery (Youth Service).

Tankersley's Topic: Protecting Your Data

On Wednesday we will welcome **Brian F. Tankersley** as our speaker. His program is "Tips for Protecting Your Data in the New Year!"

"The first quarter of the year brings many new things — resolutions, new opportunities, and new ways for cybercriminals to steal your data. We will discuss some of the major threats facing small businesses and will provide some tips to help you avoid the bad guys in cyberspace," he says.

Tankersley, a Farragut resident, is a top-rated speaker with thousands of educational presentations for accountants and other financial professionals across the U.S. and Canada. He is an accomplished author, with hundreds of published product reviews and experience as the technology editor of a major accounting industry publication.



He has more than 30 years of professional experience in accounting, technology, and education. Tankersley has been recognized eight times as one of the "Top 25 Thought Leaders in Public Accounting Technology" by Cygnus Business Media.

Brian is a Certified Public Accountant (Tennessee), a Certified Information Technology Professional (CITP), and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). He holds bachelor's degrees in both Accounting and Finance, cum laude, from the University of Tennessee. Tankersley also maintains numerous vendor software certifications, and is a member of the Tennessee Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Michael Brower Inducted As Our Newest Member

This past Wednesday we welcomed **Dr. Michael Brower** as our newest member in the Rotary Club of Farragut. Brower, 29, is now working with Dr.



Mike Petty at Concord Chiropractic Clinic. President Megan Belcher had the honor of inducting him. Petty sponsored his membership.

Michael said he's going to try and get Petty back to a meeting.

Good luck on that!

Brower is married to Morgan, a voice professor at Shepherd University in West Virginia. They have a 10-month-old son, Ellis.

He is a graduate of the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA with a degree in Biology. He earned his doctorate at the Cleveland University-Kansas City Chiropractic Health Center in Overland Park, KS.

Michael is still doing a lot of commuting to Virginia to see his family and he said when his wife and son move here, she will be commuting to her teaching job for a while.

Welcome to our family, Michael!

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.

Board Actions From Wednesday

The **Board of Directors** met Wednesday at Fox Den Country Club and the discussions were lively and productive. Here are the highlights:

- Secretary Sonya Ford said the club currently has 87 members.
- The board accepted the resignations of three members — Jerry Dietz, Preston Hennessey, and Joshua Hornberger.
- The board voted to reinstate the membership of Jonathan Jackson, who is PP Jim O'Brien's son-in-law. Jonathan and wife Meghan (O'Brien) own Bio Plumbing LLC.
- Agreed to sponsor three Hardin Valley Interact Club members to attend the District 6780 Interact Conference in Pigeon Forge.
- Heard from Grants Committee Chair and PP Becky Duncan about plans for upcoming grants our club will be involved in along with other clubs. Stay tuned for details.

Our Wednesday Guests & Visitors Report

- PE Val Privett's guest was **Blake Endicott**, who began working for Val two weeks ago at her insurance agency, Beacon Insurance Advisers. He's originally from Kingston. They are pictured here.
- PP Peggy Wilson's guest was her husband, driver and favorite guy — **Joe**.
- We had a member of the University of Tennessee Rotaract Club with us — **Madison Holbrook**. He is a UT grad with a degree in Finance in 2020. He is an Investment Adviser at Tennessee Valley Asset Management Partners.



Glad you all joined us!

Today's Family of Rotary News

The **Allison Myers** update from Noah after her fall down the steps at the Farragut Town Hall last week. She's recovering from a concussion and bruises: "She's doing better. Swelling and bruising subsiding. Heading back to the doctor on Tuesday. Hoping to get back in the office next week." Great news!

Here is today's update from **Stephanie Markowitz** on their little lady **Madi** and how things are going: "Doing good! Just trying to get fat! Madi that is, not Mommy! Her nights and days — agh — it's hit or miss. Some nights are better than others."



Kim Frazier is still dealing with COVID and its aftereffects. She tested positive for it right after Christmas. "I thought that I was over it and tried to work Friday. Now I feel crummy again. I tested negative on Thursday but the headache and fatigue are kicking my tail. The doc said it could take four to six weeks to get my energy back."

When we were meeting Wednesday, **U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Benji Bash** was in surgery on his bladder, his 20th-something surgery since his motorcycle accident last spring. Denise was at our meeting and here is her post surgery update: "Benji's surgery went well. He's back at the base now and actually took another Marine to a doctor's appointment earlier today (Thursday). Essentially we got good news that his bladder does not have any structural damage but it does need to be stronger. So I'm gonna go down to talk with the doctor with him on January 24th and then will know more."

Harker Weiss is growing his East Tennessee family. Harker, Costco's General Manager, moved here from California last July, leaving family there. He, Kimberly and daughter Lacy live in Maryville and love it. Here is

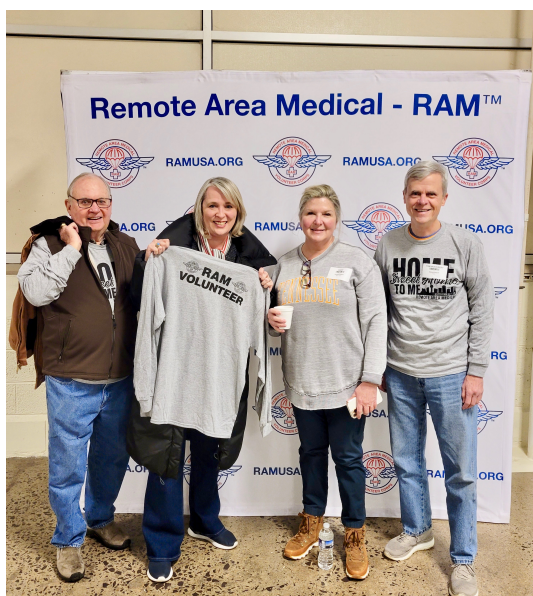
his news: “We decided to fly my oldest son, Tavian (25), along with his fiancé Julia and two daughters Briella (3) and Gracie (1) to join us during the New Year’s holidays. I had not seen them since June. To make a long story short they have decided to stay out here and make Tennessee their home.” East Tennessee is truly East Paradise for many!!!!

