

# THE FLAGSHIP



January 7, 2024

Tom King, Editor

## Coming Up!!!

40 Jan. 10: Board of Directors, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 10: Club Assembly

Jan. 12: After Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., @ Noah & Allison Myers

Jan. 17: Nancy Welch, Volunteer Assisted Transportation

Jan. 18: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., location TBA

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

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

## The Party Is 'ON!' After Christmas Bash Friday @ Noah's Place

Christmas is not quite over for the Rotary Club of Farragut! **Our Annual After Christmas Party** at the start of our 2024-25 year will be Friday evening (Jan. 12) at the beautiful home of Noah and Allison Myers off Concord Road.

The details you need to know:

- Begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Myers address: 503 Concord Rd.
- Dress: Christmas casual
- Meal: Catering by Dos Bros Mexican Grille
- Libations: BYOB



*Noah Myers tends his bar at last year's party*

We currently have approximately 50 people signed up to attend but you can still sign up by clicking on this [LINK](#). In order to let the caterer know many will attend, you need to RSVP by Tuesday COB.

If you've never been to Noah's home, you will turn into their driveway off Concord Road and head up the hill (driveway is narrow and curvy). Here is a [LINK](#) to the Google map to find their home.

This is a really great event for Rotary fun, fellowship and food/drink. You'll make new friends and maybe bump into some old friends, too.

## Wednesday's Agenda: Club Assembly & Board Meeting

It'll be a busy Wednesday for the Rotary Club of Farragut at the Farragut Community Center. Our first meeting and Club Assembly will include the membership voting on our proposed leadership team of officers and directors for 2024-25.

**PE Teri Jo Fox** is hoping everyone nominated will be at this meeting. Members may nominate someone from the floor but you must have that person's approval before putting their name in nomination.



The full list of our proposed officers and directors is published again below this article.

The Board of Directors also will meet Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. instead of the usual 11 a.m. start. That signals that the board has a lot on its plate for this meeting.

Here is the complete slate for 2024-25:

**OFFICERS**

- President: Teri Jo Fox
- President Elect: Scott Bertini
- Vice President: Andrew Vollman
- iPast President: Val Privett
- Secretary: Greg Tilley
- Treasurer: Jared Greene
- Sgt. at Arms: Howard Fass/Eddie Jett

**DIRECTORS (Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs)**

- Public Image: PP Tom King/Jennifer Walker
- Rotary Foundation: Steve Krempasky
- Family of Rotary: Jerry Schwallier, chair; PP Megan Belcher, co-chair
- Membership: Larry Sheumaker/Denise Bash
- Service Projects: Patrick Finn/Craig Donnachie
- Youth Service: Tom Woodbery/Sara Branson
- Rotary International: PP Becky Duncan/Judith Bradbury
- Vocational Service: Candace Viox/Richard Bettis
- DEI: John Hoffman
- Fundraising: Vicki Williams/Kristen Otto



## Family of Rotary Report

In case you missed these reports, our club lost a member in December and a past member lost her husband.

Rotarian **David Fielder**, 75, passed away on December 19, 2023 at UT Medical Center. He had been in declining health for a number of years. In 1970, Dave graduated from ETSU and accepted a regular commission in the U.S. Army. In 1977, he applied and was accepted into the UT Law School and graduated second in his class. On December 21 a private graveside service was held at Pleasant Forest



Cemetery. Memorials can be made in Dave's honor to his favorite charities: KARM or Second Harvest Food Bank. Members of Farragut Rotary might consider a memorial in support of the Ukrainian refugee family they sponsor.

**Tom Daughtry**, 72, lost his battle with cancer on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. His widow, Patty Sergeant Daughtry, was a member of our club for several years and is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Bearden. Tom was a past president of the Bearden club and the Rotary Club of Columbus (IN). The Bearden club named him "Rotarian of the year" twice for his dedication. Patty asked that memorial contributions in his name may be directed to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International or to a charity of your choice.

