

# THE FLAGSHIP



May 7, 2023

Tom King, Editor

## ***Coming Up!!!***

May 10: State Sen.  
Becky Massey

May 17: Bob Kesling,  
Voice of the Vols

May 18: Third  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
location TBA

May 24: Cindy Bradley,  
Sacred Grounds

May 31: OPEN

June 7: Board of  
Directors, 11 a.m., &  
Club Assembly

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

## **Farragut Rotary Wins 6 Awards at Dist. 6780 Conference Saturday**

**The Rotary Club of Farragut (RCF)** was honored Saturday evening with six awards at the 2023 Dist. 6780 Conference in Pigeon Forge, with President Megan Belcher accepting the prestigious District Governor's Citation. She'll be showing us these awards on Wednesday.

We also had two of our members making presentations — PP Ed Jones on the district's DEI Initiative (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion). Ed is chair of the DEI Committee for the district. PP Ron Lawrence also talked



about his tractor-riding, fund-raising project for East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

Here are the awards our club won:

- District Governor's Citation
- William T. Sergeant Eradicator Club Award
- Germ-Lacy-Bomar Award of Excellence for Club Bulletins, 3rd Place
- STAR Club Award
- Globe Club Award
- Youth Event Sponsor Award

RCF was well represented at the conference. With President Megan were PE Val Privett, VP Teri Jo Fox, PP Ed, PP Ron, Bill Nichols, Julie Tryukhan from Ukraine, plus Stephanie Markowitz and Scott Bertini.

PP Ed spoke to the conference attendees about getting DEI off the ground in our district and how important it is to start the conversation at the local club level. Part of Ed's message was this quote: "Equality is giving everyone the same pair of shoes. Equity is giving everyone a pair of shoes that fits."

PP Ron made a presentation about his project to raise money for East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) when he rode his big tractor from Middle Tennessee and through East Tennessee and back to the hospital. He raised approximately \$7,000 for ETCH and generated great publicity for Rotary and our club.



*Stephanie & Megan  
seated and standing  
Teri Jo, Ed and Val*

President Megan said Julie did an incredible job with her story about leaving the war, her home country and her husband behind: "Julie was amazing. I get choked up every single time I hear her speak. She encouraged everyone not to wait until tomorrow to 'take that trip' or 'take a leap of faith' because

your life can change in a moment. I'm not saying it as beautifully as she did but hopefully you get the spirit. She is just a remarkable person."

Our late member **Bettye Sisco** was remembered in the Saturday morning District Memorial Service that recognizes Rotarians from Dist. 6780 who passed away in this Rotary year of 2022-23.



*PP Ed Jones speaking  
about DEI*



*Julie Tryukhan  
waits to speak with  
Bill Nichols*



*Teri Jo and Scott  
in a lighter moment*



*Dist. 6780 Conference doing its  
business under the tent*

## Tennessee State Sen. Becky Massey Speaks Wednesday

**Tennessee State Sen. Becky Massey**, who represents Knoxville and Knox County's District 6, will be our Wednesday speaker. Massey, a Republican, became a member of the Senate in 2011, elected during a special election in 2011 to fill the vacancy created when Jamie Woodson resigned to take a job with an education-related nonprofit organization.



She won her last race on Nov. 3, 2020, and this current term ends on Nov. 5, 2024.

This is Massey's 11th year in the State Senate. She serves as 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 disabilities and their families.

Massey is a Knoxville native. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1977 from the University of Tennessee. Becky and her husband, Morton, have two adult daughters.

### ***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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## Farragut Places 3rd in District Golf; Our Par Tee Girls Team Shot a 77!

The Rotary Club of Farragut's "A Team" in Thursday's **2023 Dist. 6780 Golf Tournament** for Polio Plus placed third overall, missing a three-foot putt on the last hole for a chance at the Governor's Cup, which was won by Bearden Rotary.



But the hit of the day was our wonderful team of ladies, decked out in their new red team shirts — the Par Tee Girls — **P E V a l Privett, VP Teri**



**Jo Fox, Sonya Ford and Denise Bash.** They were the only all-female team in the event and shot a great score of 77 and had the tournament chosen to have a Ladies Division they would have won first place — which they really did. But it's obvious from the pictures below they had a great time!

The A team golfers were **Farrell Levy, Richard Bettis, Doug Powell and Roger Moore.** "We all contributed and had a steady, respectable round. The only outstanding thing was Roger hitting a nice drive on a par 4 and then chipping in from about 40 yards out for an eagle," Doug said. "The low note was all four of us missed a 3-foot putt on the last hole which knocked us out of a tie for the Governor's Cup. We would have faced a scorecard playoff to see who won the Cup...so that last hole was costly."

There's no way our B Team didn't had fun, as expressed by **Greg Tilley**, who was joined by **Alex Barnwell, Jerry Schwallier and Scott Bertini.** "We had Barnwell, so there were obviously plenty of funny moments. Not sure any of them pass the Four Way Test," Greg said. "Midway through the round the cart girls told Alex the beer was free and he thought that meant all

of them. He looked like he was in a cash booth on the Price is Right. I kept finding balls along the way and ended up with 14 more than I started with. Anyway, probably the most fun I've had on a golf course in a long time."



