

# THE FLAGSHIP



Oct. 1, 2023

Tom King, Editor

## *Coming Up!!!*

Oct. 4: Board of Directors, 11 a.m.

Oct. 4: Club Assembly; PP Ed Jones on Rotary DEI

Oct. 11: Doug Lawyer, VP/Economic Development, Knox Chamber

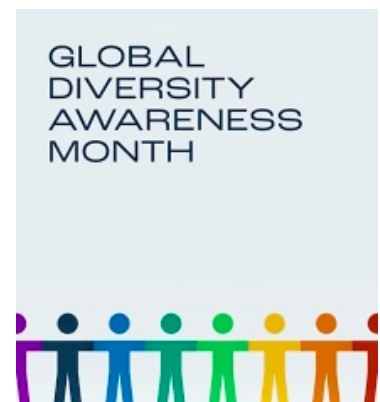
Oct. 18: Monica Lebron, UT Deputy Athletics Director

Oct. 19: Third Thursday, location TBA

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

## PP Ed Jones To Speak About Rotary's Global Diversity Awareness Month

October is Global Diversity Awareness Month in Rotary International, a time to celebrate the diverse makeup of the communities in which we live. On Wednesday **PP Ed Jones**, who serves as the Dist. 6780 DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) chair, will discuss the significance of the month during our Club Assembly.



Diversity is about welcoming and recognizing people of all backgrounds, cultures, experiences and identities. It's about empowering people by respecting and appreciating what makes them different in terms of age, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin,

culture and socioeconomic status. Recognizing diversity and going beyond just tolerating it helps us to understand one another and truly value our differences.

“Let’s take time to celebrate all the things that make people unique and realize that a small gesture to acknowledge diversity can make a big difference,” Jones says.

Prior to our meeting the Board of Directors will meet at 11 a.m.

## The Mayor’s Town of Farragut Update

**Farragut Mayor Ron Williams** shared news with the Rotary Club of Farragut that there will be a new school in Farragut, but it will not be an elementary school. How about a new middle school? But there’s a lot of work to be done yet.

At a two-day workshop recently, Knox County Schools (KCS) Board Member Susan Horn, whose Dist. 5 seat includes Farragut, said a proposal was presented to the board and discussed. No votes were taken, but she said this will be a proposal at an upcoming Oct. 27 meeting.

The proposed new Farragut Middle School would be built on property owned by Developer Doug Horne behind the old Ingles Shopping Center and just east of The Villages. The new middle school will create a domino effect: the proposal as of now is to build a new middle school. Then the old middle school would become FIS, and FIS would then house FPS. A determination of what to do with the current FPS building will be made down the road.



*After his presentation, the Mayor hung around to help his crew clean up our room!*

Mayor Williams shared some of the school news in his annual presentation to the Rotary Club of Farragut at the Farragut Community Center, updating Rotarians about what is happening in the town. His focus was on six areas.

“The west sector of the Town of Farragut is about to explode and it’s starting right now,” Williams said. “There’s a lot happening and a lot more will happen.”

Here are a lot of details he provided:

**Watt Road Area:**

- Farragut will be getting a second major food market to be built on the northwest corner of Kingston Pike and Watt Road.
- The town’s second Dollar General Store is planned for Kingston Pike approximately a mile west of the current store just east of Old Stage Road. Close to it will be an Advanced Auto store.
- A new 200-apartment complex is being built behind Little Joe’s Pizza and they will be fronted by commercial businesses west of Little Joe’s.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) will be starting construction in 2024 on its 30,000 square feet, granite, single-story Knoxville Temple on 4.99 acres at 13001 Kingston Pike. It will be the third LDS Temple in Tennessee. LDS missionary work first began in Tennessee in 1834. Today, there are around 55,000 LDS worshippers in over 100 congregations in Tennessee.



### **New Town Center:**

- Work continues on four high-rise apartment buildings that will have 286 apartments across from the new Kroger. They should be available and ready within a year, Williams said.
- He also mentioned that 58 condo units will be built near the backside of the center close to South Campbell Station Road near the cemetery property.
- A new Chase Bank Building is in progress and four yet to be named restaurants have signed on.

### **McFee Road Area:**

- A new mile-and-a-half walking trail through woods at McFee Park is now open and being used.
- Plans continue on a dog park at McFee Park.

## **Banner Day for Guests!**

And away we goooo.....

- Denise Bash's husband Alex was her guest for lunch.



- Patrick Finn, a Visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Clinton, was VP Scott Bertini's guest. Patrick is District Director of the Mount Le Conte District of the Great Smoky Mountain Council. They are pictured here.

- PE Teri Jo Fox had two guests

— Teresa Brasfield, an agent who works for Teri Jo, and Andrew Dennis, Teri Jo's Media Manager.

### ***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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- **Rev. Wyn Bryant** was the guest of Ralph Henry. Wyn is a retired Presbyterian minister.
- PP David Smoak's guest was **Chris Sheffield**, who visited with us two weeks ago with David.
- Brian Walker's guest was **Prospective Member Jenny Walker**, his wife.
- Larry Sheumaker introduced **PM Craig Donnachie**, who was at his third meeting.
- Tammy Creek from the Farragut Press joined us.

Glad you all joined us!

## **Jett, Walker, Donnachie OK'd By Board for Membership**

In a virtual vote this week, our Board of Directors approved the membership of three Proposed Members — **Craig Donnachie, Eddie Jett** and **Jennifer Walker**. Jett is sponsored by VP Scott Bertini; Walker by her husband, Brian; and Donnachie by Bill Nichols.



