
THE FLAGSHIP



May 14, 2023

Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

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May 17: Bob Kesling,
Voice of the Vols

May 18: Third
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Water Into Wine

May 24: Cindy Bradley,
Sacred Grounds

May 31: John Myers,
RAM Medical Missions
in Guyana

June 7: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.,

June 7: Club Assembly

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



....To all of our Mothers: Denise Bash, Megan Belcher, Leah Berry, Nancy Bosson, Judith Bradbury, Becky Duncan, Sonya Ford, Kim Frazier, Emily Lamon Justice, Cindy Kraus, Stephanie Markowitz, Stephanie Myers, Kristen Otto, Lilly Rayson, Candace Viox, Vicki Williams and Peggy Wilson.

‘Voice of the Vols’ Bob Kesling Joins Us on Wednesday!

He is one of those individuals who needs no introduction. Just say “Voice of the Vols.” And on Wednesday that voice will be our speaker. He’s also a great guy!



For more than 20 years, **Bob Kesling** has served as the "Voice of the Vols." The Tennessee graduate and versatile multimedia host represents Tennessee Athletics in various on- and off-air capacities as Director of Broadcasting. Kesling was named lead announcer on the Vol Radio Network in 1999. He is the play-by-play voice for Tennessee football and basketball on the 70-plus stations that make up the Vol Network.

Kesling, a 1977 UT graduate, was a walk-on fullback on the 1972 freshman football team. His broadcasting career began in 1974 when he was hired by John Ward as a film editor for the "Bill Battle Show" on the Vol Television Network while he was a student at the University of Tennessee.

In 1976, Kesling was hired by John Ward to serve as his spotter for Vol Network radio broadcasts. He sat beside the legendary "Voice of the Vols" for 15 seasons in the Vol Network booth spotting and handling pre-game, halftime and post-game interviews.

Kesling also has a long history with the Lady Vol basketball team. He served as the radio play-by-play voice from 1978 through 1999 - calling Pat Summitt's first six NCAA national championships.

WIVK Radio in Knoxville named Kesling its Sports Director in 1976. In 1980, Kesling was named Sports Director at WBIR-TV in Knoxville and

was Channel 10's 6 PM and 11 PM anchor until leaving that position in 1999 to join the Vol Network.

Active in the community, Kesling serves on the board of directors for Goodwill, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and was the 2013 United Way Campaign Chairman. He is also a 2015 inductee into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame.

Kesling and his wife, Tami, have two daughters, Allison and Melissa.

Fox Den Notifies Our Club About Major Increase in Member Costs

President Megan Belcher on Wednesday shared some startling financial news with the club that she received in an email from our long-time meeting host — **Fox Den Country Club**.

On Tuesday morning, May 9, Megan got this email from Caroline Inman, Fox Den's assistant general manager: "...I wanted to touch base with you because your contract with Fox Den Country Club will expire this June (June 1). We absolutely love our relationship with Farragut Rotary and hope to continue it. Due to inflation and the rising cost of labor, we will have to increase your price per person. Currently, you are at \$14.50++ and we will have to up that to \$22++. Considering the amount of food and service you receive and factoring in today's inflation, we feel this is a fair price and hope that you do as well!"

This is approximately a 52% increase in our costs.

Megan had not a clue that such a huge increase in our costs was even being considered by Fox Den. When she made the announcement one could easily hear the audible gasps in the room. It shocked us all. And Fox Den has given us less than 30 days to react about the future.

On top of this, we have been told that Fox Den at some point soon will be renovating and remodeling its upstairs, which also would impact our club.

This begs the question: Is it time to leave Fox Den? Knowing this is a possibility on such short notice, Megan, President Elect Val Privett and VP Teri Jo Fox have been busy checking out potential locations that could accommodate our weekly meetings. They have visited or spoken to NHC Farragut, Willow Creek Golf Club, Faith Lutheran Church, Fleming's in Turkey Creek and the new Farragut Community Center and all have said no.

“We still have a few possibilities on our list that we will be asking about this coming week,” Megan said. “We have to find a place large enough for our needs with adequate parking as well.”

