
THE FLAGSHIP



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Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

Sept. 14: Eddie Smith,
Childhelp Tennessee

Sept. 15: Third
Thursday, 5:30 p.m.,
Top Golf

Sept. 21: Doug Lawyer,
Knoxville Chamber

Sept. 28: Jessica Van
Dyke, Tennessee
Innocence Project

Oct. 5: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

Oct. 5: Club Assembly

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



Childhelp's Eddie Smith Speaks Wednesday

Childhelp Tennessee is a statewide agency dealing with child abuse and neglect, two very real issues in the Volunteer state. **Eddie Smith** is the Director of Programs and Development for Childhelp Tennessee and he is our speaker Wednesday.

He is a former state representative from Knoxville and a freelance live event producer. Smith earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Management from Tusculum College.



He was appointed by the Knox County Legislative Delegation in 2021 to serve on the Knox County Election Commission. Additionally, he serves as a commissioner on the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (appointed by Governor Bill Lee), a commissioner on the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission (appointed by Mayor Glenn Jacobs), and as a board member of the Southern Regional Education Board (appointed by former Governor Bill Haslam).

It's Top Golf Time on Third Thursday



The very popular venue **Top Golf** recently opened on Outlet Drive and we will have our **September Third Thursday "ParTee"** there this coming Thursday on Sept. 15. We already have 16 signed up with another eight "maybe's on the list.

If you'd like to attend, here is the [LINK](#) for your RSVP.

We will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end when one and all head home. No doubt many of us will be strolling around and checking out this destination recreational facility, complete with a bar, restaurant, game room and of course the two-level golf driving range.

Bring your spouse or significant other or someone who may become a prospective member.

Wednesday's Guest Report

It was a fun day for guests. Here they are!



- Former member **Dr. Joseph Hicks**, pictured here with President Megan, was the guest of PP Tom King and it appears that Joe is very interested in rejoining the club. Great news!

- Sam Mishu's guest was **Anne White**, owner of the Boyd Harvey House on Harvey Road that is now a bed and breakfast open to one and all. This house is on the National Register of Historic Places and very beautiful.

- PP Leah Berry introduced a Rotarian from the South Campbell County Rotary Club, **Debbie Farmer**. She has moved to Knoxville and is looking for a Rotary home here.

- President Megan's guest again was **Alicia Carver** of MEDIC, who is a Prospective Member.

Glad you all joined us!

Thanks to Cara Beth for Our Humor



PP Fred Martin provided our humor on Wednesday with a great story best described as wisdom from a kid — his granddaughter.

“Cara Beth is 5 and she started kindergarten this year. Her teacher, Mrs. Kreuger, sent home a questionnaire to gather information about her students. Her mother asked Cara Beth several of the questions like, "Do you have brothers or sisters?" and "Do you have a pet?" she asked — “What is your favorite thing to do?"

After starting to answer "Going to the pool to swim" Cara Beth said: “No, no, no,...put "spending time with Mrs.

Kreuger!"

Quite a little Eddie Haskell. FYI for our younger members: Eddie Haskell was a fictional character on the American television sitcom "Leave It to Beaver" — which ran from 1957 to 1963. He was played by Ken Osmond.

From the Boardroom
Woodbery, Kinson
Step Up for FHS Interact

It was a busy 90-minute meeting of President Megan Belcher's **Board of Directors** on Wednesday. Lots of great discussion, energy and passion for the Rotary Cub of Farragut.

One of the biggest pieces of news was about our new **Farragut High School (FHS) Interact Club**. Two of our newer members have come forward to be the advisors for the club — **Tom Woodbery and Tory Kinson**, the latter co-chair of Youth Services. Tom is a longtime Rotarian who moved here from Macon, GA where he was an assistant district governor and a past president of the Macon Rotary Club. This is GREAT news!

And in the other board news:

- Accepted the resignation of **Harvey Heard**, who managed the Sherrill Hills Retirement Resort where Dr. Bill Adkins and Bettye Sisco live. He has resigned that position and moved back to Florida.
- **Secretary Sonya Ford** reported that we have 92 members, including two Honorary members and our August attendance was 49%.
- Agreed to establish a new standing **Finance Committee**, which will require a vote by the membership and necessitate an updating of our bylaws.
- Agreed to make an \$800 donation to the **Knox Challenger Professional Tennis Tournament** that benefits the Helen Ross McNabb Center. The tournament will be played Nov 7-13 and is a USTA Pro Circuit Event with \$50,000 in prize money. More details later.

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.

Drivers Needed for Adkins & Sisco

We have two members who need help getting to our Wednesday meetings — **Dr. Bill Adkins and Bettye Sisco**. They both live at the Sherrill Hills Retirement Resort off of Kingston Pike on the hill behind Academy Sports.

They need round-trip rides to our meetings. To date we have four Farragut Rotarians signed up for this through October 12. The next available open slot is October 19.

If you can help, please click on this [LINK](#) to sign up!

