

# THE FLAGSHIP



March 28, 2021  
Tom King, Editor

## *Coming*

### *Attractions!*

March 31: Dr. Jim  
Thompson UT  
Veterinary School

April 7: Club Assembly

April 14: Kim Bumpass,  
Visit Knoxville

April 21: Daniel  
Webster Restoration  
House

April 27: World Rotary  
Day Work Day, 8 a.m.

April 28: Francis  
Graffeo, Joy of Music

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

## Board Member Bingo Ends With 1st Email From Scott Bertini

Our club's first-ever virtual fundraiser — Board Member Bingo — ended Thursday when we sent out the draw card for our hard working president, Ed Jones. Then the mailman was busy. The first email to arrive in PP Tom King's mailbox was from **Scott Bertini** at 1:12 p.m.



The vertical bingo on Card #3 was Bill Rice, free spot, President Ed and Cindy Kraus.

Then the floodgates opened with other bingo's from Card #3. Sonya Ford was an oh-so-close-second at 1:15 p.m. Next came Howard

Fass, Farrell Levy, Jeff Reed, Bill Nichols, all within an hour or so. Following that barrage were “BINGO” e-grams from Steve Krempasky, Jack Faber, Noah Myers, Val Privett, Alex Barnwell, Jim O’Brien, and last but not least, Mike Reynolds.

What does Scott win? It will be a surprise and will be presented when we have our next in-person meeting at Fox Den Country Club.

Our Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Megan Belcher and Scott Brockamp did a great job with this fundraiser that brought in \$6,900 with 43 members buying cards and playing.

## UT Vet School Dean Jim Thompson Will Present Our Wednesday Program

**Dr. Jim Thompson**, dean of the University of Tennessee’s College of Veterinary Medicine, will be our speaker on Wednesday via Zoom. He’s also a professor in the vet school and assumed these positions in 2008.



He received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University in 1976 and his DVM and PhD degrees from the University of Florida in 1981 and 1984. Thompson is a board-certified specialist in internal medicine, oncology, immunology, virology, and bacteriology-mycology.

While a practicing clinician, his research expertise was in advancing cancer treatment through radiation therapy and chemotherapy and in understanding immune-mediated diseases of companion animals. Thompson taught and practiced clinical medicine for nearly two decades before moving into college administrative leadership.

Let’s give him a great welcome!

## Memory Lane Full of Great Memories From 3 Distinguished Past Presidents

Last Wednesday was a fun program — “Memories of 3 Past Presidents.” The speakers were **PP Jim O’Brien** (1999-2000), **PP Fred Martin** (2005-2006) and **PP Ron Lawrence** (2006-2007). This was a quick stroll down memory lane.

Jim’s big memory of course was the major project our club got done in Turkey with a \$196,000 Health, Hunger and Humanity grant to help begin solving the issue of breast cancer detection for Turkish women in the western part of the country. Jim explained this began when he led a Group Study Exchange team to Turkey and realized what a major issue breast cancer had become there.

He teamed with PP Bruce Williamson (now an Honorary Member) and began work on the grant. They took two trips to Turkey, working with District 4440 there, and now the early breast cancer detection has spread throughout Turkey. They awakened in Turkey on Sept. 12, 2001 to the news of 9-11 in the U.S.

PP Fred’s main memory centered around the 100th anniversary of Rotary. Rotary began on February 23, 1905, in Chicago. He also celebrated what we know today as “Third Thursday.” When it first began, most people knew it as “Drinking With Fred.” It will be fun to resume this tradition when COVID clears out.

PP Ron recalled the project that sent pediatric ventilators to Turkey during his year and what an honor it was to serve the club.

Great job Past Presidents!

### ***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***

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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.

## **No Humor in Humorville! We Found It In Funnyville!**

No luck with humor this week from Humorville.  
So we ambled on down the road a few miles to the  
village of **Funnyville** and found an amazing list of  
things of interest from a guy who owns the  
hardware store.

His list of product warnings got our attention:

On an American Airlines packet of nuts:  
"Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts."

On a child's superman costume:  
"Wearing of this garment does not enable you to  
fly."

On a Swedish chainsaw:  
"Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or  
genitals." (Good grief! Was there a lot of this  
happening?)

On Johnson & Johnson's rectal thermometer:  
"Each thermometer has been personally tested."  
(And you thought your job was bad???)

On most brands of Christmas lights:  
"For indoor or outdoor use only."

