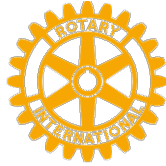


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# ***THE FLAGSHIP***

**Rotary**  
Club of Farragut



**November 6, 2022**

**Tom King, Editor**

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

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Nov. 9: Kara Finger,  
Wesley House

Nov. 16: Not Sure!

Nov. 17: Third  
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.,  
Smoky Mountain  
Brewery

Nov. 19: Service Project  
@ Volunteer Ministry  
Center, 9 a.m.

Nov. 23: NO  
MEETING —  
THANKSGIVING  
HOLIDAY

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

# **\$50,000**

## ***The Goal for Dec. 2 Sock Hop/Cork Pop Wine Tasting Event***

Today we begin our venerable Flagship with a first for the Rotary Club of Farragut. The first is “\$50,000!”

The event is another first — our first “50’s Era Sock Hop Cork Pop & Wine Tasting Party” at the Farragut Community Center. It is our mega-fundraiser for the year to support the organizations and projects in our community.

Never before have we had a fundraising goal of \$50K in our club’s 42-year history. But that’s what our Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Scott Brockamp and Jerry Schwallier have challenged our club to raise from our



Dec. 2 event at the Farragut Community Center and we're really close to being halfway to the goal. As of today we have \$23,500.

Join us for our first fundraiser in three years. Invite your friends, your family, your neighbors — heck, invite the entire neighborhood! Let's make this a remarkable evening of food, dancing, fun, fellowship, and even a "How low can you go?" limbo contest. We'll have a dance contest and maybe a 1950's dress contest.

There will be silent and live auctions for you to bid up your neighbor!

Tickets are \$100 each and the Board of Directors is wanting every member to buy at least two tickets even if they can't attend. \$75 of each ticket is tax deductible. The proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

We added two \$1,000 Silver sponsorships this week — **Fred Adomat** and **Candace Viox** and Water Into Wine.

We have three levels of sponsorships — Gold (\$2,000 or above); Silver (\$1,000 and above); and Bronze (\$500 and above). Here is the updated list of our sponsors:

**GOLD:** Faye & Tom King, \$2,500; M&M Development, Sam Mishu, \$2,500; Engels & Volkers, Cindy Kraus, \$2,000

**SILVER:** HIS Security, Scott Brockamp, \$1,000; Knox Fox Real Estate, Teri Jo Fox, \$1,000; TN Bank, Mark Holder, \$1,000; Mountain Commerce Bank, Staci Wilkerson, \$1,000; Fred Adomat \$1,000; Candace Viox & Water Into Wine, \$1,000.

**BRONZE:** First Bank, Andrew Vollman, \$500; United Community Bank, Megan Belcher, \$500; Citizens Bank, Sonya Ford, \$500.

Here are all of the relevant details:

- The event will run from 6 p.m. to 9 or so.
- Tickets are \$100 per person. You can pay by check to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation or through Pay Pal and by credit card at the event. Charges incurred will NOT be put on your quarterly bill.
- Dinner will be catered by Classy Caterer and Trisha Kelly.
- Sock hops mean dancing and we will have a dance contest and a “limbo” contest — how low can you go?
- We will have both a silent auction and a live auction being put together by VP Teri Jo Fox and Julie Blaylock. Money spent at the auctions are fully deductible through our Foundation. If you have items to donate for the auctions, please email either TERI JO or JULIE.

Here is the [LINK](#) you need to buy tickets.

# Wesley House's Leader Kara Finger Speaks To Us Wednesday

Wesley House is a very special place in our community and it's led by Executive Director **Kara Finger**, who has more than a decade of non-profit experience.

Founded in 1907 to provide childcare, today the House works every day to empower and serve the Mechanicsville, Lonsdale and Beaumont communities with an after-school program serving 14 Knox County schools, its eight-week STEP summer camp for Knox and surrounding counties and the WISE program for senior citizens experiencing social isolation.



Prior to the Wesley House, Finger impacted the community as the Vice President of Programs for Big Brothers-Big Sisters of East Tennessee from 2012-2019. She began her work at Big Brothers Big Sisters as an intern in 2007 and worked in several positions prior to her position as the vice president.

Our President Elect Val Privett serves on the Wesley House Board of Directors.

## ***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.



## Ron Lawrence & Tractor Are Rolling Down The Road for Miles for Miracles at ETCH

**PP Ron Lawrence** and his trusty green John Deere tractor are on the road today making their way from Dayton to Cleveland in the “Miles for Miracles” fundraiser to benefit East Tennessee Children’s Hospital (ETCH). Yesterday he covered some 48 miles from Crossville to Dayton on Day 1.

“It took me about 4 1/2 hours on the road Saturday and it was an easy drive,” he said. “It has gone well so far and I didn’t see a lot of traffic. The people on the road are very courteous and see the banners on the U-Haul trailer. The manager of the U-Haul even donated \$200.”



