

# THE FLAGSHIP



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## Coming Up!!!

Nov. 1: Board of Directors, 11 a.m.

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Nov. 8: Hallerin Hilton Hill, NewsTalk 98.7

Nov. 15: Singo

Nov. 16: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., TBA

Nov. 22: NO MEETING! HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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

## Purple Pinkie Donut Campaign Brings In \$1.4 Million+ for Polio

The preliminary numbers are in for the **2023 Dunkin' Purple Pinkie Donut Project for Polio**. After the financial matches, District 6780 and five other districts in nine states raised \$1,416,525. Of that, Dist. 6780 raised \$540,015. These totals will be rising, too.

**The Rotary Club of Farragut** did pretty good, as well. We sold 38 boxes and with the matches we added \$9,375 to the district total. The Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club (members pictured here are Addie Monroe and Conner Daniels) raised \$380 on their sales and with matches the total is \$2,850.



The preliminary \$1.4 million total is a \$110,961 increase over last year (the 2022 matched total was \$1,305,564).

District 6780 contributions totaled \$72,002 or \$540,015 fully matched. This is a year-over-year increase of 11.5% -vs- our goal of 10%, and a net increase of \$8,262 or \$62,000 fully matched.

These numbers are courtesy of PDG Greg Maciolek, the Dist. 6780 Public Image chair.

## McGhee Tyson Future: New Parking Garage & New Gates Are Coming

The northern end of Blount County is exploding with growth – the new \$200 million Amazon Fulfillment Center in Alcoa with its robots and 1,000 employees is up and running. The worldwide headquarters for gun manufacturer Smith & Wesson, based in Springfield, MA near Boston since 1852, is now based on 240-acres just off Profitt Springs Road in Maryville.

There's more growth on the way says **Becky Huckaby**, Vice President of Public Relations of the Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority. It has embarked on a multi-year Terminal Area Development Program to stay ahead of the record-breaking passenger numbers the airport expects over the next decade. The airport experienced its highest passenger volume ever in 2022 with 2.6 million passengers. Studies show that by 2026 that number will be in the neighborhood of 3.5 million.



“Due to historic growth in passenger traffic, McGhee Tyson is investing in a new parking garage that will add 3,500 new parking spaces on six levels, has expanded its economy parking lots to include a new parking area with shuttle service, and is planning to add 4-6 additional passenger gates,” Huckaby revealed.

Here are some updated facts about McGhee Tyson she shared:

- Between 90 and 100 flights daily today
- 5 airlines – American Airlines, Allegiant, Delta, Frontier and United.
- Non-stop flights to 25 cities daily
- 88th largest airport in the U.S.
- Monthly passenger records were set March through August 2023

Thanks to Becky for a superb program about our airport.

## A ‘Fanta sea’ of Orange Is Crushed!

**Alex Barnwell’s** been dreaming again, he said, and he just had to share his latest dream with us:



“I dreamt about drowning in an ocean made out of orange soda last night. It took me a while to work out it was just a ‘Fanta sea.’”

Without giving it a nanosecond of thought, **Scott Brockamp** said: “I bet it was Orange crushing, eh Alex?”

Alex smiled amidst the laughter but had nothing else to say!

## ] A Great RCF November Is Coming Your Way!

**November** for the Rotary Club of Farragut (RCF) should be very interesting. The first thing to mention is that we will not meet on **Wednesday Nov. 22nd**. That will be our 2023 Thanksgiving Holiday.

Club Assembly is only three days away and we will be inducting — not inducing, as Howard Fass said this past week — four new members: Jenny Walker, Eddie Jett, Patrick Finn and Craig Donnachie. Also, our Board of Directors will meet at 11 a.m. prior to our Assembly.

On Nov. 8 our speaker will be Hallerin Hilton Hill of NewsTalk 98.7. Our next meeting on Nov. 15 will be in the gym of the Farragut Community Center. Tom Marsh will be our Master of Ceremonies for games of musical bingo known as “SINGO.”

Our monthly Third Thursday social will be on Nov. 16th at a location to be determined.

Our final November program on the 29th will be presented by Dr. Lynne Parker, PP Bob Parker’s wife. She will be discussing AI: Artificial Intelligence.” Today she is Associate Vice Chancellor at the University of Tennessee and Director of the AI Tennessee Initiative. Prior to this role, she led national AI policy efforts for four years (2018-2022) in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

### *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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# Family of Rotary Report:

## The Knee Guys & The Nichols

Let's check on our left knee replacement guys first — **Alex Bash**, Denise's husband, and **Ralph Henry**.



- Alex: “He started physical therapy this past week and has been through two sessions so far. His pain is more under control most of the time now,” Denise says.

