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District Governor Gary Dills

By Dick Pritts

Past President Sean Gibson introduced District Governor Gary Dills an active member of our club. Gary is a sixth generation of Western North Carolina and graduated from Franklin High School in 1966. He was president and the Salutatorian of his class. Gary earned his Bachelor of Science (Chemistry) from WCU. He has also earned a Masters of Arts (Personnel Management) from Webster University and Masters of Arts (National Security and Strategic Studies) from the Naval War College. Gary served in the United States Air Force for almost thirty years retiring as a Colonel. Before becoming DG Gary served the district as Chair of various committees. He was one of the founding members of the READ2Me, a literacy program serving Macon County through partnerships with Rotary, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and numerous local community organizations. DG Dills outlined his goals for the District for the 2016-17 year and thanked the club for their service, generosity with the Foundation, Polio and Cart, service to the community and obtaining new members. He indicated that our club has steadily increased giving to RI Foundation, steady increase in membership and increasing member participation in giving to RI Foundation. Gary emphasized the importance of EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) donating to RI Foundation and recommended members to sign up online to give at least a minimum of \$10 per month.



DG Gary laid out his vision for this year of opportunities indicating he thought that the theme for the year was the best ever –Rotary Serving Humanity. He spoke of the more flexibility in meetings available, attendance opportunities and club types. He believes that RI will be able to eradicate polio by Spring 2017, a program that RI started in 1979. There were just 17 people reported contracting polio in two countries last year. DG Dills reported the RI Foundation is 100 years old this year and has given out over \$3 Billion Dollars over the years for various programs and has an endowment of \$1 Billion Dollars. Dollars that members of the club give comes back to the club to support local and/or international projects of the club. He emphasized the opportunity available for our members to attend the RI Convention in Atlanta next June indicating that so far there are over 300 district members signed up to attend. DG Dills indicated the district conference in April 2017 will be in Hickory and for the first time in 16 years,

DG Dills indicated that he does not understand why clubs in the district have not been able to be a 100% EREY club and will be emphasizing that importance to all of the district clubs. He is looking for a 3 percent increase in membership for the district for the year. He also challenged the club at a board meeting to ask what the biggest challenge is in the community and to come up with ideas on how to attack the issue even knowing that it may take several years to accomplish. DG is looking forward to a great year for the District and our club.



Welcome New Member!

On Wednesday Governor Gary officially inducted Ben Laseter as our newest member into the rotary Club of Franklin. Ben is the first new member of the year and is sponsored by Immediate Past President Sean. Let's welcome Ben!



Kid's Place Cleanup

Members of the Satellite Rotary Club of Franklin Evening Club participated in a cleanup at Kid's Place last Thursday. Lots of unused extra items were hauled off from the basement and donated. Thanks to all who helped.



More PHF's!
 Governor Gary recognized two BIG multiple

Paul Harris Fellows on Wednesday. John Yermack, a PHF Plus 7 and Tom James Plus 7. DG Gary is a Plus 2! Great work gentlemen!





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Notes From the Top

First, I would like to thank everyone who asked and was concerned when they saw me wearing the CART Blue sling on my arm. While my mind is still mostly sound, my tendons in my arm evidently are not. I tore a tendon and will undergo surgery next Tuesday to repair it. Thanks to all who have offered to help, Jacob Reiche even offered to cut my chicken at lunch! Thank you!



Wednesday was a great day to be a Rotarian. We had our own DG Gary Dills attend our meeting and give us a district and international perspective. DG Gary will be traveling to every club in the district, but we were lucky to have him come as one of his first visits. There are many things planned for this Rotary year which DG Gary reminded us. The once in a lifetime opportunity to attend the International Convention in Atlanta, and for only the second time in 16 years to attend a District Conference in our own District. I applaud his effort to keep our district conference local. Now we have to attend to show him we do care about keeping it local! It is always great to induct new members into Rotary and

into our club. I have had the honor of knowing Ben and Stephanie for several years, Stephanie was a GSE in Finland several years ago. Please welcome Ben into our Rotary Family.

