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## June 25 Meeting Preview Tennessee Legislature Update



### **Representative Bud Hulsey**

Tennessee House of Representatives,  
District 2

Representative Bud Hulsey serves the 2nd District in the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing portions of Sullivan County. First elected in 2014, Rep. Hulsey brings a wealth of experience to the General Assembly, drawing on a distinguished background in law enforcement and public service. A retired police lieutenant and former business owner, he is known for his strong conservative values and commitment to upholding the principles of limited government, individual liberty, and fiscal responsibility.

Throughout his tenure, Rep. Hulsey has been a vocal advocate for Second Amendment rights, criminal justice reform, and strengthening Tennessee's economic and educational systems. He serves on key legislative committees, where he continues to champion policies that reflect the interests and values of his constituents. With deep roots in East Tennessee, Bud Hulsey remains a dedicated servant to his community and a consistent voice for traditional values in state government.

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# June 18, 2025 Meeting Summary

Attendance was 48.8%

Paul Gray opened the meeting and invited Mayor Paul Montgomery to lead the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Sharon Moore provided a Member Moment – members were quick to guess the mystery member – Paul Gray.

Announcements included a reminder of the service project on Friday, June 27, from 8:00am to 12:00 noon. Club members (and guests) will be working in Kennedy Elementary's Pollinator Garden.

There will be no meeting on July 2 due to the holiday. The Passing of the gavel will be held on July 9.

Kitty Frazier introduced the week's speaker, Stephanie Griffin, Supervisor of the Archives at the Kingsport Library. The Archives are housed in Kingsport City Hall on the 5th floor. The Archives were established in 1994, with the mission to preserve and provide access to the documentary heritage of Kingsport. The department operates by appointment only; visitors must stop at the City Hall information desk to receive an elevator pass. The Archives include one-of-a-kind historical materials that cannot be checked out, due to preservation issues. Materials include: letters, memoirs, diaries, scrapbooks, directories, yearbooks, photos, maps, architectural drawings, blueprints, tapes, legal documents, and organizational records.



The Kingsport Rotary Club is represented in the Archives. Documents include: 1923 Charter, Club Constitution and bylaws, Rotary flags, certificates, and anniversary booklets (25th, 80th, 85th, and 100th).

Additional collections include 17 volumes of Tennessee Eastman newsletters with have been digitized and are viewable online via [KingsportLibrary.org](http://KingsportLibrary.org).

Community donations are essential for building the collection. Items must be in good condition; mold or water-damaged items cannot be accepted. Archivists can assist in identifying what is appropriate for donation through a phone consultation.

Friends of the Archives is an active support group helping raise awareness and funds. Membership information is available online.

## Kennedy School Pollinator Garden Maintenance

Mark your calendars for Friday June 27. We will be assisting the Kennedy School with the Summer Maintenance of their Pollinator Garden from 8:00AM to Noon.

- We will be weeding and replanting parts of the garden.
- Bring gloves and gardening tools.
- Additional Details will be coming soon.



The Fellowship program for Rotarians who want to combine their love of Rotary with their love of boating.

The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) began in England in 1947, when John Barrett hoisted a Rotary Flag from his yacht. The IYFR is now the oldest and largest of the Rotary Fellowships with approximately 100 fleets . . . over 1,000 yachts . . . and more than 3,000 members around the world. IYFR is, as its name implies, an international group. There are fleets around the world that share your interest in boating and sponsor a variety of water oriented events and activities.

The yachting fellowship is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting all aspects of boating as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

### **The goals of IYFR are . . .**

- Advancing international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional individuals united in the ideals of service.
- Promoting the sports of cruising, racing, yachting, sailing, and boating.
- Promoting high standards of seamanship, subscribing to and abiding by recognized yachting customs and etiquette on the water.
- To offer social events and community service opportunities to those Rotarians participating in the sport of yachting, cruising, fishing, canoeing, water skiing, and other water sports which involves ships and boats.

### **Who can join IYFR . . .**

Any Rotarian in good standing with the home club.

The spouse of an active Rotarian.





