
THE FLAGSHIP



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Coming Up

Aug. 2: Board of Directors, 11 a.m., Fox Den Board Room

Aug. 2: Club Assembly, DACdb discussion

Aug. 9: Zach Guza / Back Dog Fitness

Aug. 16: Tom Gunter / Solar Eclipse (meeting at COSTCO)

Aug. 17: Third Thursday, 5:30 p.m., location TBA

Aug. 23: Erin Rosolina, Director of Marketing, Goodwill Industries

Aug. 30: Chuck Laine, State of the State of Tennessee

It's a 'DACdb' Kinda Day on Wednesday

Change can be difficult and our club — along with many other Rotary clubs around the country — have made the change from Club Wizard or Club Runner to the **DACdb** system. DACdb is now our club's computer support platform of choice for our club's website and administrative needs. The change has also saved the club money.



We are not using DACdb for the club budget and financial information. Treasurer Jerry Dietz is handling all of that using

Quick Books.

At our Club Assembly on Wednesday we will focus on our new website and the discussion will be led by **PP Tom King**, now our Webmaster, and **Secretary Staci Wilkerson**, our Webmistress.

PP Tom will walk you through the website and hopefully explain the sign-in or login procedure for you. He will point out the features of the website, what's where and how you can best use it.

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?

Our Facebook Page

Our club has had a Facebook page for a while now, in case you didn't know! Mary Ann Imgram 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 social media page. Share it with your friends and with a Prospective Member!

Members always ask how they can find the new member proposal form. PP Tom will show it to you and where it is — it's right on the Home page of our website along with our club brochure, mentoring instructions and "20 Reasons Why To Join Rotary!" And a lot more. One click of a button takes you to our club's Facebook page.

Secretary Staci will review the club membership and attendance modules with us and will reinforce the need for everyone to review their personal profiles to make sure the information is correct....information like your contact information, your correct mailing and emailing addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, and the like. This information is confidential on the club website and the general public cannot access it.

So, have your questions ready. There's no guarantee that the WebMistress or the WebMaster can answer it on the spot but we do guarantee that we'll find out the answer. We're all learning this new system together!

Ridgedale School Is 'A Very Special Place' Diana Gossett Tells Us

It's been known as "Ridgedale Alternative School" through the years. Now, **Principal Diana Gossett** calls it simply **Ridgedale School**. "People see the word alternative and immediately think it's a bad school. Well, the kids are not bad so now it's just Ridgedale School," she told us at our Wednesday meeting at Fox Den Country Club.

Diana, entering her 7th year as the school's leader, no doubt has a challenging job. And it is very obvious that she has a passion for the school and its students. They will begin the year with 12 students in 6th to 8th grade middle school because of discipline or behavioral problems at their home schools. They will have 70 other special education students with developmental disabilities and they range from age 5 to age 22.



“It’s a blessing to be at this school for me. We are changing lives every day. We make it work for them,” she said. “Many of the parents do not want their kids to go back to their home schools because of the success they have at Ridgedale. But our goal is to get the kids back to their own schools.”

(At left, Principal Diana Gossett and school counselor Carrie Balent talk with PP Becky Duncan after our meeting.)

Ridgedale is not a typical community school. The students are from all over Knox County. She says they have little community support and do not have a Parent-Teacher organization like most schools. The school is located at 4600 Ridgedale Rd. and faces Western

Avenue.

Schools raise much-needed funds from the sale of the popular coupon books. “The first year we sold coupon books we sold 10 and last year we got up to 300,” she said. Typical schools sell thousands of the books.

She says that 97% of the students are from economically disadvantaged families and 80% are from “disrupted families. We have one woman who is 72 and she’s raising five great grandchildren in her home,” Mrs. Gossett said.

The school does have support from three organizations — Walmart, Ridgedale Baptist Church, which is next to the school, and Subway.

Students and faculty point to a raised garden with pride that grows tomatoes, zucchini, yellow peppers, basil, and sunflowers, among other things.

