

# THE FLAGSHIP



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## *Coming Up!!!*

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,  
Julie Tryukhan & Kids

Oct. 12: Mark Grenier,  
Top Golf GM

Oct. 12: Purple Pinkie  
Donut Day for Polio

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

## The Fun's Coming: 50's Era Sock Hop Wine Tasting Party!

You're going to need to find your dancing shoes and don your clothes from 50-plus years ago, because on Friday night December 2 we'll be rocking, jitter-bugging and raising money at the Rotary Club of Farragut's **50's Era Sock Hop Wine Tasting Party** at the new Farragut Community Center.

Our show producers are our Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs Scott Brockamp and Jerry Schwallier. They say we'll be sock hopping until we drop somewhere around 9'ish p.m.



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

towards having a live band too. Our last Wine Tasting was in 2019, in the rain at the Concord Marina, and as I understand it, there was dancing, ‘wine cork popping’ and just a lot of fun.”

They are assembling a “high-level planning committee and will look for other Rotarians to assist on one or more “execution” committees. As they continue the planning process, they will be providing other details such as the fundraising goals, ticket costs, and maybe a dancing contest (hint hint)! And dare we try a Limbo contest?

Let’s remember this too — all donations for the cost of tickets and anything else you contribute are tax deductible for our Foundation.

Is this going to be fun — OR WHAT???

## Farragut Earns Rotary’s Highest Award



Perhaps that old saying “better late than never” is really true.

This past Thursday Past President David Bluford received an email from Rotary International’s 2021-22 President Shekar Mehta congratulating the Rotary Club of Farragut for earning the **Rotary Citation** during the Bluford presidency.

“This is the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve,” Mehta said.

“This past Rotary year your club

demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.”

To achieve the Rotary Citation, our club selected 13 of the 25 available goals, and reported our achievements in Rotary Club Central. The goals we met included

increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in our community.

“This accomplishment is a reflection of the commitment and quality of our club and our members and please accept my appreciation for all the support and work of everyone to attain this great award,” PP David said.

Congratulations to PP David and our club!

## **Knoxville Chamber's Doug Lawyer Is Our Speaker on Wednesday**

**Doug Lawyer**, who is not a lawyer, is the Vice President of Economic Development for the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. He has worked there since 2001. Lawyer will be our speaker on Wednesday.

In his role at the Knoxville Chamber, Doug leads efforts to recruit new businesses, jobs, wages, and capital investments into the Innovation Valley region and oversees the regional economic development effort for the greater Knoxville area.

Doug received his Bachelor of Arts degrees in Geography and Political Science from Wittenberg University and his Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Tennessee.

He has been awarded the Certified Economic Developer designation. He is past President of the Tennessee Economic Development Council and East Tennessee Industrial Council, as well as Past Chair of the Tennessee Economic Partnership and a graduate of Leadership Knoxville.



In these tough economic times, this should be an interesting program.

# Big Welcome to Our Visitors: 3 Are PM's Too!

Great day for visitors and guests and Prospective Members. Read all about 'em!



- PP Tom King had a pair of guests and both are Prospective Members — **Harker Weiss** (pictured here with Tom), the new manager of Costco, and former member **Dr. Joseph Hicks**, an Orthodontist Extraordinaire.

- PP Staci Wilkerson introduced **Cheryl Richey**,

also a Prospective Member. She owns Richey Properties and is a Realtor.

- Julie Blaylock's guest was **Trevor Hobbs**, the Assistant to the Town Administrator for the town of Farragut.
- We had one Visiting Rotarian — **Susana Navarro** from the Rotary Club of Knoxville (The Downtown club).
- He was not a guest for sure, or a Visiting Rotarian, but it was nice to see the smiling face of longtime Rotarian **Larry Click** at our meeting.
- And we always welcome **Tammy Cheek** of the Farragut Press.



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### ***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.

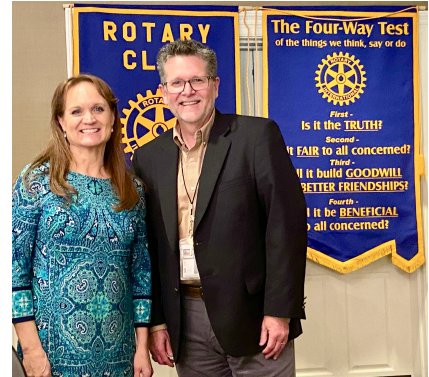


## Childhelp Living Up to Its Name!

Too many of our children experience abuses — sexual, physical, drugs, witnesses to crimes, and medical maltreatment, among others — and too many need foster parents and homes. It's not a pretty picture, but the **Childhelp's Child Advocacy Center (CAC)** and its **Foster Care Program** are working hard for these kids.

On Wednesday we heard from Childhelp's Vonda McGill, the director of the CAC who also is a Mental Health Practitioner, and Mark Akers, who direct its Foster Family Agency Program. They are pictured here.

