
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!!!

Sept. 13: Lt. Col. Travers Hurst, 134th Air Refueling Wing, McGhee Tyson Air Base

Sept. 20: Knox County Mayor Glen Jacobs

Sept. 21: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., location TBA

Sept. 27: Farragut Mayor Ron Williams

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

134th Refueling Wing's XO LTC Travers Hurst Joins Us on Wednesday

Lt. Col. Travers Hurst, the Executive Officer of the 134th Air Refueling Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard (TANG) at McGhee Tyson, will speak Wednesday.

In 1994 he became the 134th's Health Services Administrator and Special Projects Coordinator. He also serves as the unit's Public Affairs Officer.

Away from the TANG he was a Project Manager / Assistant Program Manager / and Senior Finance Officer at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for nine years.

He has a Masters in Industrial Engineering from UT, a Masters in Business Administration from LMU and a B.A. in Economics from UT in 1991.

The Club Assembly: Busy, Fun & Exciting

It was, to say the least, a busy, fun and interesting **Club Assembly** Wednesday. It showcased the essence of our club — fun, fellowship, service, family and just having a good ole time together! It was a challenge for Ringmaster President Val Privett.

Greeter Noah Myers asked for humor. Zero humor. There is a God!!!

How about good news? Farragut Mayor Ron Williams let us know that a second Dollar General Store is coming to town out close to Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor along with an Advanced Auto store. We've previously mentioned that a new Publix is planned for the corner of Kingston Pike and Watt Road.



As for guests, we had only one. Julie Blaylock introduced **Maestro Régulo Stabilito**, the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association's (ORCMA) Music Director of the Oak Ridge Symphony. He is a native of Venezuela. They are pictured here.

We also had two Member Moments from Scott Brockamp and PP Tom King. Both were mostly uneventful !

Sgt. at Arms Howard Fass shared that four members on Wednesday donated books for our two **Little Libraries** in our community — Judith Bradbury, PP Jim O'Brien, PP Peggy Wilson and Treasurer Steve Krempasky. Keep checking for books at your home because sooner or later we will need them.

Secretary Sonya Ford reported on our August Honorable Mentions for member anniversaries: Chuck Laine — 10 years and with RI for 16 years; President Val 6 years; Mayor Ron Williams, David Fielder and Kristen Otto — 2 years; Andrew Vollman — 1 year.

From Our Boardroom Gathering

Let's head inside our **Board of Directors** meeting from Wednesday and report on what all that talking, laughing and who's making a motion and who is seconding it was all about anyway under President Val's leadership.

The board's actions were:

- Accepted a request from PP Ron Lawrence to be classified under the Rule of 85 effective Oct. 1, 2023.
- Accepted the resignation of Lilly Rayson.
- Agreed to charge Visiting Rotarians \$20 per meal.
- Approved a motion for a \$700 sponsorship of the Knoxville Challenger Pro Tennis Tournament (Nov. 6-12) to benefit the Helen Ross McNabb Center.

Secretary Sonya Ford's report:

- At the end of August we have 87 members (Mark Holder was removed from the roster).
- Average attendance for five meetings in August was an impressive 73.7%.

Larry Hornbaker Passes at 88



Many of our veteran and long-time members have great memories of **Larry Douglas Hornbaker**, who was a major part of our club after he moved to East Tennessee following an incredible career at Pepperdine University. That said, we pass along the news that Larry, at the age of 88, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 in Arlington, TX. He and wife Carole moved there to be near their children and grandchildren in 2012.

Larry was a Past District Governor twice over for two California districts and is the retired VP at Pepperdine University. While in our club, Larry was our link and Guru about all things related to The Rotary

Foundation, serving as chair and co-chair of our Foundation Committee.

Before he came to us, he was:

- A Zone representative to Rotary International
- Past Dist. Governor in California 1990-91 Dist. 5280
- A delegate to the Council on Legislation
- Permanent Fund Director for the Rotary Foundation
- Past President of the Rotary Club of Malibu

In December 2012 the Board of Directors reluctantly accepted his resignation. Larry has been a distinguished Rotarian for 32 years and joined the Rotary Club of Farragut in 2004. Our club also voted Larry as OUR first-ever Honorary Lifetime Member.

Hornbaker is survived by his wife, Carole; their children, Deborah, Douglas, David, and Darin; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Here is a [LINK](#) to the story Pepperdine University published about Larry.

Family of Rotary Updates

PP Jim O'Brien has finished all of the preliminary procedures to prepare for his upcoming proton therapy treatment for prostate cancer. But he says things are on hold until after Wednesday's (9/13) heart catheterization at Parkwest Medical Center. "If my cardiologist finds relatively mild coronary artery blockages, he'll clean them out and insert a stent (or two) to keep them open. In that case, I'll be admitted

Four-Way Test

Rotary's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

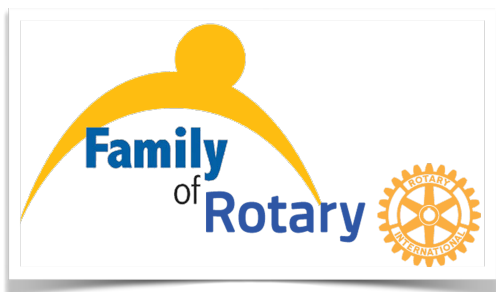
- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Here is a [LINK](#) to our page.



and will spend the night under observation, being discharged the following day. In this case, I'll start my proton therapy during the week of September 18." If his cardiologist finds more serious blockages requiring bypass surgery, he'll refer Jim to a cardiac/thoracic surgeon for open heart surgery. That

would obviously delay the proton therapy until after the heart surgery and cardiac rehabilitation. "Needless to say, Diane, Meghan, and I are praying for the former. My thanks to all my Rotarian friends who have sent me cards, e-mails, and online messages of support and encouragement. All of them have said that they're praying for a positive outcome. I definitely thank everyone for their prayers!"