## 4 Updates About Our Family of Rotary

Former member **PP Bruce Williamson's** wife **Susan** had 11 hours of surgery this past Monday at Vanderbilt Medical Center to remove a large tumor in her abdomen that was affecting other organs. Bruce gives us this report today: "She's out of critical care but still uncomfortable, dealing with nausea as they try to introduce different simple foods. Her surgical team visits in the morning again and will assess her progress. She's not ready to be released for several more days."

**Judith Bradbury** says **Phill** started speech and physical therapy this past week for twice a week and is having twice weekly home health visits as well.

**PP Peggy Wilson** says "We still have a long way to go. Joe's aortic valve is still only pushing 20% of the oxygenated blood out of the left ventricle. Normal is 55-60%.

Otherwise it is about the same." Joe had open heart surgery more than a month ago to replace the aortic valve and take care of an aneurysm. Peggy is also having some health issues.

**Bettye Sisco** said she's doing "pretty good today." She had three physical therapy sessions for her back this week and says they were very helpful. "I guess I can say I'm not worse so it's a good week," she added."

Prayers for everyone please as they deal with these health issues!!



## *News & Notes of Note:*

# **In-Person Meetings Out Until May**

**Meeting news:** In case you missed it, we're not planning any in-person meetings at Fox Den until May. President Ed says we're working on getting the right technology equipment to stream our meetings even when we resume in-person meetings. We also need to have a member and maybe two to step and assume responsibility for this job. We're most appreciative of the dedicated work that Past District Governor Greg Maciolek has provided us in broadcasting our meeting at Fox Den.



Saturday's weather did not stop the **Ijams Center River Rescue** cleanup project from proceeding along the Tennessee River banks. One of the teams was Team Bio Plumbing, co-owned by **Farragut Rotarian Jonathan Jackson and Meghan O'Brien**, the daughter of **PP Jim O'Brien and wife Diane**. The four of them are pictured here with the team. "Diane and I were glad to help

Team Bio Plumbing with today's Ijams River Rescue. We collected 30-plus bags of trash plus several tires, mattresses, box springs, palettes, among other things," Jim said.

If you didn't sign up to work at yesterday's **World Rotary Day** at Westview Elementary School, you're in luck. The day's weather — thunderboomers, storms, winds and hail — wiped out the workday. It has been rescheduled for Saturday April 27 — same time, same place. As we get close to that date, we will start another sign-up sheet.



## We STILL Need 2 Players for District Polio Plus Golf Tournament on May 7

C'mon guys — step it up! **Tom Marsh** needs two more golfers for a team at the May 7 **District 6780 Polio Plus Golf Tournament** at Avalon Country Club. The club is paying half of the \$100 entry fee for you. Team Scott needs two players to join Scott Brockamp and Scott Bertini.

Lunch will be served at 11 and play begins at 1 p.m. (shotgun).

Marsh is not only coordinating our participation. He is the Tournament Director.

We have two complete teams — Farrell Levy, PP Keith Bryson, PP Doug Powell, and Mark Bialik will be going after the Governor's Cup. We also have an all ladies team — Val Privett, Sonya Ford, Lily Rayson and Chloe Bash, Denise's daughter.

If two of you can play, please email **TOM MARSH** as soon as possible.

## A Thought for the Week

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.” — **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



**END POLIO NOW** Rotary District 6780

**Polio Plus Fundraiser & Golf Tournament** Friday, May 7th  
Avalon Golf & Country Club

**Come Join Governor Ron Appuhn**  
For a day of Fun, Food, and Fellowship  
at our Signature Polio Plus Fundraiser

**Prizes awarded for:**  
The Governor's Cup, First & Second Place in 2 flights,  
Hole in One, Closest to the Pin, Team with the Highest  
Score, and Door prizes.

**We want EVERY CLUB to be a Hole Sponsor**  
**Hole Sponsorships \$300**  
District recognition, Hole sign and opportunity to participate in our goodie bag

**Golfers**  
\$100 per player / \$400 per team / includes lunch and goodie bag  
Lunch will begin at 11:00am / Shotgun start at 1:00 pm

**The Governor's Cup**  
Competing teams must be comprised of all Rotarians from the same club.  
The winning team will retain the Cup at their club for the year following their winning the Cup. The following year the Cup will be returned to the club sponsoring the Governor's Cup. Teams competing for, but not winning the cup will be eligible for flight awards.

Make checks payable to:  
District 6780 District Golf Tournament

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