If you have any suggestions about this, please share them along with your thoughts and reactions about this with both Megan and Val. You can email Megan at this [LINK](#) or text her at 865-368-4056. Email Val at this [LINK](#) or text her at 865-680-0331.

June 1 will be here in 18 days! We will keep everyone updated.

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!

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.

Two Great Guests: Benji & Sarah

We had two great guests of Rotarians Wednesday.

For the first time since his life-threatening injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident a year ago, **Marine Lance Cpl. Benji Bash** attended our meeting with his mother, Denise, who got a little choked up introducing him. As she finished, everyone in the room welcomed him with a standing ovation. It was a moving few moments. Benji's medical journey is not over. On Friday he will undergo his 26th surgery at Camp Lejuene.



Our other guest was Scott Bertini's wife, **Sarah**. Sarah and their twins — Anniston and Noah — are regulars at our projects. She is a former practicing Family Nurse Practitioner and now an Instructor of Nursing at LMU.

Great to have both of you with us!

Sen. Becky Massey Wraps Up 2023 State Legislative Session

State Sen. Becky Duncan Massey made her first-ever visit to the Rotary Club of Farragut Wednesday and gave us an up-close look at the 2023 session of the State Legislature in Nashville. "It was a wild session with so much going on," Massey said. "And we are not finished."

She noted that Gov. Bill Lee has called a special session in August to deal with "guns" she said, adding "whatever that means."

She is in her 12th year in the State Senate serving District 6. In the Senate she is the chair of the Transportation and Safety Committee and is a member of the Health and Welfare Committee. She served for 25 years as the Executive Director of the Knoxville Sertoma Center that serves individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families.



“Tennessee has its challenges with so many people moving here. This impacts our fiscal policies. But we’re cutting taxes and our economy is growing and that is attracting all of these people,” she said. She said Knox County has experienced a 3.3% growth rate and Loudon a 6% increase in the last year.

She shared these results from the legislature:

- Passed the School Safety Act requiring School Resource Officers (SRO) in every school. This \$223 million will provide a school resource officer for every public school and a Homeland Security agent for every county. These funds will also provide safety grants for private schools.
- Approved budget increases for the Tennessee Highway Patrol
- Mandated a minimum salary of \$50,000 for all Tennessee school teachers by the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved the months of August, September and October as tax free on all food purchases.

Thanks for the update, Senator!

May Third Thursday @ Candace's W2W

May's Third Thursday has a hint of celebration about it. Our crew will gather for the monthly social at Water Into Wine (W2W) on Thursday May 18 at 5:30 p.m. The celebration? Seven years ago this past Friday Candace Viox opened the doors to her wonderful eatery — which she calls her “bistro and lounge.” She and her staff are pictured here before the party began!



Candace opened for business on May 11, 2016 and the popularity of her special place continues to grow. On Sept. 6, 2017 she became a member of the Rotary Club of Farragut. Her proud sponsor is PP Tom King.

We need RSVP's for this Thursday event and you can do just that by clicking on this [LINK](#)



This Week's Family of Rotary News

Proud grandfather and our Music Man **Mike Singletary** shared his pride about his three granddaughters in Houston. It's obvious Mike's love and talents for music were passed to these young ladies — Lauren, Brooke and Lexi. Lauren is finishing her sophomore year at Sam Houston State



University and is an honor student who wants to be a dentist. Brooke graduates from high school in June and is following her big sister to Sam Houston. "On her own initiative, she recently wrote an essay on teen drinking/driving and earned \$1,000 for her work," Mike said. Lexie, the youngest, enters 9th

grade in September. She is very strong in academics and a budding musician and athlete. All three girls excel in academics, athletics and music, Mike said. Following in Mike's footsteps, two play the violin and one the viola. "And they have been model citizens as well. We could not ask for more," Granddaddy said.

We need drivers for **Dr. Bill Adkins** from his home at Sherill Hills Resort Community off Kingston Pike behind Academy Sports. We have no volunteers for Wednesday (May 17) and for May 24. PP Jim O'Brien has May 31 taken care of. No one has signed up for any June dates. If you can help out, THANK YOU???? Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up.