Last May, President Chris Camp, PP Dale Read and PP Tom King met with Mrs. Gossett and a faculty member to talk about the school, its needs and ways that our club could perhaps help Ridgedale.

Stay tuned for more details about this soon.



President Chris Camp with her two guests — Judge Keith Alley and Allyn Bailey



Teri Jo Fox with her guests — Val Privett, center, and Bridget Mounger

Our Lineup of Visitors & Guests

TJ Fox had two guests. Her first guest is **Val Privett**, President of the Privett Insurance Group. TJ is proposing Val for membership into our club. Her other guest was **Bridget Mounger**, Senior Vice President/Mortgage Advisor at Pinnacle Financial Partners.

President Chris had a pair of guests — **Allyn Bailey**, who is the principal of Allyn Bailey Insurance, and **Keith Alley**, who is the Farragut Municipal Court Judge who is also in private practice.

Noah Myers had a special guest — son **Luke Myers**, who is now 13 and almost as tall as his Dad.

Another guest was **Alan Sloan**, editor of the farragutpress.

A big welcome to one and all.

Family of Rotary Concerns

Sgt-at-Arms Jim Dodd says that his mother, Louise, was moved from CCU to a private room Saturday night and is now off of the respirator and breathing on her own. “This is a major step,” he said. She was operated on last Sunday at the Fort Loudon Medical Center

Making Up, Maybe!

Monday: Lenoir City, Noon, First Baptist Church, 2805 Simpson Rd East; Oak Ridge Sunset, Holiday Inn Express.

Tuesday: Knoxville, Noon, Marriott; Clinton, Noon, Clinton Community Center; Loudon, Noon, First Baptist Church; Morristown A.M., 7:30 a.m., Morristown Country Club; Turkey Creek (Sunset), 5:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church (239 Jamestown Blvd)

Wednesday: Knoxville Breakfast, 7 a.m., Gettysvue; Maryville, Noon, Blount County Public Library, Maryville; Morristown, Noon, Morristown Country Club; Oak Ridge Breakfast, 7:15 am, Tech 20/20, 1020 Commerce Park Drive

Thursday: North Knox, Noon, Litton's Restaurant; Oak Ridge, Noon, Doubletree Hotel, 215 S Illinois Ave; Tellico Lake, Noon, First Baptist Church, Tellico Village.

Friday: Knoxville Volunteer, Noon, Knoxville Marriott; Bearden, 12:15 p.m., Bearden Banquet Hall

in Lenoir City. She had a blockage in her colon and they found cancer.

How are the **Bradbury's** doing? Glad you asked. Here's the answer from Judith: "We are doing fine and I am feeling better each day (she had hip replacement surgery in late June). Not quite running a marathon yet, but getting there! In fact, we are hoping that Rachel will be able to drive us to Rotary this week. I am still doing PT which is a great help." She says Phill is doing good these days.

Bettye Sisco says she's "doing pretty good right now" and this past week got a great report from her heart doctor. She is still on the chemo daily for her leukemia. And she says she'll see us on Wednesday.

Please keep these Family of Rotary Rotarians and their loved ones in your prayers!

..... And Our Family of Rotary Grows

Tom Pattison and wife **Carole** helped welcome to the family their 8th grandchild. Ty Pattison and wife Sarah on July 22 had an 8 lb. baby girl — **Eden Marie**. She is their third child. "She is doing great after a short bout of high bilirubin that was brought down by spending time under an ultraviolet light," Tom says. "They are living in Fox Den on Augusta National Way. We are very blessed. Eight is a good round number but it is possible we may have one more if my youngest son can talk his wife into having one more. It might be tough though."

PP Becky Duncan announced she'll be a grandmother again come January 10. Becky's daughter, Natalia, and husband Tom Macker, are expecting their second child. Their son, Al, is 3. "As they await a second child, they are hoping to update from a two-bedroom to a three-bedroom home," Becky says. "The housing market is crazy in Jackson Hole so this has its challenges!"

Congrats to both families!

