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Susan Cullam—Isaiah 117 House Updates



Join us on June 10 as we welcome Susan Cullum, the Location Leader for the Sullivan County Isaiah 117 House, to share updates on an organization making a profound difference in our local foster care system.

The Isaiah 117 House provides a safe, welcoming, and loving space for children awaiting foster placement. Their vital mission focuses on three main goals:

Reducing the emotional trauma for children entering foster care.

Lightening the workload and providing support for child

welfare caseworkers.

Easing the transition process for foster families opening their homes.

Susan Cullum brings a deep passion for children and community service to this role. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Social Work, as well as a Master of Education from East Tennessee State University. Before transitioning to her leadership role with Isaiah 117 House in October 2023, Susan dedicated 13 years of her career as an Elementary School Librarian at Bristol Tennessee City Schools.

Active in the Bristol and Kingsport Chambers of Commerce, local church groups, and regional businesses, Susan is a familiar face in our community. Outside of her professional work, she is happily married, a mother to four children, and an avid lover of reading, hiking, gardening, and lake days.

Join us on June 10 to hear Susan speak about how the Isaiah 117 House is changing the foster care narrative in Sullivan County and how our community can support their mission.

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JUNE 03 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendance | 58.8%

Leslie Lynch opened the meeting and also led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Isaac Webb provided the week's Sunshine.

Kitty Frazier and Kaylee Feathers thanked everyone who helped with the Apple Butter Fundraiser over the weekend.

Jane Crawford introduced this week's speaker, Sullivan County Commissioner Dwight D. King. Mr. King spoke about the history of the Ron Ramsey Regional Agricultural Center, which started with the Sullivan County Cattlemen's Association, which wondered why Sullivan County didn't have a ag-focused meeting and event facility like so many other areas did. They identified a former horse-show site and raised \$500,00 to purchase 10 acres, and then Ron Ramsey asked the state legislators to pay for the cost of the building (\$4 million) in 2015.

The Ron Ramsey Regional Agriculture Center includes a 300-seat conference area, commercial kitchen, offices and classrooms for UT Extension, and a 30,000-square-foot arena and concession stand. It currently hosts events like cattle shows, dog shows and master gardener classes.

Leslie ended the meeting with a recitation of the Four-Way Test.



By Michael Graves, member of the Rotary Club of Plainview, Texas, USA, past district governor, and world president of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians



In the summer of 1990, while I was in Washington and Oregon with my young family, I made some new friends, members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, who became an extended family to me.

From left: Karen Hicks of Texas, Tilo Holighaus of Germany, Michael Graves of Texas, and Bob Mercier of Alaska, members of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

These Rotary members who shared a passion for flying inspired me to realize some of my own personal dreams and make family flights to Barrow, Alaska, and Guayaquil, Ecuador. Ocean-crossings followed, first to France, later to New Zealand, and then Australia. Adventures with fellow Rotary members in Europe and Africa and Asia came to be recorded in my logbooks.

Weeks before Christmas in 1990, I lent aviation support to my district's service projects within the Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range in western Mexico. We landed on a dirt strip 7,500 feet above sea level with a plane loaded with Christmas presents. Father Luis VerPlanchen accepted the gifts for the Native American Tarahumara children in Creel, Chihuahua, and proudly showed us the clinic, hospital, and church he had built.

The hospital had a broken X-ray generator which my mentor Ted Holder figured we could replace. Two months later, we again landed on that mountaintop runway, delivering the equipment that restored diagnostic radiology to Creel. En route to that stop, we landed on a grass runway in Madera to greet dedicated Rotarians and offer them some used defibrillators we had been given when we



purchased the radiology equipment.

I received a letter from the president of the Madera Rotary Club six weeks later explaining that thanks to our gift, two of seven patients carried into the local hospitals with no pulse had been able to walk out. The letter affirmed the rewards of service that we who share Rotary and aviation can offer.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3 Dwight King—The Ron Ramsey Regional Agriculture Center	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Susan Cullam—Isaiah 117 House Updates	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Greg Perdue—Tri Cities Market President—First Horizon Bank	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Club Assembly—New Officer Installations	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June 16—Al Crymble
June 17—Aundrea Salyer
June 28—Clay Rolston

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

June 01—Paul Montgomery—30 Years
June 12—Kathleen McLaughlin—13 Years
June 23—Kenneth Calvert—22 Years
June 28—Bruce Sites—26 Years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 03—Bruce Sites—59 Years
June 05—Kaylee Feathers—5 Years
June 16—Jennifer Salyer—25 Years
June 17—Tyler Williams—9 Years
June 20—Steve Wilson—34 Years
June 25—John Porter—60 Years

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29-30—Make Apple Butter with the Unicoi County Rotary Club—Clinchfield Senior Adult Center 220 Union St. Erwin, TN



HOW TO FIND US

Rotary Club of Kingsport

District 7570 | Area 13 | Club 5739

Meets every Wednesday at Noon

at

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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—

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