- Ralph was dealing with some uncomfortable swelling earlier this last week but he says things are improving. “I’ve got a new machine I’m using with ice and keeping the leg elevated,” he said. “It’s doing better and I’m doing OK in PT.” He’s not needing anything now. He is keeping his own Uber Co. busy. “That’s my three daughters,” Dad says.

**Bill Nichols and Linda** are doing OK, Bill says, but Linda is still dealing with Covid. “Linda has had to cancel some appointments at the beginning of the week. She went to the barn to see her horse, Lincoln, and sit in the sun while he grazed. I have been planting pansies in boxes to place on the deck.”

Prayers for full recoveries!!!





## 3 News & Notes of Interest for This Week

Guess who's back in town for work? This past Monday **PP Staci Wilkerson** relocated her office to the new Mountain Commerce Bank West Knox office at 9950 Kingston Pike. This location is the former SunTrust Bank building located next to Fox Road near Pellissippi Parkway. "We will open this new West Knox location on Monday, October 30th (tomorrow) and close our Cedar Bluff office. Our Bearden office will remain open," Staci said.



**Vicki (Bama) Williams** is hoping that our members will stop by Wednesday to donate blood and be a super hero by saving three lives at the **11th Annual Keeping David Landes Miracle Alive Blood Drive**. The drive will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the West Hills Center at 7019 Kingston Pike. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided at no charge and an array of coupons will given to donors.

Here are a few reminders about upcoming events:

- Our December Club Assembly will be on Dec. 13th to accommodate the annual performance of the voices of the Webb School Madrigals.
- No meeting on Nov. 22 — Thanksgiving holiday
- No meetings on Dec. 20, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2024 — Christmas and New Years holidays.

## 2023 Knoxville Challenger Pro Tennis Event Begins Nov. 6; Our Club Is a Sponsor

A week from tomorrow professional tennis returns to Knoxville when the **2023 Knoxville Challenger Men's Pro Tennis Tournament** begins at the Goodfriend Indoor Tennis Center at UT with the finals six days later on Sunday Nov. 12.



The Rotary Club of Farragut is a tournament sponsor, so our club will receive 16 sponsor passes available now — two passes per member — until we run out. Anyone who wants to reserve sponsor passes should email our

Sergeant of Arms, Howard Fass, at this [LINK](#), or see him at Wednesday's meeting. He still has 10 unclaimed passes.

The tournament purse is \$80,000. This fun event is a major fundraiser for the Helen Ross McNabb Center. In the last 15 years it has raised \$2.2 million for the center.

Sponsor parking will be at a new location this year. Sponsor parking passes will be mailed on October 25. A map showing the sponsor parking lot (under the Publix at University Commons) will appear on the back of the parking pass. There will be SUV/minivan shuttles and buses running continuously to the Goodfriend Center (a four-block walk). To expedite entry into the sponsor parking area, please remember to bring your sponsor parking pass. Please note — sponsors will not be denied entry if they don't have a parking pass.

Sponsor ticket holders will receive a sponsor bracelet at check-in, providing access to the private sponsor dining room and premium reserved gallery seating. Lunch will be served to sponsors every day (Monday, Nov. 6 – Saturday, Nov. 11) from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunches are provided courtesy of Hard Knox Pizza, Aubrey's, By the Tracks Catering, Buddy's Custom Catering, Spaces in the City and Willy's Butcher Shop.

Dinner will be served (Monday, Nov. 6 - Friday, Nov. 10) from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. courtesy of Brown Bag, Cazzy's Corner Grill and By The Tracks Catering. Elkmont Station will provide brunch on Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

## 10 Members Celebrate November Birthdays

Our **November 2023 birthdays** kick off on Wednesday with Jeff Devlin's special day. During the month we have a total of 10 Farragut Rotarians celebrating. Here is the complete list and we hope we didn't miss anyone!

Nov. 1: Jeff Devlin  
Nov. 2: PP Peggy Wilson  
Nov. 5: Dr. Bill Adkins  
Nov. 6: Stephanie Markowitz  
Nov. 15: Tory Kinson  
Nov. 19: Doc Pratt  
Nov. 21: PP Becky Duncan  
Nov. 21: Kristen Otto  
Nov. 23: PP Tom King  
Nov. 25: PP Dan Barnett



Happy Birthday girls and boys!!!!



## It's Mystery Time in November!

We gave our sleuths a month off in October. Now they need to get it in gear to try and unmask our **November Mystery Rotarian**. And here are the first four clues:

- Has been skydiving twice
- Managed two Calhoun's restaurants in Nashville
- Was in Italy when Pope John Paul II died on April 2, 2005 and saw the funeral
- Loves all things chocolate

The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win a bottle of a very tasty wine. If the Mystery Rotarian's clues stump the sleuths, he or she wins the wine!



## A Thought for Your Week

“My therapist told me that the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.” — **Dave Barry**