

THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up!!!

Sept. 7: Board of
Directors, 10:30 a.m.

Sept 7: Club Assembly

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

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



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Family of Rotary Needs Your Help for Adkins, Sisco & Bradbury

In July of 2005 a member of our club had serious knee surgery — what they call “bi-lateral replacements.” The translation was having both knees replaced in the same three-plus hours of surgery. After five days in the hospital and two weeks of physical therapy, he went home.

Fred Martin was president and called our Rotarian to see how he was feeling and what needs he had. This was several years before our Family of Rotary Committee existed. The only need, he told Fred, was transportation to three physical therapy sessions a week for 14 weeks. His wife was a school teacher and could not take him but could pick him up. He had to be at therapy by 2 p.m.



PP Fred turned to then member **Linda Bellich**. Two days later Bellich called the Rotarian and incredibly had a schedule for all 14 weeks filled — a combination of club members and their spouses. They picked him up at 1:30 every day for all 42 of the PT trips.

That was a real need then and today we have two real needs being coordinated by **Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus** and she needs our help and the key word is “our.” We have two members living at the Sherrill Hills Retirement Resort off of Kingston Pike on the hill behind Academy Sports. **Bettye Sisco** and **Dr. Bill Adkins** need roundtrip rides to our meetings. To date we have only two members signed up and one, Tom Woodbery, signed up for back-to-back weeks in September. And we need someone for this coming meeting Wednesday. If you can help, here is the [LINK](#) to sign up!

The other Rotarian who will need help is **Judith Bradbury**, fresh off right knee replacement surgery on Aug. 23. She is about to begin her second week of physical therapy at NHC Farragut and is going home on Thursday, Sept. 8. We think she will need transportation help beginning the next week. Cindy will be setting up another web page for Farragut Rotarians to drive Judith to PT and back home. More details and a link for this as we have the details.

Can we get it done? Farragut Rotarians always get it done!

Our Family of Rotary Report

Here's the report from **Judith Bradbury** at NHC Farragut: "I am up and down. Had a miserable day yesterday (Friday) but more perky today. I will be discharged Thursday if all goes well. I'm not sure whether or not I want to be home just yet! I'm so spoiled here. And PT is really excellent — so great just to walk or ride down to have it."

Marine Lance Cpl. Benji Bash is out of the hospital and the next big news from **Denise** is so wonderful to read: "He's coming home later this week for a few days. It will be his first time home since the accident. He's doing well after getting out of the hospital on Thursday. But he's still tired."

Our Housing Market: KAAR's Sale Not Optimistic About Much Changing



The residential housing market is not good in 2022. Prices are up, listings down and about the only people enjoying it are those relocating here from California, Chicago, New York and Nashville. The high prices are reflected by a 40% growth in sales volume in dollars. The rental market is worse with a 98% occupancy rate and maybe the highest monthly rental rates ever.

That's what we heard Wednesday from **Hancen Sale**, the Government Affairs and Policy Director of the Knoxville Area Association of Realtors (KAAR). In this role Sale serves as the chief policy advisor and consultant to the KAAR leadership and Board of Directors.

Sale listed four reasons driving our market numbers:

- Simple demand
- Migration of people from high-cost areas
- Baby Boomers wanting to move
- Millennials as first-time buyers

One surprising statistic is that 39% of people today are living alone, Sale said. He noted that construction costs are up 22% while wage growth is only 7%. “Affordability is not good and is a problem,” he said, adding, “I’m not optimistic that this is all going to change anytime soon.”

He said Knoxville is experiencing a net loss in population. The growth areas are Knox, Blount and Loudon Counties.

“On a per capita basis, Davidson County’s new housing construction is four times that of Knox County,” he said. “And there’s no new houses being developed in East Knox County because there is no infrastructure there for the most part. That is more of a political issue than a development issue. Same for infill locations in the city.”

Nice program Hancen!

Light Day: Visitors & Guests

It was a light day for guests, but the good news is that one is a Prospective Member.

- President Megan Belcher’s guest was **Alicia Carver**, Donor Engagement Coordinator for MEDIC. She is a Prospective Member and pictured here.
- Scott Bertini’s guest was **Roy Nicaud**, a Realtor with Realty Executives.
- Again this week Jessica Mishu’s guest was **Alex Pauliodakis**.



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.

How ‘Bout a Little Humor for One & All

Our humor these days ain't what it used to be...if it ever was! Not long ago we even heard a blonde joke or two. We'd prefer not to hear those, the Humor Committee says.



PE Val Privett offered this for our Wednesday humor: “Why do cows wear bells around their necks? Because their horns don’t work.”

That shared, we’ll throw in these snippets overheard in conversations between the old guys at the Humorville Grille:

- I used to be able to do cartwheels. Now I tip over putting on my underwear.
- I thought growing old would take longer.
- Life is too short to waste time matching socks.
- If you're happy and you know it, it's your meds.
- The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is "wallet, glasses, keys and phone.”

OK, let’s hear it!!!! Give it up!!!!

It’s September for Farragut Rotary

President Elect Val Privett is doing a stellar job in assembling an impressive array of speakers for us and this month is no exception. But before we get to that lineup, we have some time-change news for our Board of Directors.

