

THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Attractions!

March 24: Fred, Jim & Ron, Inc.

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

March 31: Dr. Jim Thompson UT Veterinary School

April 7: Club Assembly

April 14: Kim Bumpass, Visit Knoxville

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

Farragut Rotary Presents Brian Rehg Top Award: ‘Service Above Self’

On a rainy April 8, 2019, Knox County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Brian Rehg saved the life of man who attempted to jump from a bridge over I-640, catching the man in mid-air. On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Farragut presented Rehg with its prestigious 2021 “Service Above Self” Award for his heroism.



The club presents this award annually to a member of the

emergency services community who has gone above and beyond to those he took an oath to protect. The club's Board of Directors in 2020 voted unanimously to present the honor to Rehg, but the COVID-19 pandemic ended the meetings of the club last March. The meeting yesterday was an in-person meeting at Fox Den Country Club.

Club President Ed Jones made the presentation to Rehg and with the deputy were KCSO Deputy Chief Bernie Lyons and Capt. Todd Clark, who heads up the KCSO Motorcycle Tango Unit. In addition to the plaque, he also received a \$100 gift certificate to Season's Bar & Grill in Turkey Creek.



His name may be familiar. On Oct. 7, 2019, Rehg was featured as an “Our Town Hero” in KnoxvilleToday’s weekly Monday feature by PP Tom King about the men and women who are our first responders in emergency work. Here is a [LINK](#) to that story.

There, standing high on the bridge railing, was a young man facing him as he drove on I-640 west. Just after Rehg was on the bridge talking with the man, Knoxville Police Department (KPD) Lt. Chris McCarter answered the call since this was inside the city limits. “We talked with the man and tried to calm him down and finally we got him to sit down on the sidewalk, ” Rehg recalls.

Rehg and McCarter were standing close to the man, talking with him. Things seemed better. It was quiet. Then the man jumped head first over the railing. Rehg reacted and somehow grabbed the man by his right leg and McCarter then grabbed the other leg and maybe an arm. Understand that the man had partially cleared the railing and was headed down.

Rehg graduated from the KCSO Academy in 2005 and worked for 2½ years in the jail. In September 2006 he began working patrol in the county and he did that for 13 years until his transfer to the motorcycle unit.

Our congrats to Officer Rehg!

Looking Ahead & Looking Back

On Wednesday we will be back to our Zoom meetings and all we can share about our program is simply this: **“Fred, Jim and Ron, et al.”** There is no telling what Program Chair PE Rev. David Bluford has in mind here. Use your imagination. Tune in on Zoom and we’ll all find out together!

This past Wednesday we presented the “Service Above Self” award (see story above) to Knox County Sheriff’s Deputy Brian Rehg. With him as our guests were KCSO Chief Deputy Bernie Lyons and Capt. Todd Clark. Interestingly enough, Chief Lyons won this award from our club in 1990.



President Ed Jones also announced that our Business Person of the Quarter is **Mike Such (pictured here)**, the founder and owner of Junk Bee Gone. He also announced that Mike is now a Prospective Member and hopes to join our club. Such began Junk Bee Gone in 2005 after spending 10 years at Bush Brothers as its National Sales Manager and he also worked for Nestle.

President Ed also announced that our April meetings will be virtual. Here’s why from Ed: “In short, we need April to plan for the implementation of meetings going forward. We want to do hybrid meetings — virtual and in-person. We need board approval of a Fox Den agreement, equipment for virtual meetings, a volunteer to assist and set up meetings (PDG Greg is now doing). We need a plan that we can work.”

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 page.

43 Members Are Now Board Playing Board Member Bingo

Our **Board Member Bingo** fundraiser is here!
The 43 members who are playing received their
first two cards this past Tuesday and Thursday and
those two board members were **Sonya Ford** and
Cindy Kraus. Mark those off your cards, please!

This week we will email out and have on
Facebook, Twitter and Instagram the draw cards
for two more board members. They will be
emailed and posted on Tuesday and Thursday.

The first player to have a bingo — diagonal, up
and down or across — to email Tom King with a
copy of the card will win a special prize at the end
of the rainbow.

Have fun bingo players!

Here a Pun, There a Pun.....

Petey Pun from **Humorville** is back. He sent
along his latest group of great puns for us to enjoy.

- The son asks his dad: “Are we pyromaniacs?”
The dad answers: “Yes, we arson.”
- What do you call a pig with laryngitis?
Disgruntled.
- “Writing my name in cursive is my signature
move.”

Can anyone top Petey’s puns?

Our Family of Rotary News

Past President Bruce Williamson's wife, **Susan**, will be having surgery tomorrow at Vanderbilt Medical Center to remove a large tumor in her abdomen. There is some serious cancer involvement as well. The surgery will be approximately 10 hours long or more. Please keep Susan and Bruce in your thoughts and prayers for her healing and quick recovery.