### *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!

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.

Former member **Kristin Abouelata's** mother in law, Wilma Geraldine Stapleton Schramm, 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday January 3. Wilma's life was enriched by her marriage to her first husband, Mohamed F. Abouelata, with whom she shared the joy of having their son, Harvey, who is Kristin's husband. Here is the [LINK](#) to her obituary.

Our condolences to Paula Fielder and their family, to Patty and her family and to Kristin and family.

## Salvation Army Note to Mike Singletary Wraps Up Our Annual Holiday Project

**Mike Singletary** is the coordinator of our annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing Saturdays in December during the holidays. He's very organized and efficient and the Salvation Army sent Mike the note below after this year's project. Pictured below are Larry Shuemaker, right, and Craig Donnachie, one of our final teams this year.



*“Mike, just a few days ago, in the stillness of Christmas morning, before colorful wrapping paper flies and squeals of joy fill the air; while innocence still dreamt of what might be under a brightly lit tree — a mother whispered her thanks to you. She will never know your name, but her grateful heart is bursting. And at the same time...*

*Pots and pans clang, water rushes, and the sound of chopping vegetables drown out the radio's Christmas music – a special day calls for a special meal and Salvation Army staff are happy to be a small part of it. In our*

*shelter, men, women, and children sleep – safe and warm – about to celebrate Christmas themselves.*

*Each resident is grateful for gifts and the special Christmas meal. Their gratitude belongs to you, though they'll never know your name.*

*This year Christmas was a magical time thanks to your generosity – Thank you! As we look to the closing of 2023, we know we can count on you to share your Love Beyond Christmas. Thank you for ensuring 2024 starts with hope!*

Great job again, Mike!

### **News & Notes:**

## **Hospitality Committee Needs Vols; PP Dale Read Has New Rotary Home**

“We Need You!” — Our **Hospitality Committee** needs help at our meetings — both before and after. The need is for two volunteers a week to help with the meeting/meals/drinks setup and afterwards helping with the cleanup. We hope some of us can step up. If you can help, here is the [LINK](#) to sign up on our “Volunteers Needed” page.

Former Farragut Rotarian **PP Dale Read**, who was a longtime member of our club, is a Rotarian again. When Dale sold his business and retired a few years ago, he and Robbie sold their home and relocated to The Villages in Florida. And now Rotary has him back. “I’ve joined a Rotary club in Mount Dora, FL. It has a very similar feel to Farragut, just smaller. The only negative is distance —it’s 25 miles from my house. But it’s good to be back involved with Rotary again.”

## We're Selling Sweets by Terri Lynn To Raise Funds for Our Club This Year



**GET SWEET ON FUNDRAISING TREATS**

Every purchase of decadent chocolates & tempting nuts & snacks benefits our cause. Spread the love! Order by clicking on this link: <https://rotarycluboffarragut.terrilynn.com/>

Fall head over heels for an enticing assortment of Terri Lynn premium snacks. There's something for everyone!

**SUPPORT US TODAY!**

Rotary Club of Farragut

**Fundraising by Terri Lynn**

Terri Lynn Signature Collection  
MILK CHOCOLATE PECAN CLUSTERS  
NET WT 1 OZ (28g)

“Fundraising by Terri Lynn” is a new program we’re partnering with this year to raise money for our club.

This company has been advertising in the Rotary Magazine. Other clubs around the country are using this as are Lions clubs. The money we raise is based on a percentage of the products we order.

Here is the [LINK](#) where you can place your orders for the goodies! A few members have already received their orders and these sweet-tooth offerings are quite tasty!!!!