McGill explained that there is a Childhelp Advocacy Center in every Tennessee judicial district — and there are 31 judicial districts in Tennessee's 95 counties. Here are some fast facts we learned:



- Supported are children between the ages of 3 and 18 with victim advocates on staff.
- They work hand in hand with the District Attorneys and law enforcement. Forensic interviews with the victims are watched and recorded for use as evidence.
- They have a certified sex abuse nurse examiner on staff.
- 90 kids are on the waiting list for mental health therapy and they have 5 therapists.
- The sister family program receives 160 referrals for not enough foster homes.
- There are 1,400 foster kids in East Tennessee and 9,000 statewide for Childhelp.
- Foster families are reimbursed for groceries and other expenses incurred.

“When foster kids turn 18 they have a choice to remain with us until they are 21 if they are in school,” Akers said.

The foster care program covers the counties of Knox, Blount, Anderson, Sevier, Loudon, Monroe, Roane, Morgan, Union, Scott, Campbell, Claiborne, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, and Cocke.

Our President Elect Val Privett is a member of the Childhelp Board of Directors.

If you'd like more information or to volunteer, you call them at (865) 637-1753. Here is a [LINK](#) to the Child Advocacy Center and a [LINK](#) for the sister care website

## This Week's Family of Rotary News

**Judith Bradbury** says things are “looking up and up and up.” She is feeling better and going to physical therapy three days a week. Looks like she may not need us until Monday Oct. 10 for some transportation help! She is always so upbeat. On Wednesday she will be going to Lebanon for a follow-up with her surgeon.



**Denise Bash** says they had a great visit with Marine Lance Cpl. Benji last week. He's back at Camp Lejeune now and yesterday volunteered at a homeless shelter in nearby Jacksonville, N.C. Pretty amazing!

We still have a sign-up page for members to volunteer with helping **Dr. Bill Adkins** and **Bettye Sisco** get to our meetings and back to and from the Sherrill Hills Retirement Resort Community off Kingston Pike behind Academy Sports. Tom Woodberry will be taking care of this for the next three weeks and PP Jim O'Brien will be next. The next opening is for Oct. 19. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up.

## Charlie's Medical Moment: Tea, Anyone?

Today, **Dr. Charlie Barnett** says he noticed an interesting tidbit that was reported from England this week regarding drinking tea.



“In a study ([LINK TO STUDY](#)), half a million individuals followed for 11 years reported on their tea consumption. Those drinking 2 to 4 cups a day had a 13% reduction in all causes of mortality. This is probably due to the fact that tea is rich in polyphenols and flavonoids, which are antioxidants. Green tea has been reported in the past to have health benefits over dark tea. Interestingly, green tea has more antioxidants than dark tea but now both are shown to be beneficial. Similar benefits have been shown for the moderate consumption of coffee.

“This may be just a statistical quirk, but at least we know that drinking tea and/or coffee is not harmful. The same cannot be said for drinking diet soda. Sorry.”

## *News'n'Notes*

### **Third Thursday! Networking! Donuts!**

**Thursday's Third Thursday "ParTee"** (get it?) at Top Golf was a fun but noisy experience we are told. We had three foursomes and a twosome — 14 people — enjoying their round of fun and food. Clockwise in the picture from "6 p.m." are PP Jim O'Brien, Cindy and Paul Kraus, Mike Singletary, Jerry Schwallier, Teri Jo Fox and hubby Eric Whitener, Paula Womack with Fred Adomat, Josh Hornberger, PP Ed Jones, Anita Singletary, and Jeanne and Jack Faber. We hear the October party may be at Chuy's in Cedar Bluff. Stay tuned!



**The Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce** had a networking event earlier this week at Movement Mortgage, the work home of our Vicki Cope Williams. And as the accompanying picture shows, Farragut Rotary was well represented with, left to right, Andrew Vollman, Vicki, Cindy Kraus, Steve Krempasky, Val Privett and Teri Jo Fox. This appears to count as a meeting makeup, too.

Get ready for a major Dist. 6780 and local fundraiser for polio — the October 12 **Purple PinkieDount Day for World Polio Day**. We will be selling and buying dozens of Purple Pinkie Donuts from the good people at Dunkin' Donuts locally and at all stores in Tennessee. More news will be coming on the goal for this year and all of the details on cost and such.

# Le Mystère est Toujours un Mystère!

Where is Inspector Jacques Clouseau when you need him!

So far, but only after four clues, our RCF sleuths are stumped by our **September Mystery Rotarian**. Those first clues generated some very interesting guesses. Today we pass along the next four clues for them...and for any potential sleuths.

Here they are:

- Was known as a talking troublemaker in school and constantly in trouble.
- Went parasailing behind a speedboat with their mother, who had had a hip replaced but never told the “kids.”
- Their grandfather was the first officer in the police department to have a Harley Davidson motorcycle and the last to surrender it.
- When confronted with a “white knuckle” situation, here’s how the Mysterian says they react: “I start laughing and can’t stop.”



The first correct guess from Clouseau or one of our sleuths emailed to TOM KING wins the wine from our great friends the Taylor Family at **Dixie Lee Wines & Liquor**. It's looking like the wine may end up with our Mystery Rotarian!

## A Thought for Your Week

“Don’t aim for success. If you want it, just do what you love and believe in it and it will come naturally.” — **David Frost**