Judith Bradbury says that things are looking up at their home. Here is her report: “Now that vaccinations are becoming more prevalent, we have been able to schedule Phill for home visits for physical therapy (which he has not had for a year) and also speech therapy with a therapist who is familiar with the new eye gaze device he has. The therapies plus being

able to go outside for walks now that the warmer weather is here are HUGE blessings.” Great news!!!!

Bettye Sisco starts therapy for her back tomorrow where she has a compressed fracture. She's also happy she'll be getting her second COVID shot on Friday from Moderna. She's on chemo but says her numbers are up again. She also said she may need some help with driving her to appointments or taking things to the Post Office for her. If you can help out, please email [TOM KING](#) so he can coordinate things with Bettye. She welcomes phone calls (865-806-9465) and would love to hear your voice.

Keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers.

RI Cancels 2021-2022 RYE Program

Our District 6780 Rotary Youth Exchange guru **Bill Nichols** sadly passes along that Rotary International has for the second straight year canceled the Exchange program through June 30, 2022. Thanks to COVID for this!

“Each of our district’s proposed Exchange students for 2021-2022 has received an email from our Ohio Erie Chair, Pete Doragh this afternoon informing them of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program cancellation for 2021-2022,” Bill said. “My heart aches for the last two proposed Exchange student classes since they were not able to go on an Exchange due to COVID.”

He will be reaching out to those sophomores who were to go out this year to see if they want to go out on an Exchange in 2022-2023. Bill added that we need to start looking for potential Exchange students for 2022-2023 now. So, prospective

Rotary Exchange students can start applying in August, 2021 for the 2022-2023. “Can you help the District Rotary Youth Exchange committee search and identify prospective high school students?” Bill says. Let him know if you have a student in mind.



District RLI Classes Coming in April

District 6780's **Rotary Leadership Institute** is offering online courses on consecutive Saturdays in April. The courses are geared to expand your knowledge about Rotary at the district and international levels. The RLI-I will be on April 10 & 17 from 9:30-1 p.m. via an online class. Each Saturday will have three topics of discussion.

It's a great opportunity for new members, or those who have been a member awhile, to learn more about Rotary and leadership in a volunteer organization. It's also perfect for those members who are on the track to club leadership!

You can register directly emailing DONNA FARE by Wednesday, March 24th.

News & Notes:

2 Golfers Needed for District Tourney Team; Benji Bash to Marines & World Rotary Day

Tom Marsh is still looking for two golfers to join Scott Brockamp and Scott Bertini on a team for the **2021 District 6780 Polio Plus Golf Tournament** on May 7 at Avalon Country Club in Lenoir City. Our "A team" that will be going for the Governor's Cup is made up of Farrell Levy, PP Keith Bryson, PP Doug Powell, and Mark Bialik. We also have an all ladies team — Val Privett, Sonya Ford, Lily Rayson and Denise Bash. We need two members to step up to join the "Scott's" team. Send an email to TOM MARSH and let him know if you can play. Play begins at 1 p.m. after lunch.

Denise Bash and family said goodbye for awhile to son **Benji** today. Benji left for boot camp in the U.S. Marine Corps at Paris Island, S.C. and signed up for five years. Then he'll go to Pensacola, FL for aviation maintenance school. His father, Alex, is also a Marine. Benji graduated from Grace



Christian in 2019. Pictured here are Denise, Benji and Alex. “Alex and I are so proud of him! But he will certainly be missed around the house,” Denise said. “Chloe (little sister) and I both cry every time we talk about it — both because we are proud but also because we enjoy him so much! He is a barrel of fun! This morning our church prayed over him. We have to be at the Marine Corps recruiting station at 4 p.m. for an orientation that will give us all of the details. Then we go to dinner. He will be staying at the Crown Plaza tonight and then he boards a bus with the rest of the recruits

at 4:45 a.m. We will leave him there with nothing but the clothes on his back, his Bible and a couple of books. He will be taken to Jacksonville, N.C. where he will quarantine for two weeks. His first actual day of boot camp will be April 5th.” Good luck Marine!

Our club has always had a strong presence at the annual **World Rotary Day** work days. That said, we need volunteers to work the March 27 Rotary International’s 2021 World Rotary Day at Westview Elementary School from 8 a.m. to noon. So far we only have three names on our roster. 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! We'll be painting, raking, assembling a couple of soccer goals, planting bushes, flowers and trees. If you can be there, please email **TOM KING** soon.

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.

A Day for Green at Rotary

This past Wednesday was **St. Patrick's Day!** We saw lots of green at our meeting — shirts, blouses, necklaces, one or two sweaters, ties, and of course, the ever-present masks. But only one member wore a hat and it clearly took top St. Patty honors for the day! And here she is Val Privett!!!!



A Thought for Your Day

“If you have a family that loves you, a few good friends, food on your table and a roof over you’re head, you are richer than you think.” — Anon