President Megan has a full agenda for the board and is shifting the meeting from 11 a.m. to **10:30 a.m.** to leave time for discussion and questions. If you have to be a little late, Megan says she’s understanding. But we have a few important issues on the agenda.

After the board meets we will have our September Club Assembly. That’s a great opportunity for visitors and Prospective Members to see our club discuss its business and programs.

Our programs this month will be about Childhelp Tennessee, the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Innocence Project. In the middle of that will be our September 15 Third Thursday at Top Golf (more about that below in Newsy Notes).

Newsy Notes of Interest

It'll Be a Third Thursday 'Par-Tee' @ Top Golf on September 15th

Our **September 15th Third Thursday "PAR-TEE"** will be at Top Golf and we already have 14 people signed up to attend. This could be a record crowd for a Third Thursday. Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus has organized this. If you are interested in attending, here is the sign-up [LINK](#) for you. It will begin at 5:30 p.m.



A pair of Farragut Rotarians are playing major roles in the Tennessee Municipal League (TML). **Farragut Mayor Ron Williams** was elected first vice president of the TML during its recent annual business meeting in Gatlinburg. And **PP David Smoak**, Farragut Town Administrator, was elected to the TML board of directors. Williams was nominated by a five-member nominating committee composed of municipal officials statewide. He was then elected for a one-year term by a majority vote of the TML membership. Smoak was elected as one of eight district directors to represent his section of the state.

Julie Blaylock, president and CEO of the Farragut West Know Chamber of Commerce, is now a member of the Tennessee State Chamber of Commerce Executive Board for 2022-23 fiscal year representing East Tennessee. Congrats to Julie!



United Way of Greater Knoxville recently named **Stephanie Markowitz** as a finalist for the East Tennessee Volunteer Recognition award for her service and commitment to our community. Joan Cronan, former director of UT Women's Athletics, made the presentation (pictured here). Congrats to this busy Rotarian!

We Need a FHS Interact Advisor

We have announced that the **Farragut High School (FHS) Interact Club** is making a comeback and Beth Duncan will be the school's faculty advisor. Now we need to find a Farragut Rotarian to be the liaison and advisor from our club to assist this club in restarting.



PP Leah Berry advises the Interact club at Hardin Valley Academy and Noah Myers takes care of things for the Christian Academy of Knoxville Interact club.

This is not a time-consuming job but an important one. If you are interested and would like to assume this role —and we hope someone will — or have questions please let President Megan Belcher know as soon as possible. Simply email MEGAN or send her a text @ 865-368-4056.

COVID Vaccines? What Would Charlie Do?

Our in-house doctor — **Charlie Barnett** — prefaces today's Medical Moment with this: As you know, giving medical advice is a slippery rock at best. Today's article may seem a bit personal but it's the only way I know to give advice and avoid the pitfalls. Hope you agree.

As you are probably aware, the FDA and the CDC recently gave emergency approval to the Moderna and Pfizer COVID booster bivalent vaccines (covers the newer Omicron variants as well as the initial virus) to everyone 18 or older that have completed their initial two-shot series. The Pfizer vaccine was also approved for those 12-18 years that had completed their primary series with the Pfizer vaccine. Officially, if older than 18, you can take either one.



However, there are a few nuances that separate the two. So that I'm not guilty of malpractice or spreading misinformation, I can tell you what I'm going to do. You should do what your doctor advises you.

I had the Pfizer vaccine for my primary series. However, for this booster I'm going to take the Moderna because:

1. Moderna has a greater concentration of the immune response producing mRNA (50 µg) versus the Pfizer (30 µg). The downside is that Moderna had a few more side effects in the initial series than Pfizer. Having suffered through COVID once, I'll accept a few potential side effects.
2. There was some early evidence that a crossover (Moderna to Pfizer and vice versa) between the primary series and the first booster led to greater immunity.

The bottom line: the most important thing you can do is to get vaccinated!

7 Celebrating September Birthdays

It's time to offer birthday wishes for seven of our members celebrating in September. **Lee Fulcher's** birthday was Friday Sept. 2, so a belated Happy Birthday to Lee. Here are the rest of our birthdays:

Sept. 11: Mike Reynolds

Sept. 17: PP Fred Martin

Sept. 19: Vicki Williams

Sept. 20: Mansour Hasan & PP David Bluford

Sept. 25: PP David Smoak

Cheers to everyone for great celebrations!



Our Master Sleuth Solves the Mystery

Yep, he's done it again! **Master Sleuth PP Ed Jones** added another bottle of wine to his cellar on Wednesday by correctly unmasking our August Mystery Rotarian — **Larry Sheumaker**. His prize was a bottle of "19 Crimes" wine.



Ed is methodical and says this time around he connected a Sheumaker clue to his profession. Here's the clue: "Has had three well-known neighbors — a past president of the University Tennessee and two former UT athletic directors. "Property values were not adversely affected," our Rotarian says.

Sheumaker works in the commercial real estate sector for Noah Myers and has also been involved in the residential side. "Someone in his line of work would mention property values so it had to be Larry," Ed said.

Congrats again to PP Ed!

A September Thought for Us

"We know that in September, we will wander through the warm winds of summer's wreckage. We will welcome summer's ghost." — **Henry Rollins**