

# THE FLAGSHIP



October 9, 2022

Tom King, Editor

## *Coming Up!!!*

Oct. 12: Mark Grenier,  
Topgolf GM

Oct. 12: Purple Pinkie  
Donut Day for Polio

Oct. 19: Tom Mattingly,  
Historian

Oct. 20: Third Thursday  
@ Chuy's Tex-Mex, 5:30  
p.m.

Oct. 26: David Crocker,  
Founder, Operation In  
As Much

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

## Julie Tryukhan Says She Is “Overwhelmed With Our Support & Love”

It was a program full of special moments. **Julie Tryukhan** sharing her emotional thoughts about life then and life now. Her two kids making their presence known. She's worried husband Dimi will be sent back to the front lines of the war against Russia. Plus Bill Nichols and his warm and kind introduction.



*Julie speaks with Polly  
staying close to Mom*

She began her conversation with us two months to the date when she, Mark and Polly landed at McGhee Tyson Airport on August 5.

And so much has happened since then, reuniting with her host Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) family from 2007-08, Dinah and Bill Vogel. She has been living there but will move into her new apartment this coming Friday (Oct. 15).

She has a car now. And as of Thursday, with great help from Tom Marsh, she has a Tennessee driver's license. Val Privett helped with car insurance. Our club and our members are helping with things financially. A non-Rotarian angel named Lynn Christian donated all of the furniture and kitchenware she needs. Vicki Williams has two buddies named Aaron and Amy Crecy, who own Junk Galaxy Movers. They are moving her in — for love — and not for dollars.



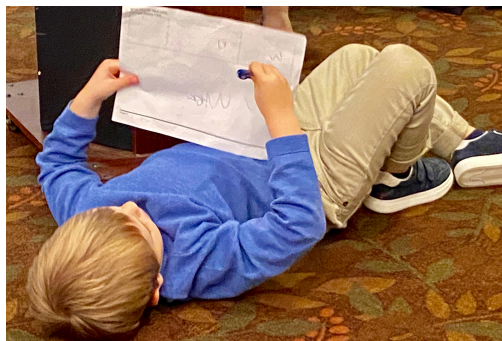
*Julie takes a seat now with Polly as President Megan helps*

“I had no idea last March where my family would be right now, and I had no idea so many of you would care for us. It is absolutely unbelievable and overwhelming,” she said. “Dimi and I have dreamed about coming to the U.S. to live. I have kind hearts all around me now. It’s been much better with your help to deal with what’s going on in Ukraine. I pray for that day when I can pick up Dimi at the airport and pray with me for the people of Ukraine who will never give up to Russia.”

Julie, 32, worries about her brother, now living in Moscow. “He is a scuba diver and we’re scared the Russians may try to draft him, but he will not fight for them,” she said. “We hope he can find a way out of Russia.”

She is looking forward to moving into their own apartment. “When we move life will kind of get back to normal for us. But there will be some lonely nights there too,” she said. “But my challenges here are nothing compared to what Dimi and the Ukrainian people face every day now. I remember well the nights we lived in basements in Kiev, hearing the

bombing and the gunfire and worried about a nuclear attack. We knew we had to get out to give our children a chance at a life.”



*Mark's having some fun!*



*And he loves ice cream!!!*

Julie endured escaping from Ukraine into neighboring Slovakia, living there and being supported by Slovakian Rotarians. And then getting to the United States, far from her home. “I’ll do what I need to do for our kids. And we have so many kind hearts around us here to help. It’s amazing the love we are getting.”

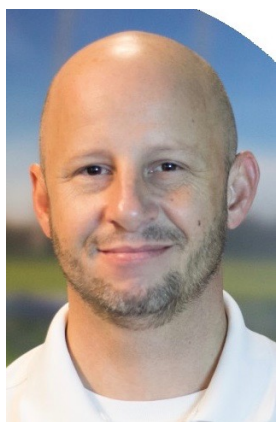
She is planning to get a Social Security card and do other paperwork needed to work here. She continues to work from here for her company in Kiev in human resources management. “With the kids I’ll need a part-time job I think and I hope I can find one.” Mark, 4, and Polly, almost 2, are in day care two days a week now.

Our club is still encouraging and hoping members will make tax-deductible donations to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation to help support Julie. You can make your checks out to the Foundation with a notation “For Julie Tryukhan” or you can donate on our website’s Home page at the Foundation link.

It was a special day with a very special young lady!

## Topgolf's Mark Grenier Speaks Wednesday

**Topgolf** comes to Farragut Rotary Wednesday as we welcome **Mark Grenier** as our speaker. He is the Director of Operations for the new Topgolf sports entertainment complex on Outlet Drive. Mark has been here since April.