Roteract member.

When you join IYFR . . . you'll meet other Rotarians from around the world that share your interest in boating.

You'll have access to the IYFR international roster of over 3,000 Yachting Rotarians worldwide who share your interest in boating and water sports, and that will allow you to get in touch with fellow yachting Rotarians when you travel.

You can join us at our hospitality house at Rotary's International Conventions.

Participate in our annual meeting in conjunction with the International Convention.

You'll be eligible to join us for our traditional post International Convention cruise.

You can purchase special IYFR regalia to identify yourself as a member to other yachting friends.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01	02	03	04 Lynn Tully— Regional Economic and Community Development	05	06	07
08	09	10	11 Melissa Woods— Kingsport City Schools	12	13 Kingsport Axemen Game	14
15	16	17	18 Kingsport Public Library Update	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Bud Hulsey— Tennessee State Representative	26	27 Kennedy School Garden Work Day	28
29	30	01	02 No Meeting, July 4th Holiday Week	03	04	05

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

16-Jun—Al Crymble  
17-Jun—Aundrea Salyer  
28-Jun—Clay Rolston

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

01-Jun Todd Jones—6 Years  
03-Jun Bruce Sites—58 Years  
05-Jun Kaylee Feathers—4 Years  
16-Jun Jennifer Salyer—24 Years  
18-Jun Lynn Tully—31 Years  
20-Jun Steve Wilson—33 Years  
25-Jun John Porter—59 Years

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

01-Jun Paul Montgomery—29 Years  
12-Jun Kathleen McLaughlin—12 Years  
20-Jun Edna Potts—20 Years  
23-Jun Kenneth Calvert—21 Years  
28-Jun Bruce Sites—25 Years

## Upcoming Events

June 21-25—Rotary International Convention—Calgary, Canada  
June 27—Club Project Work Day—Assist with Kennedy School Pollinator Garden Maintenance (8:00-12:00)  
July 9—Rotary Club of Kingsport—Officer Installation



### HOW TO FIND US

#### Rotary Club of Kingsport

District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon  
at

The Crown Center inside Food City  
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DISTRICT SECRETARY:

**Nancy Whitlock**

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**Jacob Higginbotham**

DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR:

**Tim Carter**



### THE 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 & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 | Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## Local Clubs for Make-ups

#### MONDAY

Noon | Tri-Cities—Northeast State Community College, Pierce Admin Bldg., Room P309, Blountville, TN

6:00 PM | Johnson City Evening—Howard Hunt's Edward Jones Office, 4018 Roan St. Johnson City, TN

#### TUESDAY

7:15 AM | Scott County—Scott Co. Park & Golf Course Clubhouse, 247 Fore Drive, Gate City, VA

7:30 AM | Bristol Morning VA-TN—The Summit Co-Work Space (Expedition Meeting Room) 1227 Volunteer Pkwy, Bristol, TN

Noon | Bristol VA-TN—Bristol Train Station, 101 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Bristol, VA

Noon | Johnson City—Johnson City Country Club 1901 E Unaka Ave, Johnson City, TN

Noon | Greeneville—Tusculum University, Niswonger Commons Pioneer Café, 60 Shiloh Road Greeneville, TN

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM | Greeneville-Morning—Laughlin Memorial Hospital Cafeteria Conference Room, Greeneville, TN

7:30 AM | Kingsport-Sunrise—Food City Press Room, Suite 300, 200 Clinchfield St., Kingsport, TN

Noon | Unicoi County—Town Hall, 211 N.Main St., Erwin, TN

Noon | Elizabethton—First Christian Church of Elizabethton, Fellowship Hall, 513 Hattie Ave, Elizabethton, TN

#### THURSDAY

7:15 AM | Johnson City Morning—Food City Community Room, 920 N. State of Franklin Rd., Johnson City, TN

Noon | Kingsport-Downtown—Food City Crown Center, 1205 N Eastman Road, Kingsport, TN

**AVAILABLE 24/7—**

[www.RotaryeClubOne.org](http://www.RotaryeClubOne.org)