
THE FLAGSHIP



June 4, 2023

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Coming Up!!!

June 7: Joint Board of Directors, 10:30 a.m.

June 7: Club Assembly

June 14: Neil Heatherly, VP of Healthcare Strategies, South College

June 15: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Admiral Pub

June 21: @Farragut Community Center

June 24: Wesley House Project, 9 a.m.

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

Top Golf Visit Tuesday; June 21 Meeting Moved To Community Center

A major decision will be made by our membership this month when it decides where the **Rotary Club of Farragut** will call its home moving forward into the new 2023-24 year and beyond.

- Will we stay at Fox Den Country Club, our club's meeting venue for approximately 25 years?
- Will we relocate to one of our other options — either the Farragut Community Center, Top Golf or Chesapeake's Seafood.

Since the first of May when Fox Den notified the club about a large per-member meal price increase to \$29, President Megan Belcher, President Elect Val Privett and Vice President Teri Jo Fox have spent countless hours on this issue. They've been coming up with options, spending time in meetings, visiting sites,

discussing catering issues and weighing our alternatives.

Last week Fox Den amended its offer to charge us an all-included price of \$25 per member in an effort to entice us not to leave.

On Tuesday (June 6) our members who want to attend can visit Top Golf between 12 noon and 1 p.m. to see its meeting space as we decide if they could accommodate us. On June 21 we will have our weekly meeting at the Farragut Community Center as part of our evaluation process, with a catered lunch.

Following those visits we will ask all members to vote on their preference to decide if we stay at Fox Den or leave. “This is a major decision and we all want to do what’s best for our club and our members,” President Megan said. “We’ve worked hard to collect all of the relevant issues and details to help us make the right decision.”

June’s Agenda Is Loaded

The final month of the **Rotary Club of Farragut’s 2022-2023** year is going to be a very busy one. It begins Wednesday when this year’s Board of Directors meets jointly with our 2023-24 Board of Directors. President Elect Val Privett will preside at this special session that begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Then we will have the June Club Assembly at 12:15 p.m.

This will be the final board meeting led by President Megan Belcher, who will be part of next year’s board as our Immediate Past President.

And here is an early reminder about July: We will not meet on July 5th in honor of the July 4th holiday. **July 12th** will be our first meeting of 2023-24 and we will have a board meeting and Club Assembly.

Kristin Sanders ‘STARS’ As Our Speaker

Wednesday’s speaker was standing in for Lynn Petr, the founder and CEO of the Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) in Lenoir City who was called to jury duty. The pinch-hitting **Kristin Sanders** did a great job.



Kristen is STAR's Director of Operations. She is an Advanced Level PATH Intl. Instructor and mentor. She has a B.S. in Marketing and an MBA from Tennessee Tech University. Kristen has been working in nonprofit administration for most of her career.



For our newer members who may not know, our club has supported STAR through the years financially and with projects funded by grants. PP Jim O’Brien and Noah Myers have both served on the STAR board in years past.

She showed us a superb STAR video and took a few questions and let us know about their July Open House on July 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

A few points about STAR: they charge \$40/lesson (quite a bit lower than the typical riding lesson). Also, they don’t just work with special needs adults and children. They also work with veterans and horse lovers of all kinds.

Nice job Kristin!

The Day's Guests

Stephanie Markowitz's guest was our youngest "prospective member" — her cutie pie daughter **Madi**, who spent most of the day in Secretary Sonya Ford's arms and lap and then somehow she ended up with PP Ron Lawrence. Sorry about that Madi!!!!



Larry Sheumaker's guest was **Andy Ho**, who was visiting again and says he is a Prospective Member.

Welcome one and all!!!!