Our Family of Rotary Report



Denise Bash posted a great update on her Facebook page yesterday about son **Benji**, who is home visiting this week. Here is an excerpt from her post: “....People always ask about Benji's attitude. I am so proud of him. He has hard days — we all do. He has days where the progress seems so slow. Sometimes we all must remind ourselves how far he has come. This week Benji had the opportunity to go back and visit the nurses and staff at the hospital in Greenville (more on that soon). He came home to Knoxville on Wednesday evening. Benji got to go to Chloe's last golf match of the season (they are pictured here as Chloe practices). Today (Saturday) he

gets to see his nephew's 1st birthday. Tomorrow we will have family pictures. On Tuesday he will head back down to Camp Lejeune to begin the next phase of this battle. Please keep him in your prayers for the long road ahead.” To date he has had 24 surgeries since his motorcycle accident this past March 9 and she says he will need at least two more.

Judith Bradbury is now home after having her right knee replaced in Nashville in late August and two weeks of physical therapy at NHC Farragut. She's still dealing with pain but very happy to be home. “I can't tell you how glad I am to be home! I am still feeling much rougher and needing more help than I expected. But I really think I am on

the up and up!!!” she said today. She begins physical therapy at Fort Sanders West on Monday. Once she knows her PT schedule will post a schedule so our members can sign up to take her for her sessions. We will send that news out in an email Monday evening or on Tuesday.

Bettye Sisco says she’s “good.” No news, have had a better week and that’s about it, Bettye said.

Prayers for one and all.

World Polio Day Coming on Oct. 24th

Rotary International is encouraging clubs to hold events on or near our **5th Annual World Polio Day** on Tuesday October 24. Last year, supporters in 90 countries registered more than 1,400 World Polio Day events to raise money for the eradication of polio and to promote this worldwide project.

Clubs that have events are asked to register them using this [LINK](#)

RI has a motto for this day: “One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio.”

Part of this day will be a live stream event by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary will stream this live from Gates Foundation headquarters in Seattle to bring together more than 50,000 viewers around the world. Join

in as global health experts and celebrities share our progress on the road to polio eradication. When we get the details about this event we will pass it along.



Keep in mind that this fight is not over. No way. In July, a case of variant poliovirus type 2 (VDPV2) was detected in the New York state just weeks after the virus was detected in wastewater samples in the UK. Please read the next story below!

The re-emergence of polio can be explained by many factors, including vaccine hesitancy and a global drop in childhood vaccination rates, but it’s clear today that no matter the location, anyone not vaccinated against polio is at risk. To prevent further

cases of paralysis, all countries must maintain high vaccination coverage and robust disease surveillance. The U.S. vaccine percentage is 95%. Fully funding the 2022-2026 GPEI strategy is the best way to protect people everywhere into the future, keeping polio from spreading across borders and around the world. Until we eradicate polio worldwide, it will always be just a plane ride away.

Here is a [LINK](#) to a story about how other clubs will be celebrating on this day.

..... And This Today From New York

“Poliovirus detected in more wastewater near New York City”

ALBANY, N.Y. – New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said Friday afternoon the state was stepping up its polio-fighting efforts as the virus that causes the life-threatening disease was detected in the wastewater of yet another county in the New York City area. Hochul declared a state disaster emergency that allows EMS workers, midwives and pharmacists to administer polio vaccines and allows doctors to issue standing orders for the vaccine. Data on immunizations will be used to focus vaccination efforts where they’re needed the most.

The Medical Moment

Get the COVID Booster! Get Your Flu Shot!

Dr. Charlie Barnett’s medical advice today is quite clear — get the shots!



The good doctor’s opening Q&A: “When should you get your COVID booster and the flu shot? The bottom line is anytime, just get them. However, for optimal effectiveness, with the least side effects” he says this:

Get your COVID booster now. There may be some improvement in your immune response if you change vaccine manufacturers from your initial series to the new booster. That is, if Pfizer was your

initial series, get the Moderna for the booster.

The optimal time for the seasonal flu vaccine is October to early November. This timing should help protect you during the early winter flu season. Also, by taking the booster and the flu vaccine at different times, you will know which injection gave you a reaction (if you have one, which is rare).

One last tidbit — “Paxlovid, the medication for treating active COVID infection, has gotten some bad press lately. However, a recent study from Israel showed that individuals 65 and older with COVID when treated with Paxlovid had a 79% decrease in death and a 73% decrease in hospitalization. Unfortunately, those patients under 65 showed little benefit from the medication. Sorry.”

September Is a Month for a Mystery

September brings in cooler evenings, football, our first thoughts about the fall and leaf color and a mystery — as in a **September Mystery Rotarian**. Today’s clues get the game going and this will be a month of great clues every week.

- Our Rotarian is a big NASCAR fan and met the late Dale Earnhardt.
- Favorite beverage of choice — a good bourbon.
- Was an All-Star catcher in high school and slugged a homer in the All-Star game.
- Get this: “I was spanked only once as a child – and that was a story for the books!” That’s a story we’ll want to hear!



The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will win the wine from **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors**. If no one can ID this Rotarian, he or she will take the wine home!

A 9-11 Quote With Great Meaning

“If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate.” — **Sandy Dahl**, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl, who died in a field in Shanksville, PA