Back table buddy Wayne Davis went with Ron to take the tractor to Crossville on Friday afternoon and then drove him back down on Saturday morning and the “sendoff.” Scott Bertini and his two kids were there as well.

*Ron's about to head down the road...*

After a night in Dayton, he was back on the road by 9 a.m. enroute to Cleveland. One of the Rotary clubs is planning to take him to lunch and he will spend the night there with a Rotarian. Then it's off to Sevierville next. His trip ends on Friday between 1 and 3 p.m. at ETCH.

If you would like to make donations, here are the two options:

**Option 1:** Send a check (payable to Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation) to the following address: 10805 Kingston Pike, Suite 200, Knoxville TN 37934. Please indicate (Miles For Miracles) in the subject line.

**Option 2:** Donate online at: <https://miles-for-miracles.cheddarup.com/>

Classic rock radio 103.5 FM is the media partner this week and please tune in over the next week as there will be several promotional announcements of Ron's project and he will be on the radio almost daily with check-ins with the DJ's.



*....and away he goes to Dayton!*

Bertini says he will be sharing Facebook posts about “Miles For Miracles” to spread the message.

Here is the schedule for this adventure:

Sat - Nov 5th - Crossville to Dayton

Sun - Nov 6th - Dayton to Cleveland

Mon - Nov 7th - Cleveland to Lenoir City

Tue - Nov 8th - Lenoir City to Sevierville

Wed - Nov 9th - Sevierville to Greeneville

Thur - Nov 10th - Greeneville to Jefferson City

Fri - Nov 11th - Jefferson City to Knoxville - End At ETCH

### *Board of Directors News*

## **FHS Interact Update & Membership News**

Our Board of Directors heard a great report from Tory Kinson about the newly reconstituted Interact Cub at Farragut High School. Tory, Youth Service Co-Chair, and Tom Woodbery will be the Rotary advisers for the club. The plan is for the club to begin meeting in January 2023. See our story just below this article.

Secretary Sonya Ford shared memberships news:

- With the induction of Harker Weiss Wednesday, we currently have 89 members (see story below).
- Our meeting attendance for October 2022 was 53.4%.
- Board accepted the resignations of Lee Fulcher and Julie Greene.
- Board approved a medical leave of absence for Nancy Bosson.

In a virtual vote Friday, the board agreed to work with Fostering Hope. We will be helping this agency with its annual Christmas Party for the foster families on Dec. 18 at First Baptist Church Concord.. The board also agreed to make a \$1,500 donation to support them.

## Harker Weiss Inducted as Newest Member

**Harker Weiss**, the new manager of Costco in Farragut, was inducted as our newest member on Wednesday by President Megan Belcher. Joining in the ceremony was PP Tom King, who sponsored his membership. They are pictured here.

Weiss, 50, who has been with Costco for more than 30 years, came to town in July to take over at Costco. He has worked at nine Costco locations, the latest in Danville, CA., for the past five years. He is a California native from the Bay Area.



He has three children, two adult sons from his first marriage who live in California. He and wife Kimberly live in Maryville and have a daughter, Lacy, 11. She is a sixth grader at Maryville Christian school. They love the outdoors and traveling and Harker enjoys mountain biking.

“I have already been converted to a Tennessee Vol football fan,” he said.

## Kinson, Woodbery Restarting FHS Interact

**Tom Woodbery** set up a meeting with **Dr. Amanda Edsel** and **Beth Duncan** at Farragut High School (FHS) and the result: the **FHS Interact Club** is back! The club will begin meeting in January 2023.



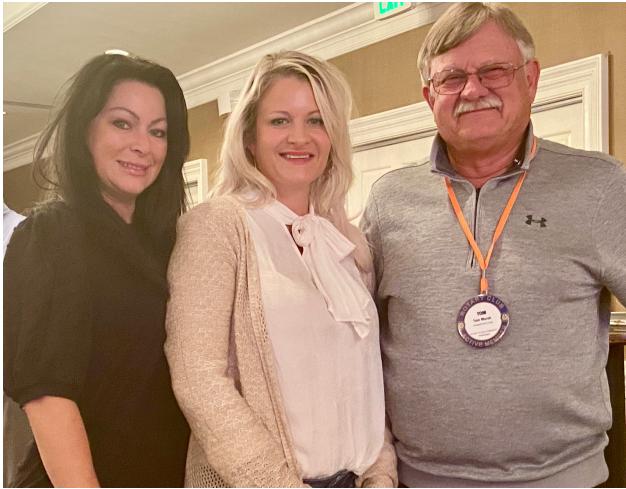
“We have great news to share. Not only are they interested in restarting up the Interact club, we have two faculty members who want to be sponsors,” said Tory Kinson, Co-Chair of Youth Services. “That is the critical piece for a successful club! And if that isn’t enough good news, it turns out that they found out there are some funds in an account from when the previous Interact club was operational!”

Woodbery took the lead on this project and pulled the meeting together. “Huge props to Tom who really did the legwork to get this going,” Tory added. With the team of Tory and Tom from our club helping the FHS Interact Club, this will be a big success moving forward.