Family of Rotary Report

There will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday July 8th from 1 to 4 p.m. at Smith Event Centers in Maryville for **Julie Blaylock's** mother-in-law, **Barbara Ann Blaylock** (she went by Ann). Julie's husband Eric is one of her two sons. Born Jan. 18, 1946, she passed away in hospice on May 31, 2023 at age 77. She was an RN who returned to school to earn her degree after her two sons were in school. She eventually retired as Director of Nursing for Asbury Assisted Living in Maryville. Eric's father, David, married to Ann for 55 years, passed away three months ago on February 28. Here is a [LINK](#) to her obituary. Our condolences to Julie and Eric and the family.

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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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.

Dr. Jack Faber is home and still trying to overcome a few issues. A week ago yesterday he was admitted to Tennova West Medical Center with a mild case of pneumonia. He has had the hiccups constantly since going to the hospital (eight straight days) and wife Jeanne said he sleeps at night in a chair as the hiccups continue. Jeanne says he can't walk and can't stand by himself. At 7 p.m. each evening she has to give him an infusion to cure an e-coli medicine resistant bacterial infection. "I have to say that Jack is the perfect patient. He never complains and sleeps all night," she added.

Please keep the Blaylock's and the Fabers in your prayers!

Wesley House Project on June 24; Many Jobs Need Many Volunteers!

Our last Service Project of this Rotary year is a major one that will require a big contingent of volunteers. Service Projects Co-Chair Scott Bertini reminded us about the project at **The Wesley House Community Center on Saturday June 24.**



Scott will be on vacation with his family so **Kristen Otto** will be the on-site Service Project Coordinator. Kristen is our incoming Service Projects chair for 2023-24.

This will be a joint project with the Rotary Club of Knoxville benefitting Wesley House Community Center. "We have a large list of projects we are hoping to complete, so we will need as many volunteers as possible to help! Feel free to also bring family members," Scott said.

A list of projects that we will be working on are:

* Pressure Washing * Outdoor Leaves & Brush Collection * Outdoor Trash Pickup * Spray Painting Benches * Set Up Shelving In Donation Room * Assemble Clothing Racks * Organize Donation Room * Painting Granny's Room * Organize Maintenance Closet.

All supplies have already been purchased but we will need to bring 2 tall ladders and 2 pressure washers if anyone has any we can borrow. If you have these, please let Scott know soonest.

Scott also asked that we extend an invite to our Rotaract & Interact Clubs as well to help.

Here is the [LINK](#) to the project's page for you to sign-up to volunteer.

News & Notes

Iron Man Joseph Hicks & A Call for 'Tags'

Dr. Joseph Hicks will be competing in the Half IronMan International Championship competition Aug. 25-27 in Lahti, Finland, an hour north of Helsinki. He will be competing in the Executive Challenge Division and running 13.1 miles (half marathon), swimming 1.2 miles and bicycle riding 56 miles. Last weekend he was one of 3,100 athletes competing in Chattanooga to qualify for Finland. The Executive division accepts athletes who own a business, is a CEO, or running a company at a high level. "We come from all over the world and compete against each other. We're racing against each other and not necessarily the clock...as in running a marathon to qualify for Boston," Joseph explained.



Bill Nichols is asking that members bring their old Tennessee license plates (tags) to Wednesday's meeting for **Valerie Kinson**. Valerie is headed for South Korea this summer as our Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student. The license plates will be gifts for her host families and the Rotarians she will meet during her year in South Korea.

We Have A Fun June Mystery for You!

June is filled with fun things...first full month with no school for the kids.....people are back on the lakes....vacations....weddings...and a **June Mystery Rotarian!**

Let's get right to it with the first four clues:

- Their second car was a 5-speed. "I didn't know how to drive a 5-speed and got stuck on a hill in a busy town where nice onlookers had to come help me."
- Can name all of the U.S. Presidents in order.
- Allergic to watermelon and cantaloupe, but eats them anyway.
- Grew up riding motorcycles but will not ride "The Dragon."



Here's the drill: the first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win a great bottle of wine (red or white). Absent a correct guess, the Mystery Rotarian will get the wine.

A Thought for Our Week

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply." — **Stephen Covey**