News & Notes & Reminders & Such

Our July Mystery Rotarian was unmasked by **PP David Smoak**, who has been wanting to win the wine for a long time. David rambled around on Wednesday and talked about the Linda Ronstadt clue and how this Mystery Rotarian had to be someone of a generation older than his, and be a woman. So he picked **PP Becky Duncan** as the July Mystery Rotarian and he was right. Miracles never cease!

Someone asked what was being built on Kingston Pike just past Fox Den as you drive west on the Pike. **Noah Myers** filled in the blanks. "Considering Farragut's rules and such, this will be the best looking Dollar General store on planet Earth," Noah said. Noah is a member of the Farragut Planning Commission.



VP Chris Thomas is now serving on a newly formed District 6780 Community Service Committee. He says there is a brand new award this year called the Community Service Award and it is all about doing what we love best, which is serving the local communities we are in. Chris is responsible for the Farragut, Loudon, Bearden, Etowah, Manchester, Shelbyville and Knoxville Volunteer clubs.

This past week you should have received an email from the club that contained an attachment to our revised **club Bylaws**. If you need to refer to the Bylaws, there is a copy of them posted on our website under the "Documents" tab.

REMINDER TIME: Our Aug. 16 meeting will be at **Todd Galanti's Costco** — NOT at Fox Den! Get ready for some great Costco food and hospitality! And you'll want to hear our speaker as well — Tom Gunter, who will discuss the Aug. 21 solar eclipse.

UT football Coach Butch Jones will speak to the Rotary Club of Knoxville on Tuesday, August 1, at 12 noon at the Knoxville Marriott Hotel, 501 E. Hill Avenue, Knoxville. They have seating for 300 and may be full by now. But you can call their office on Monday at (865) 523-8252 if you are interested in attending.

PP Chris reminded everyone about the **District 6780 Training** on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Pellissippi State Community College. The training is for our Co-Chairs of Membership and Youth Service and The Rotary Foundation. Any member club can attend and get credit for a makeup. It begins at 8 a.m. You can click [HERE](#) to register.

RYLA 2017 will be on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Camp Nakanawa in Crossville. This is a one-day event that begins with registration and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. This will be the 25th RYLA and is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA emphasizes leadership,

citizenship, and personal growth in a one-day, hands-on, leadership skills development program open to outstanding high school juniors and seniors with demonstrated leadership qualities, selected by clubs from high schools in our community. If you know a young person you would like to nominate for RYLA, please talk with President Chris.

McIntee's To Attend Retirement Gala For Daughter — Rear Admiral June Ryan

Mother Rotary Joan McIntee and husband **Jim** will be in Cleveland, OH this week for the Wednesday retirement ceremony for their daughter, **Rear Admiral June E. Ryan**, who commands the U.S. Coast Guard's 9th District (headquartered in Cleveland). The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. at "Windows On The River." They are expecting 1,000 to attend. Her career spanned 35 years.

She is the first female in the 227-year history of the Coast Guard to go from the enlisted ranks to the rank of Admiral. "She's the 3rd female in the history of the White House to be a Military Aide to the President of the U.S.; and, just prior to her current command, she was the Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security (Jeh Johnson)" Joan says.

She commands the 2nd largest area in the Coast Guard — the Great Lakes, the entire coast line of Canada, the St. Lawrence Seaway, 8 states, and the upper Mississippi River.



"Her plan, hopefully, is to teach Maritime courses at a Cleveland High School in which graduates are certified and immediately qualified to enter the Maritime industry," Joan added.

Her husband is a financial planner and their daughter is a freshman in high school.

Admiral Ryan [told Cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com) that she and her family made the decision for her to retire because they'd been bitten by the Cleveland bug. Ryan's daughter, a student at St. Joseph Academy in West Park, loves the school and Ryan didn't want to risk being posted to another location and having to move. Ryan and her family live in Lakewood.

What a special day this will be for the McIntee family!

A Thought for Your Week

"Kindness is not an act. It's a lifestyle." — **Anthony Douglas Williams**, Canadian author.