Now, we have three high school Interact Clubs that we sponsor — Hardin Valley, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Farragut High. Plus our Rotaract Club at Pellissippi State.







## Introducing the Day's Guests

- It was **PP Peggy Wilson's** birthday Wednesday and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to her and as someone said, "We're no choir for sure!" Her guest was her husband and chauffeur, Joe! Great picture here too!
- Andrew Vollman introduced his guest — **Tony Powers**. Tony works for Payrock, a merchant services company. His job is to take a look at businesses' point of sale services, to see if he can save them money on the fees, expenses, and overall client relationship. They are pictured above at the right.
- Tom Marsh had a pair of guests — **Kristen Zimmerman** and **Connie Storm**. Kristen is Tom's daughter and Connie is her business partner. They are opening a new division of Superior coatings called Tristar Floor Decor specializing in garage floors, basements, etc. They are pictured above at the left, of course!



Glad you all joined us.

## Today's Family of Rotary News

**Marine Cpl. Benji Bash** did not come home Friday from Camp Lejeune due to a cancellation of all leaves for the Marine Ball. Denise is hoping to share a video with us Wednesday. Benji has undergone more than 20 surgeries since a motorcycle accident last March near his base.

**Stephanie Markowitz** is asking that we keep her family in our prayers. "After losing my Papaw in December, we are now on the brink of losing my Mamaw. My grandparents have played a huge role in my life, similar to that of a parent," she says. "Mamaw's chemo is no longer working, so she will be getting in-home hospice which started this week. We asked how long...days, weeks, probably not months. She asked if she'd make it to January to meet Madi (Stephanie's daughter is due in early January) and they said no. So please pray for Mamaw (comfort, no pain, she is at peace) and for our family as we say goodbye. Hard times and happy times ahead. My heart is broken but she has struggled for five long years with leukemia. The doctor called her his miracle patient—she was only given six months to live back then."



**Nancy Bosson** returned home Wednesday evening after having surgery on her left lung on Oct. 19 at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "The surgeon removed a small section of the lung and got all of the cancer. The margins are clear. No chemo and no radiation. I have to go back in six months," Nancy said. "Just keep the prayers and blessings coming. I felt them for sure." What great news!

**Bettye Sisco** is battling a nasty cold bug right now but feels pretty good, she said. She returns to Duke Medical Center a week from tomorrow to resume her clinical trial for her leukemia.

Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers!



## *News & Notes*

### **PSCC Rotaract Officers Installed; Third Thursday; Bells in December & Lights**

The **Pellissippi State Community College's Rotaract Club** installed its leadership team this past Wednesday evening with Emily Lorch as the club's president. The other officers are Conner Hale, treasurer; Vic Rutherford, secretary; and Jonathan Kostmayer, vice president. Our leadership was there — President Megan Belcher, PE Val Privett and VP Teri Jo Fox. Stephanie Markowitz is the adviser for the PSCC club and swore Emily in. They are pictured here with Megan.



**Third Thursday November** style will be at Smoky Mountain Brewery in Turkey Creek on November 17. It begins at 5:30 p.m. and this should be a great social gathering just before Thanksgiving. We've not been to the Brewery in a while and it usually attracts a crowd. It will help for us to know about how many will be attending, so please use this [LINK](#) for that. Thanks!

The holidays are just around the corner and **Mike Singletary** is again leading our **Salvation Army Bell Ringing Team**. We will ring and man the red kettles at the main entrance to Kroger in Farragut on the two Saturdays before Christmas — Dec. 17 and Dec. 24. Mike will begin recruiting our bell ringing vols at the end of November. Please make your plans and get these dates on your calendar.

And in more holiday news ..... **SHOP FARRAGUT** and the Town of Farragut will again usher in the holiday season with the **11th Annual**



**Countdown to LIGHT THE PARK**, presented by The Knox Fox Realty Group (that's VP Teri Jo Fox). The event will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 21, at Founder's Park on Campbell Station Road. The highlight will be when Mayor Ron Williams and other Town officials welcome Santa. He will be asked to help throw the switch at

approximately 6:30 p.m. on 50-plus trees, garland pole wraps and other lighted decorations.

## First 4 Clues for November's Mystery

Yes Virginia, there is a **Mystery Rotarian** for November! Maybe this month we will stump the sleuths. The odds are that they will be baffled, frustrated and fooled this time around. And away we go!!!

- Was a supervisor at Chick-fil-A as a teenager and cooks some awesome chicken.
- Had fun being an "extra" on the TV show "Nashville."
- Has a diverse collection of over 200 celebrity autographs.
- Took an evening private tour of Westminster Abbey in London.



There you have them — the first four clues. And the first correct guess emailed to TOM KING wins the wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor** and the Taylor family. Good luck one and all!

## Your Thought for the Week

"The fact that a great many people believe something is no guarantee of its truth." — **W. Somerset Maugham**