*Playing & drinking, L-R, Scott Bertini, Jerry Schwallier, Alex Barnwell and Greg Tilley*



*The Par Tee Girls having fun!!!*



*Jared Greene and Ralph Henry are enjoying the golf action....*



*We have no clue what Denise Bash is doing here. Do you know???*

## This Week's Guest List

We welcomed three guests of Rotarians Wednesday. Here they are:

- Jared Greene's guest was **Chris Smith**. He is a Farmers Insurance owner/agent in Oak Ridge and previously worked in Fire Prevention/Safety(OSHA type stuff). He is a Mason, Black Belt in Ju Jitsu and Karate, and enjoys shooting sports. They're pictured here.
- **Mary Jane Kilburn** was Roger Moore's guest. She is a Senior Advisor on the team at NAI Koella RM Moore.
- Kristen Otto's guest was **Aaron Price**, the new Development Director at the Emory Valley Center in Oak Ridge where Kristen works as the agency's Vice President of Professional Services.



Glad you all joined us!

## May's Board Meeting Report

President Megan Belcher presided over her final meeting of our **Board of Directors** this past Wednesday with her light, but very effective, style. In June that job shifts to President Elect Val Privett. There was lots of conversation about a variety of issues.

Here are the highlights:

- Accepted the resignation of PP Brian Welch.
- Agreed to donate \$200 to the Pat Summit Foundation to honor the memory of Diane Martin, PP Fred's late wife.



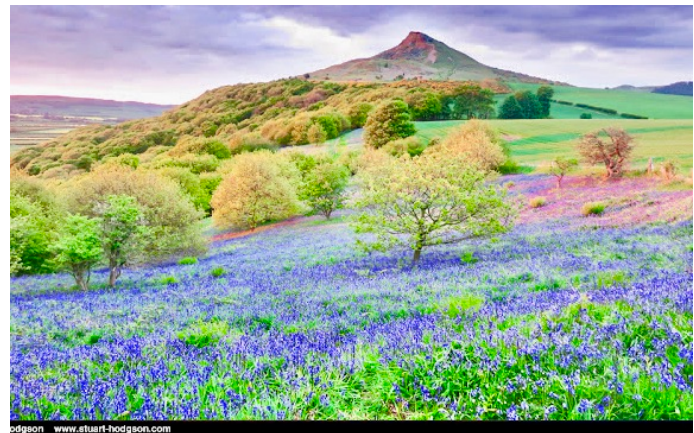
- Youth Services Co-Chair Bill Nichols said he is still searching for a male member to volunteer as the counselor for our Rotary Youth Exchange student from South Korea.
- Heard about two upcoming projects at The Wesley House, one later this month. Stay tuned for more details.
- Agreed to adjourn!

## Today's Family of Rotary News



Services and visitation were held today at Click's Funeral Home for **PP Fred Martin's** wife **Diane**, who passed away last week of pancreatic cancer. Our club was well represented at the service. Please keep Fred and their adult children and the family in your prayers.

Here's an update from **Judith Bradbury**, who survived Chicago's O'Hare Airport this last Tuesday enroute to the UK. Here's what she said: "I am safely and happily here after several misadventures (which she didn't detail). I chose to go in early May to begin my trip because of a very important reason — to see the Bluebells. This is a picture here of the Bluebells in the woods near the hotel where I'm staying for the first week."



**Tom Marsh's** wife **Diana** had rotator cuff surgery this past Tuesday. "Diana is doing better but she's still in a lot of pain and taking pain meds," Tom says.



## Walk for Water Draws 150, Raises \$25K

Tory Kinson says Saturday's **Water Mission "Walk for Water"** at Lakeshore Park was a big success — approximately 150 walkers carried the buckets of water and the event raised \$25,000. "That's enough money to provide clean, drinking water for life to 500 people," Tory said. He also said our club plus Bearden Rotary and Breakfast Rotary together raised \$3,000.



Farragut Rotarians Tom Woodbery, Scott Bertini, Emily Lamon Justice, and Tory were there with their families as you can see in the pictures with the Kinson family bucket brigade at left.

"We see so much — the bad things happening in the world, and sometimes it's hard to think of what we can actually do. But providing clean water to people who need it actually solves so many other problems," Tory said. "Personally, I was so humbled to see over a year's worth of work come together like this today. I reached out to my friends, my family and my community, and everybody showed up in one way or another. This is what Rotary is all about."



***The Bertini Family***



***Emily Lamon & Her Two Sons***

## 4 More Clues About May's Mystery

Our **May Mystery Rotarian** may be a harder problem to solve than our last one (Stephanie Markowitz). Those first four clues last week elicited only a pair of guesses — wrong guesses. Perhaps these clues be more helpful to our Rotary sleuths.

- Was once pulled over by the THP, clocked at 147 mph in a 70-mph zone.
- Was a wrestler in high school and placed 6th in the state of Tennessee.
- First job — a salad bar attendant at Shoney's.
- Favorite vacation spot — Sanibel Island, FL.



The mailbox is open for your guesses! The first correct one emailed to TOM KING wins the bottle of wine. If after 16 clues are shared and no one has solved this mystery, our Mysterian wins the wine!

## A Thought for Forever

"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself." — **Anonymous**