PP Fred Martin says he is doing "OK" following last Sunday's services for his wife, **Diane**. "We've taken a few days off and going to the beach to decompress," he said. Keep Fred and his family in your prayers.

Chuck Laine and wife **Susan** (pictured here with the family) are celebrating the birth of their first great-grandchild, Daisy Jo Caylor. She was born on May 2 at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. Her parents are River & Naome (Naome is their granddaughter) and live in Maryville. Daisy Jo and her mother are doing great. Our congratulations!



Major Work on June 24 at Wesley House



The Rotary Club of Farragut and the Rotary Club of Knoxville will be partners on Saturday June 24th in a joint service project benefitting the **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,” says Scott Bertini, our Service Projects Co-Chair.

The work is scheduled to be done between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon. The Wesley House is located at 1719 Reynolds St, Knoxville, TN 37921.

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 two tall ladders and two pressure washers. If anyone has any we can borrow. please let Scott or Kristin Otto know.

Scott will unfortunately be on the tail end of a family vacation on this date, but Kristin is our incoming Service Projects chair and she has graciously agreed to take the lead with this project. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me and or Kristin @ 865-257-8913.

If you can help us, please click on this [LINK](#) to sign up.

The Day's News'n'Notes of Interest



Alex Barnwell's account of his team's issues in last week's 2023 Dist. 6780 Golf Tournament for Polio Plus included news about Scott Bertini using blue golf balls. Greg Tilley chimed in as well. After the meeting we asked Scott why he uses blue balls. "I thought it would help me and them. I'm colorblind," he said. This Farragut team did win the tournament's Second Flight.

The color blue also came up for conversation at the middle front table during lunch. Those at the table noticed that **Vicki Williams** was drinking light-blue colored water. Williams, token Alabama fan, told us about her Mermaid Flavor Burst. "I just pop a few drops in the water and stir and it's great flavored water," she said.



Youth Services Co-Chair Bill Nichols said he is still searching for a male member to volunteer as the counselor for our Rotary Youth Exchange student from South Korea. If you are interested in this opportunity and have questions, please contact Bill at 865-567-1119 or email him at this [LINK](#)

Hot Off the Press:
**New Breast Cancer Screening
Recommendations**

In today's Medical Moment **Dr. Charlie Barnett** shares the latest news about breast cancer screening guidelines.

Because of the increasing incidence of breast cancer in younger women, the U.S. Public Health Service now recommends beginning routine, mammogram surveillance of all women beginning at age 40 (previously, the beginning age was 50).



In addition, women at high risk should begin screening earlier, even as young as 25. High risk includes Black women,

Ashkenazi Jewish women, those with a known genetic mutation predisposing to breast cancer (BRCA), exposure to radiation at a young age, and those women with a strong family history of breast cancer.

This week, the FDA approved an RSV vaccine for those older than 60. The vaccine is not yet available.

**Schwallier, Markowitz
Get Mystery Rotarian
Wines; Jared Greene
Was May's Mystery**

The man who unmasked our **May Mystery Rotarian** and the lady who was our **March Mystery Rotarian** and fooled the sleuths were



both presented their fine wines on Wednesday.

Jerry Schwallier remembered that Jared Greene was a high school wrestler and was the first to identify him via email last Sunday. And interestingly **Stephanie Markowitz** remembered that too and was the second one to guess it was Jared. Her guess came in 30 minutes after Jerry's. Stephanie was our March Mystery member who no one identified.

Here are a few of Jared's interesting clues:

- Lived in NYC for about a year and worked at the Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurosurgery/Neuroradiology at Beth Israel Hospital.
- Attended ETSU, majored in Health Services Administration.
- First job was as a Salad Bar Attendant at Shoney's.
- First real job was a car salesman at a Chevrolet dealer in East Tennessee.
- Wrestled in high school, placing 6th in state of Tennessee.
- Was the Homecoming King at Notre Dame High School.
- Is a total car person and have owned an M3, M5, a couple AMG's, a police interceptor, and a super-charged mustang!
- Was pulled over by the THP for going 147 mph. He was not cited. Ask him why.

A Thought for Your Mother's Day

"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother." — **Anon**