If you've not been to Topgolf next to I-40, it features an inclusive, high-tech golf game that everyone can enjoy. Paired with an outstanding food and beverage menu, climate-controlled hitting bays and music, Topgolf has an energetic hum that you can feel right when you walk through the door. The

\$20 million facility has a two-story, 72-bay hitting site. This is Topgolf's third location in Tennessee. They're also in Nashville and Chattanooga.

Let's give Mark a big welcome!



### ***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.



# Sock Hop/Cork Pop: Dancing/Limbo/Live Band! We Need Sponsors, Auction Items

The Rotary Club of Farragut will have a BLAST on Friday evening December 2nd at our first-ever **“50’s Era Sock Hop Cork Pop & Wine Tasting Party”** at the Farragut Community Center. This will be our club’s mega fundraiser for 2022-23 to support our projects and initiatives.

President Megan Belcher will be doing the “Limbo” (How low can you go?) and Ralph Henry and wife are getting their jitterbug shoes ready for some high-stepping and twirling fun! This is an evening to get out your dancing shoes and clothes from the 1950’s. The fun begins at 6 p.m.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Scott Brockamp and Jerry Schwallier are doing a great job and beating the bushes for sponsorships. One anonymous member came forward and said if we raise \$10,000 in sponsorships, then he or she will match it. That match is on because we have in hand today \$11,000 in sponsorships. We have three levels of sponsorships: Gold — \$2,000 or more; Silver - \$1,000; and Bronze - \$500.

“This is our ‘big one’ everyone — the only big fundraiser where all proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation,” Jerry says. “We are working hard and will continue.”

Here are our generous sponsors as of today:



Sponsorships opportunities for the Sock Hop & Cork Pop

## Sock Hop & Cork Pop

**Gold Level Sponsor: (2 allowed) \$2000 donation**

- 10 Tickets to the Sock Hop & Cork Pop
- Logo on all marketing material to include event fliers, social media posts, event signage and any other digital or printed material.
- 1 Table topper centerpiece
- Easy Pass ticket to the bar (allows you to skip the line for refills)

**Silver Level Sponsor: (4 allowed) \$1000 donation**

- 5 Tickets to the Sock Hop & Cork Pop
- Logo on all marketing material to include event fliers, social media posts, event signage and any other digital or printed material.
- 1 Table topper centerpiece
- Easy Pass ticket to the bar (allows you to skip the line for refills)

**Bronze Level Sponsor: (as many as we can get) \$500 donation**

- 2 Tickets to the Sock Hop & Cork Pop
- Logo on all marketing material to include event fliers, social media posts, event signage and any other digital or printed material.
- 1 Table topper centerpiece

**Tickets are \$100 each**

Dec 2 6-9 PM

Live Music / Food / Fellowship

Live Auction

Register Now

Contact: Scott Brockamp 865-441-0420 [scott@hissecurity.net](mailto:scott@hissecurity.net)  
Jerry Schwallier 480-313-5969 [jtschwallier@gmail.com](mailto:jtschwallier@gmail.com)

Register Now

***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
Fox Knox Real Estate - Teri Jo Fox	\$1,000
TN Bank - Mark Holder	\$1,000

***BRONZE:***

First Bank - Andrew Vollman	\$500
United Community Bank - Megan Belcher	\$500

The plan is to sell 150 individual tickets at \$100 each and we're also going to have a great Live & Silent Auction with two great and creative leaders — **Julie Blaylock** and **Teri Jo Fox** and their team. And they need auction items from you —great auction items that will bring in more money for us!

Our meal will be catered by Trisha Kelly, who owns Classy Caterer. Last week she catered the annual Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce Gala and served 350 people with a “delicious meal everyone enjoyed,” Blaylock said. As we have more details we'll share the menu for the evening.

Our hope is that **EVERY MEMBER** will participate in one way or another to support this event and make it our largest fundraiser ever!!! Sponsorships! Donations! Tickets! Auction items!

We will soon send out the links for you to buy tickets, make donations or sign up for sponsorships.

## Wednesday's Guests We Welcomed

Four superb guests joined us Wednesday — three we'd not met before and one old timer! Here we go.....



- PE Val Privett had a pair of guests (one poached from PP Tom King) — **Rev. Chase Depew** of Faith Promise Church in Farragut and **Janette Burgin**, Vice President at Regions Mortgage (pictured here).
- Andrew Vollman's guest was **Adam Clark**, who recently opened his own business — True Metal Supply, which makes residential metal roofs.
- **Dr. Joseph Hicks** (for the final time) was PP Tom King's guest. The board has approved his membership and he will be inducted on Wednesday. Joseph is a former member for a number of years who has returned "home."

