

THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Attractions!

March 17: Club
Program & Happy St.
Patrick's Day!

March 24: OPEN

March 27: World Rotary
Work Day, West View
Elementary School, 8
a.m.

March 31: Dr. Jim
Thompson UT
Veterinary School

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

Board Member Bingo Begins Tuesday When Member Cards Go Out

Our fundraising game of “**Board Member Bingo**” really gets rolling on Tuesday when we email the first of the cards featuring one member of the Board of Directors. We’ll send another one out on Thursday. If that member matches one of the faces on your bingo cards, you can X them out.

A bingo can be diagonal, vertical and horizontal.

We will email out the board members cards on



Tuesdays and Thursdays until someone yells “BINGO!!!!!!” The two cards also will be posted on our Facebook page and Twitter. As soon as you have a bingo, email TOM KING with your card number and your bingo — and naming the names of those on the card that make up your bingo.

As for the numbers, Fundraising Co-Chair Megan Belcher says half of our members — 43 — bought cards for a total of \$6,900 raised. And \$1,500 of that was in outright donations. The money raised will be forwarded to the The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation and used for the projects and organizations the club supports.

The winner wins a “mystery” gift basket.

Join Us for Wednesday’s Meeting On St. Patrick’s Day at Fox Den

Wednesday is a special day. It will be only our second in-person meeting in 2021. It’s also St. Patrick’s Day and comes in the middle of Spring Break. We have only 23 members planning to come and we have 50 places available. You still have time to reserve a seat!

President Ed Jones says that we can accept more reservations through Monday at noon and then he will have to give a final number to Fox Den. If you would like to attend please email TOM KING as soon as possible and no later than noon Monday.

We will be presenting our prestigious “Service Above Self” award to an emergency services professional and also the Business Person of the Quarter.

All COVID-19 protocols are in place and we will not have a sign-in sheet or pass out member badges.

Mission of Hope 1, Covid 0: Agency Has Had Record Year During Pandemic

We are in the one-year anniversary month of Covid-19 and you can select which March day to “celebrate” this worldwide pandemic. Last Wednesday **Emmette Thompson (pictured here)**, the MOH’s first employee and only Executive Director, told the Rotary Club of Farragut how his organization has emerged from Covid.

“We were shut down for a month last year on May 1 and opened a month later. Covid affected some of our employees and volunteers and we had to cancel our fundraising golf tournament, but you know what, we had the largest financial harvest in our history during Covid,” Thompson said. “God and the people who love us made it happen.”



This ministry based in Knoxville opened its doors in 1999 and for 22 years has helped families and children in rural Appalachia, primarily in small towns that have suffered after many coal mines were shuttered in upper East Tennessee and Kentucky.

Here is a snapshot of what MOH has done in this pandemic year:

- Helped 16 ministries purchase food through Second Harvest of East Tennessee and God’s Pantry Food Bank in Kentucky.

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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our Facebook page,
give it a try!

Denise Bash 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.

- Awarded 19 new scholarships for students graduating high school; celebrated the 66th MOH Scholarship graduate; has 75 Scholars in the fall semester.
- Delivered 83 loads of new and used household items, clothing, and food to ministries serving at-risk communities in East Tennessee and East Kentucky.
- Delivered school supplies, backpacks and hygiene to 30 elementary schools serving 11,000 students.

Right now they are in the process of preparing for a new event – an Outreach/Give-Away Day in Jamestown, TN on Saturday, March 27. He said it will be at the Jamestown Fair Grounds with a drive-thru format. Volunteers will load cars with food, hygiene and first-aid kits and Bibles. They are partnering with Compassion Ministries for this event. They also need volunteers to help and Thompson says to call their office to sign up – (865) 584-7571.

Thompson also took time to praise his late friend Ray Fisher, a major supporter and lover of MOH who also was a Farragut Rotarian. “My friend Ray Fisher had a servant heart and a passion for our ministry and was a wonderful ambassador. We miss him terribly and I know you all do as well. He’s forever a part of what we do.”