Jett is Chief Executive Officer of MBI Companies Inc., which specializes in providing architectural and engineering services. He is a Structural Engineer and a 1997 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Civil Engineering. Jett joined MBI in 1998 and became CEO in 2014. For four years he also was a Worship Leader at Blount Community Church.



Jennifer is a Personal Consultant for Arbonne and when she and Brian lived in California she was a three-year member and Past President of the Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of the Menifee Valley. She also owned and operated a martial arts academy for five years and prior to that she was a first-grade teacher.



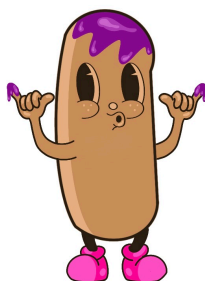
Craig's classification would be Consultant in Cyber Security. He retired from the FBI this past August 1 after 26 years. He was a Section Chief who managed the FBI's aviation, surveillance, and drone programs. He also was an Assistant Special Agent and served in the U.S. Army as a Field Artillery Officer (1992-1995). He was an Executive Advisor at the Xavier University's MBA program and a Certified Fraud Examiner.

According to Article 13, Section 5 of the club's Bylaws, any member who would like to comment about or object to the memberships of Eddie, Jennifer, or Craig has one week (7 days) from the date of this publication to make in writing any objections to the Board of Directors. If there are no objections, we will proceed with the process to accept them for membership.

# It' Time To Order the Purple Pinkie Donuts

## Your \$25 Donation Will Raise \$187.50!

The clubs of District 6780 are busy accepting orders for those delicious **Purple Pinkie Donuts** prepared by **Dunkin' Donut** shops throughout Tennessee and most parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia. This is a major fundraiser for Rotary's No. 1 priority — the global eradication of polio.



Dist. 6780's goal this year is to raise \$1.5 million. We have until COB on Monday, Oct. 16, to order the donuts.

With matching funds from Dist. 6780, Rotary International and The Bill &

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Melinda Gates Foundation, your \$25 donation becomes \$187.50. At a cost of \$3 for each polio vaccination, that \$25 donation protects more than 60 children from the crippling and deadly disease.

You can place online this [LINK](#) along with an donation (or more). Club placed using the Club will be using and is meeting Wednesday.



orders immediately at additional \$25 (group) orders can be Group Order Form we available at our

You can order them for your business office and employees or your customers. You can buy them and donate to our emergency first responders (fire and police) or to a school — or to just enjoy them at home.

Your donuts will be available for pickup on Tuesday Oct. 24th.

## *News & Notes*

### **Nichols on the Road; HVA Interact Club Working Hard; Foundation Dinner Set**



**Bill Nichols** missed Wednesday's meeting but he was very busy serving our club, Dist. 6780 and Rotary in general. Nichols loves the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program and was at Lenoir City High School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday trying to recruit applicants for next year's program. This week he's been to Catholic High, Hardin Valley, and was at CAK Thursday. He's working to set up meetings at Bearden, Farragut, Powell and Grace in the next two weeks. He'll be at the L&N STEM Academy on Tuesday. He's already been to West, Central, Fulton, and Austin East. "If time allows," he says, "I'd like to visit Maryville, Sevierville, Seymour, Halls, Gibbs and Carter." He also adds that Tory Kinson has been helping him. Great work Billy!!!! A standing ovation please!!!!

**The Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club** was busy and working hard a few days ago. They had a half-day of school and then volunteered and stayed the rest of the day to help the school's janitors clean up the school. They posted all of this on Instagram, PP Leah Berry, the club's Rotary adviser, said. They had fun (as this picture shows) but worked hard.





District 6780 Governor Susie Cantrell and District Rotary Foundation Chair Bobby Davis invite Rotarians to attend the **2023 Foundation Gala** on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023 at Gettysvue Country Club at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person and business attire is required. The guest speaker will be Past Rotary International President Mark Maloney. Here is the [LINK](#) for you to register. The dinner is limited to 90 attendees.

## Our October Birthday Lineup!

Costco's **Harker Weiss** gets our October birthdays off and running and we'll celebrate **Dr. Jack Faber's** birthday on Halloween Day, the 31st. But on Wednesday we can raise our voices for the two Oct. 4 members — Rev. Chase Depew and Steve Krempasky. Here is the complete roster!

Oct. 3: Harper Weiss  
Oct. 4: Rev. Chase Depew  
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



Happy Birthday to Leah and the guys!!

## The Mystery Ends: Rev Chase Depew

We had a great time with our **September Mystery Rotarian** on Wednesday. No one came close to identifying him. That means he will enjoy a bottle of red wine (for Communion) and the wine was Zen of Zen — maybe Zen of Sin! He also led us in Wednesday's invocation.



Meet Mystery Rotarian **Rev. Chase Depew**, pastor of Faith Promise Church in Farragut. After he accepted his wine, Chase led us in a prayer for Patty and Tom Daughtrey, both dealing with life-threatening illnesses. It was a special moment.

Fellow member Jerry Schwallier congratulated Chase on his Zen of Zen wine.

To jog your memory, here are a few of the clues about Chase:

- Was a three-sport athlete in high school — football, basketball and baseball, and added tennis their senior year.
- Worked as a whitewater rafting guide.
- Their father-in-law was diagnosed with Stage 4 Glioblastoma (GBM) brain cancer — and is still alive 9 years later.
- Lived in Arizona. Never visited the Grand Canyon
- Played college basketball
- Has 4 kids including twins!
- Major pet peeve — people eating apples during meetings.

Thanks much Rev. DePew!

## An October Thought

"Autumn is the time of year when Mother Nature says, 'Look how easy, how healthy, and how beautiful letting go can be'." — **Toni Sorensen**