Cindy Kraus and her family will be in Charleston a week from yesterday for her daughter’s wedding. **Hannah**, 27, will be marrying **Nathan Stokes**, 28, who is in medical sales with Stryker. Hannah is an architect and they will be making their home in Knoxville. Have fun and congratulations!

6 From Farragut Rotary Volunteer At RAM’s Weekend Medical Clinic

So, how did our first service project in 2023 work out at the Remote Area Medical (RAM) free clinic this weekend at Chilhowee Park?

One of our six volunteers was ready for this question: “I hate that more club members could not make it for whatever reason. It was indeed a long service project, and an early one, but I left with my heart's cup very full. There's another clinic coming up in Oak Ridge, and I personally plan to volunteer for that one and any others that happen in our area,” said Julie Blaylock.



We had five Rotarians volunteer on Saturday and Sunday. With Julie were Tom Woodbery, Cindy Kraus, and Bill Nichols (pictured at left).



On Sunday PP Jim O'Brien and his daughter, Meghan O'Brien Jackson, volunteered at the Jacob Building.

Even though the snow flurries (heavier in outlying areas outside Knoxville's valley) likely kept clinic numbers a little lower than usual on Saturday, RAM staff estimated they would serve at least 500 patients while the normal volume is closer to 1,000. They served about 400 on Friday. Saturday's healthcare services alone provided the equivalent of \$150,000 in services, and the three-day clinic will still provide a total of \$500,000 in services.

“Vision services, which is where Tom, Bill, Cindy and myself were all stationed for our full shift, included eye exams for adults and kids under 18, plus providing a pair of eyeglasses made on site,” Julie added. “And I’ll add that a couple of the local churches also fed volunteers a full breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Bill Nichols couldn't resist the eggs, sausage and waffles; and he, me, and Tom all enjoyed a chili/baked potato/salad and banana pudding lunch before we left.”

News To Note & Share

Third Thursday Is Headed to Season's

January's Third Thursday returns to a popular venue on January 19th — Seasons Innovative Bar & Grille at Turkey Creek. The fun begins at 5:30 p.m. and usually runs to around 7 or 7:30. Bring your spouse or significant other, or bring along a prospective member. This also counts as a meeting makeup! Here is the [LINK](#) to RSVP if you can attend.

Dr. Charlie Barnett's “Medical Moments” will continue in The Flagship but we will not see Charlie until the end of February. He and his wife Sheila

are lost in the Florida Keys until then and he even took along his fishing boat. Talk about a vacation!!!

Mike Singletary, who again did a great job on our **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** project, received a hand-written note from Kayla Klein of the Salvation Army: “Thank you all so much for bell ringing for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. We really appreciate when a group can cover a location for an entire day and you all helped us raise \$1,500 in just one day! We really appreciate your time, and hope to have you back again next Kettle season.”

On Page 6A of this week’s Farragut Press is a full picture page from our Dec. 2 **Sock Hop & Cork Pop Fundraiser** at the Farragut Community Center. Tammy Cheek did a great job with the photos. Here is a [LINK](#) to the page on the paper’s website. Just scroll down to Page 6A.

Medical Moment Explores COVID Study: Natural Infection vs. Vaccination?

Living with COVID-19: What’s better: a natural infection or a vaccination? It’s complicated, **Dr. Charlie Barnett** says in today’s Medical Moment.



A study done at the University of Indiana Medical School matched 262,000 pairs of individuals, one of which had gotten a vaccine and the second individual in the pair group had a COVID-19 infection but no vaccination. They then looked at the total incidences of new COVID infections, all cause emergency room visits, hospitalizations and mortality between the two groups. The results:

Ironically, the incidence of a new infection was higher in the vaccine recipients (6.7% vs. 2.9%)

BUT (or the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say):

1. All-cause mortality in the vaccinated group was 37% lower than in the previously infected.
2. Emergency room visits and hospitalizations were 24% and 37% lower in the vaccinated group.

January Mystery's Has'Em Thinking

Our first four clues about our **January Mystery Rotarian** attracted a bundle of guesses — even from our major sleuths, among others. But they're all still fumbling around trying to piece this together. Today we offer four more clues. Have fun everyone!

- Greatest lesson from an early mentor: "You never know what to worry about."
- Tried to climb a mountain in Switzerland wearing desert boots
- Worked in advertising in the first half of their career.
- Favorite pro teams: Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Guardians



Only one guess per week per member and the first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will be presented with a superb 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 Good Thought for One & All

“The way we communicate with others and with ourselves ultimately determines the quality of our lives.” — **Tony Robbins**

Bonus Coverage!
*Farragut Rotarians Having Fun
During the 2022-2023 Holidays*



*Scott Brockamp and dad Mike
met up with Jerry & Barb at the
Orange Bowl*



*Mary and Steve Krempasky with
their friends at the Orange Bowl*



*One of the places the
Bertini family enjoyed was
the Orange Bowl!!!*



*Guess where the Belcher's were?
Piper, Damen, Meghan and
Preston had a blast!!!*



The Berry Family makes the annual Knoxville Nativity Pageant a big part of their holidays — Mike, Orly & Leah



Sonya Ford and her son Brooks get in a little sledding in front of their Fox Den home