Glad you all joined us!!!

## News From The Board Meeting

This past Wednesday our **Board of Directors** had a great meeting, highlighted by plans for the '50s Sock Hop Cork Pop Wine Tasting event on Dec. 2, and for getting our club back in the **CART** business — Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust — with the blue containers. New member Tom Woodbery is heading this up assisted by Larry Sheumaker.

Other business:

- Secretary Sonya Ford says we now have 89 members and September attendance was 53%.

- Accepted the resignation of Julie Greene, whose work locale at Knox County Rescue prevents her from attending on Wednesdays.

- Ford also reported three previous resignations: Devin Driscoll, Harvey Heard and Andrew Henderson.



The CART buckets (pictured here with Tom and Stephanie Markowitz) will be on tables and at the sign-in desk. If you have loose change coins, please donate this and Woodbery said “we’ll accept greenbacks too.” Began in 1996, CART has been raising about \$1 million a year for Alzheimer’s research.

## Our Family: Bradbury, Bosson, Benji & Bettye

We are still one driving Rotarian away from helping **Judith Bradbury** with her transportation needs to and from physical therapy at Fort Sanders West. That one opening is this coming Wednesday — Oct. 12. She needs to be picked up at 12:15 p.m. Her PT begins at 1 p.m. and she is usually done by 2 or 2:15. If you can help out please email [TOM KING](#) or text him at (865) 659-3562.

**Nancy Bosson**, who has not attended for a long time due to work, shares with us that she has lung cancer and will have surgery at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City on October 19th. “This was an incidental finding on a CT scan that was ordered for another reason....ugh...but the good news is that it was found early,” Nancy said. Her oldest son and his family live in New York City and also have a home in Spring Lake N.J. where she’ll stay until the doctor releases her to come home. Prayers for Nancy and husband Brian.





We checked in with **Denise Bash** and there's **Benji** news to share. "Well yea... not all good this week. He's having surgery on Monday. One of the pins in his pelvis is causing issues and they are going to remove it early Monday morning," she says. "We are just pulling into the base now (late yesterday afternoon) and will be here all week with him."

Keep these family members in your thoughts and prayers!!

## Our October Birthdays To Celebrate

October is a light month for birthdays. We have six to celebrate and three have already passed, so it's belated **Happy Birthdays** to those three gents. Your newsletter should have included this in last week's edition but an ice cream brain freeze got to your editor!

Happy Birthday to one and all!!!

Oct. 4: Stephen Krempasky

Oct. 5: David Fielder

Oct. 6: Chuck Laine

Oct. 12: Mike Petty

Oct. 28: PP Leah Berry

Oct. 31: Dr. Jack Faber



## Third Thursday, Tennis & Drivers Needed

**October's Third Thursday** will be on October 20 and we will be an "Ole Night" at Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant at 9235 Kingston Pike. Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus will be posting an online invite soon. Great fun and fellowship! Bring your spouse, a friend or someone who may be interested in joining!

Adam Brock reminded us  
**Knoxville Challenger**  
November 6-13 at the UT  
Center. The tournament  
McNabb Center. Our club  
will have several

### news & notes

about the upcoming  
**Pro Tennis Tournament**  
Goodfriend Indoor Tennis  
benefits the Helen Ross  
is a sponsor and usually  
members gather for a

Tennis Third Thursday during the tournament. This is great tennis featuring the up and coming rising stars on the tennis circuit. Our sponsorship also comes with a few tickets.

**CAC's Volunteer Assisted Transportation** is needing drivers, says Tom Marsh, a member of their Board of Directors. They provide transportation to seniors and people with disabilities. If you are interested, call (865) 673-5001.

## A Mystery 'Par Excellence'

It's Halloween month so let's have a mystery for you to solve before Trick'0'Treat day on the 31st.

**October's Mystery Rotarian** has clues that just may baffle everyone. And they are really great clues!

- Avid Dungeons & Dragons player and Dungeon Master!
- Caught a hammerhead shark that was just shy of a state record.



- “While staying at an apartment in a big city, I realized I could change the channels on the guy’s TV across the street and I drove him nuts!”
- Got a tattoo and jumped out of an airplane on the same day.

That’s a great start for the sleuths. The first one to email TOM KING with a winning guess wins the wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor**. If no one can figure this out, our Mysterian will enjoy the wine

## A Thought for Us

“People come and go in your life, but the right ones will always stay.” —  
Anon