To learn more about the Mission of Hope, click on this [LINK](#) to visit their website.

The Week's Humorville Humor

Two hillbillies were sipping moonshine on their front porch when a truck went past loaded with rolls of sod.

"I'm a-gonna do that when I win that there Tennessee lottery," hillbilly #1 said.

"Do wut?" asked hillbilly #2.

"Send my lawn out to get mowed."

Our 3 Family of Rotary Updates

Bettye Sisco says she's feeling better today and a few neighbors are pitching in to help. She says her back is a little better, but she's staying close to home. "I have plenty of food here, just taking it easy," she said.

PP Peggy Wilson's reply about how she and husband Joe are doing was short and sweet. "We are better." This is Joe's last week of cardiac rehab after his open heart surgery. "He can go back to work three days per week at end of April and go back full-time at the end of May," Peggy added.

"It's been a rough week for Phill," **Judith Bradbury** said. She said she's tired but hanging in there.

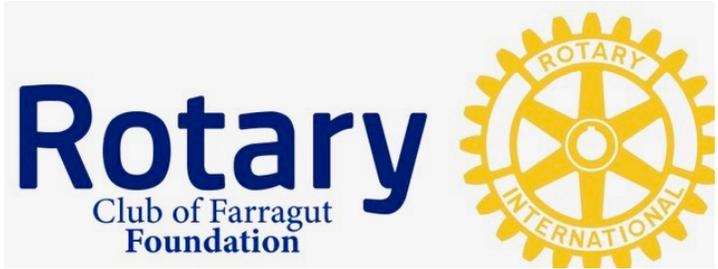
Prayers for these Rotarians please!



News In Brief for You!

— *RCF Foundation Update*

PP Jim O'Brien, president of the **Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation**, reports that the Foundation's account is currently holding \$36,000. Members are encouraged to donate either by clicking on the PayPal link on the club's website or by mailing a check to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation, 10805 Kingston Pike, Ste 200, Farragut, TN 37934. And remember: our Foundation is a 501(c)(3) and your donations are tax deductible.



— *World Rotary Day Vols Needed*

We are still looking for volunteers to work the March 27 **Rotary International's 2021 World Rotary Day** at Westview Elementary School from 8 a.m. to noon. We will work alongside Rotarians from Knoxville's other clubs. The school is at 1714 Mingle St. NW. The rain/snow date is April 10. We will need rakes, paintbrushes, and trimmers for landscaping. If you have any of these tools, please bring them with you! We'll be painting, raking, assembling a couple of soccer goals, planting bushes, flowers and trees. And some mulching. You can invite your family and friends too. Socially distant projects are plentiful. So far we have only two volunteers and one is not even a member of our club. If you can be there, please email [TOM KING](#) soon.

— *Summit Extends COVID Shot Days*

We are still in the business of supporting the **Summit Medical Group's** COVID-19 vaccination weekend clinics. They have extended their drive-through shot project for their patients into May. Summit has added several dates to its project and many of the volunteer slots are open to help Summit patients receive the COVID-19 vaccine. If the slots are full, go on down and volunteer and they'll put you to work. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up for these new dates. This is a major service project for our club. Summit has donated \$2,500 to our new club foundation for our assistance with this project.

We're in the News...That's Good News!

The Rotary Club of Farragut is in the news this week! Tammy Cheek, farragutpress reporter, covered our March 3 meeting and her photographic report is on Page 8C of this past Thursday's edition. It is a collection of members in their masks and our club news!

And on Page 3A we found a great story by Tammy about **Meghan O'Brien** and her partner, Jonathan Jackson, **and their new plumbing company, Bio Plumbing**. Meghan, of course, is the daughter of Farragut Rotarian PP Jim O'Brien and wife Diane and Jonathan is a Farragut Rotarian.

Here are links to both features:

<https://www.farragutpress.com/articles/2021/03/10498>

<https://www.farragutpress.com/articles/2021/03/10507>

A St. Patrick's Day Thought

"A good friend is like a four-leaf clover — hard to find and lucky to have."
— **So Says the Irish**