Susan Hoffman, John's better half by far, shows off her new bracelet given to her by the Cancer Team at UT Medical Center to celebrate five years of being cancer free. Five years ago she was diagnosed with a relatively small Estrogen Receptor positive breast tumor. This was completely unrelated to her 2010 bout with breast cancer. After a mastectomy, she spent the last five years on either Tamoxifen or Arimidex to increase her odds of successfully overcoming the danger of recurrence. "On August 30 Dr. Panella released her from further treatment with no evidence of cancer to be found. It has been a long hard fight, and we are grateful for this good news. Dr. Panella gave her a survivor's bracelet with the number 5 on it," John says. Great news for Susan and John!!!!



Dr. Jack Faber is still improving, but slowly, wife Jeanne says. "The setback had been far greater than we thought from our recent trip to Michigan," she said.



Mila Veronica Vollman is home now with Mom and Dad after an extended stay at UT Medical Center's NCIU. This cutie was a "premie." Daddy Andrew says their new little girl and her Mom **Kayla** are both doing great. She was born at 33 weeks and weighed only 3 lbs and 3 oz. Kayla works from home for Truist Bank in its mortgage department.

HVA Interact Draws Crowd at Kickoff

Bill Nichols and PP Leah Berry attended the **Hardin Valley Academy (HVA) Interact Club Kickoff** last week and the group was so large that they ran out of space in the library where they typically meet! President Olivia Schippers had a presentation ready, and many faces from last year were in the group.



One notable new member was freshman Emma Hackett, daughter of our own Brandon Hackett!

"They are excited to get started, already participating in our Wesley House project, and discussing more service opportunities. Bill shared about Rotary Youth Exchange, and quite a few students came up for more information afterwards," Leah says. "If anyone in the club would like to join me for one of their meetings, please let me know! I'd love to have them meet more of our members. You check in at the office around 11:20 and get a visitor badge."

News & Notes

Help for Hospitality; Help for Julie; FHS Interact News & Barnett's Address

VP Scott Bertini is chair of our new **Hospitality Committee** that makes sure our catered lunches are set up and ready to go along with our tables. They also help with whatever cleanup is needed after the meetings. Scott says he needs a few more volunteers for the committee. Please use this [LINK](#) to sign up for helping after a meeting. And we thank you!

In case you missed this, **Julie Tryukhan** from Ukraine, will begin her new job on Monday Sept. 18 in KUB's Human Resources Dept. She is having a problem finding childcare help for Polly, who is 2. **PP Jim O'Brien, PP Bob Parker** and **PDG Greg Maciolek** have been working hard to help her — with little luck so far. It seems the childcare programs are all full. They checked at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church's Weekday School and at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Farragut. If anyone can help, please let us know.



Tom Woodbery, our adviser to the new **Interact Club at Farragut High School**, says the school is having a Career Exposure Guest Speaking event on Tuesday Oct. 3 from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The speaker would give the same presentation to 5 different groups of students. The audience would be 9th graders who are just starting a module of career exploration. This is a new event for us. If you are interested please email Tom at this [LINK](#) or get with him at a meeting soon.

PP Dan Barnett says he's had a few members ask him for the address of their new Rockwood Marina RV Park and Resort in Rockwood on Watts Bar Lake.. The address is 1500 Pumphouse Road, Rockwood, TN 37854. He says that they had 35 RVs for Labor Day weekend. Here is a [LINK](#) to their

new video. The new marina will feature 150 RV sites, 200 boat slips, a fuel dock, motorized and non-motorized water rentals, resort amenities, a cafe and bar, and swim beach.

OK Dads....PP Megan Belcher invites you and your daughters to the **2nd Annual Boots & Beauties Daddy-Daughter Dance** on Sunday Oct. 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Farragut High School Commons. Tickets are \$50 for each Daddy-Daughter twosome and \$10 for each additional daughter. This is a fundraiser for the Farragut High Dance Team. There will be a DJ, Photo Booth and food trucks. Megan's daughter, Piper Grace, is a member of the dance team and Meghan is a "Dance Mom." If you want tickets, here is the [LINK](#) to email Megan. You also can text her at (865) 368-4056.

How 'Bout Some Guesses for Our Interesting September Mysterian!

Last week's first four clues about the **September Mystery Rotarian** did not attract a single guess. In all of the years we've been playing this game this has never happened. Perhaps these next four clues will bring a few guesses.

Here we go:

- Was a three-sport athlete in high school — football, basketball and baseball, and added tennis their senior year.
- Had breakfast with former Indianapolis Colts Coach Tony Dungy with a mutual friend, Travis Brown, who was Peyton Manning's backup QB for the Colts.
- At the age of 12 they were driving a jet ski on Watauga Lake and a stepbrother on another jet ski collided with them. What happened? "I was knocked unconscious and had a broken shoulder. My Dad pulled me out of the water."
- Worked as a whitewater rafting guide.



If anyone has a guess this week, email it to TOM KING and the first correct guess wins the wine. If no one can ID this Rotarian, then they win the wine!

A Passing Thought for the Week

“Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.” — **Ogden Nash**