## New Rotary State License Plate To Benefit Tennessee Rotarians

An initiative by Rotary District 6760 to have a specialty plate dedicated to Peace has been approved by the Tennessee State Legislature and the campaign to get 1,000 registered motorists signed up is underway. Here are the details:

1. The first year's \$35 will be covered by donations from the Districts. The goal is for \$35,000 to be donated from club foundations so that no one has to pay the \$35 the first year.
2. You don't have to be a Rotarian to have the plate, which is a big deal. Anyone can sign up for the plate and the \$35 still comes to the Rotary districts of Tennessee. As a bit of information, the "Don't Tread on Me" plate has almost 29,000 motorists who display it, and it generates about \$1 million dollars to their organization
3. This needs to be accomplished by June 30, 2024.
4. \$20,000 has been pledged so far by clubs.



The first 1,000 reserved are free the first year (\$35 annual fee is added to vehicle registration renewals). Net proceeds fund community peace projects organized by the 7,000+ Tennessee Rotarians. First editions expected on or before October 2024.

You can click on this [LINK](#) to reserve your first edition plate(s) or to donate to the project. Your County Clerk will notify you when your plate is ready to be picked up.



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## Deb Birdsall Selected To Be 6780's District Governor for 2026-2027

District Governor Susie Cantrell is pleased to announce that **Deb Birdsall** has been nominated to be the **District 6780 Governor for 2026-2027**. Deb, a massage therapist for 30-plus years, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Fairfield Glade since March 2015.



Deb has always had a passion for helping people heal themselves. Then, due to addiction in the family, she found herself in the position of protecting and raising three of her grandchildren. Because of this, Deb's passion evolved to helping children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences. In 2021, she wrote and self-published the book, "Overcoming My Mother's Addictions", which quickly became an international bestseller.

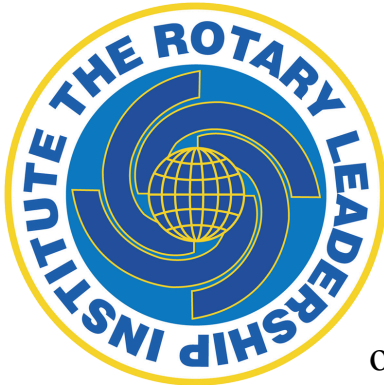
Deb and husband Phil, and their adopted granddaughter Lili, live in Crossville. Between them, Deb and Phil have six children and eight grandchildren.

## RLI-II-III & Graduate Courses Offered on Feb. 24th @ UT-K

Are you a part of our **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** family? If not, please consider joining us for RLI Part 1 on Saturday, February 24 in Knoxville. And if you have begun your RLI journey already, please continue with us! RLI-II-III and the Graduate Course will be conducted.

RLI is a great learning opportunity for new members, or those who have been a member awhile but want to know more about Rotary and leadership

in a volunteer organization. It's also perfect for those members who are on track to club leadership!



Class size for each level is limited to 30, so members should register early. RLI is a series of three fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses designed to build knowledge of Rotary. Among others, topics include Membership, Service Projects, and the Rotary Foundation. Courses are fun, topical, hands-on, and class members learn from each other – no lectures!

On-site registration starts at 8 a.m. and the classes begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost for attending RLI is \$60 per person per course, which includes all materials as well as a continental breakfast and lunch. Many clubs choose to pay the cost for their members; in other clubs, members pay their own way. Pay online by credit card or check onsite made to HOA-RLI.

Online registration is now open and you can click on this [LINK](#) to register for RLI Parts I, II and III, and Graduate In-Person - District 6780. You also can read more about these courses.

## Happy Birthday Wishes, Boys!

January seems to be a slow month for Rotary birthdays. We've missed two. So to Thomas Woodbery and Brian Elton we pass along belated birthday wishes. Here are our four January birthday boys!

- Jan. 5: Thomas Woodbery
- Jan. 6: Brian Elton
- Jan. 12: PP Ed Jones
- Jan. 23: Brian Walker



Happy Birthday to these guys!!!

## Thoughts for A Happy New Year!

“A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.” — **Anon**

“One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.” — American naturalist/writer **John Burroughs**