DG Gary also talked about the importance of the Rotary Foundation and the many things the Foundation around the world, but also right here in our own district as monies we contribute come back in the form of grants we champion. My goal is to have at least 30% of you signed up for Rotary Direct. It is easy, you can sign up with as little as \$10/month, of course we hope you will give as much as you are comfortable contributing. However, if 30% gave the minimum, it would be a good start toward meeting our 2016 goal. Paul Harris levels are easier to reach when you have planned giving every month. Speaking of Paul Harris, DG Gary was honored with a PLUS 2, Tom James and John Yermack were an amazing "PLUS 7"!

Next week we have an amazing youth choir from Ghana performing. Should be a fun time!

I hope all of you have a great week, Serving Humanity!

Lenny



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Another Great Week... We are Getting Close!!

We had quite a few more tickets for our upcoming fundraiser turned in for the fifth week this week with **356 sold..144 to go!** Please keep working on getting all 500 sold. Please contact everyone on your list because a lot of folks take off for summer vacation and nows the time to contact **When you sell them please turn them into your horsemen.** Please also bring in silent auction items and program ads! **Program ads are due this Wednesday 7/20..please get them in now!** On our silent auction this year we have a 1991 Ford Truck (see picture above). **We are in need of volunteers to park the vehicle for show at their business to help generate some interest.** Its our one and only fundraiser..lets make it the best ever!



Board Meeting This Tuesday!

The first board meeting for the new Rotary Year will be this **Tuesday Night July 19th at the Lazy Hiker.** Officers and Chairs please plan on attending. The Board Meeting will start at 530p. We need you in attendance as we make critical decisions for the club and the year. If you need a makeup this is a to do it!

Exchange Student Update..But Need Volunteers to Help When She Arrives!

President Lenny Jordan indicated that **we now have two families** to host inbound exchange student Beatrice from Italy. The first family is that of a former club member Becky Montgomery. Becky is a Middle School Assistant Principal. The second family was recruited by Lee Berger and are Tony and Tana Bagno. The exchange student will come to Franklin this August for the 2016—2017 school year. We are looking forward to having Beatrice join us for as many Rotary meetings as her schedule allows. **We do need some help with welcoming her to the new school year here and transportation to events, etc.** If you are interested please see President Lenny!

Rotary Service

7/20

Greeter: Paul Garner

Prayer/Pledge: Marvin Ramsey





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You Still have a Good Opportunity to a LOW Registration Fee for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Cost of registration has gone up a little bit but you can still register for **ONLY \$340** until December 15) Here's the link for registering for the convention...

www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta **Also you need to hurry because**

hotel rooms in Atlanta are booking Fast!!!! Here is some additional incentives for registering NOW!... You can still get \$65 reimbursement AND earn a PHF for your club by registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017 AND a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!!



Project Panama Keeps at Work!

Thanks to club representative Sandy Frazier for updating us. The last of the school materials for Salt Creek down in Panama have been delivered! Thanks to all clubs involved and those that made it happen. Rotary at work worldwide!!





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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2016-17

District Governor: Gary Dills

Assistant District Governor: Sean Gibson

President: Lenny Jordan

President-elect: Judy Chapman

President-nominee: Janet Greene

Secretary: Patsy Parker/Debbie Tallant

Treasurer: Jim Garner

Vocational Service: Karen Kenney/Rich Peoples

Community Service: Patrick Bettencourt/Jim Wilson

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield/Belinda Petricek

International Service: Stacy Guffey /Susie Ledford

Foundation Chair: Mike Norris/Vic Perry

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Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent/Bill Baker

Flywheel Editor: Barbara Lawrence/Dennis Sanders/Lee Berger

Sgt. At Arms: John Hubsch/Sam Blasingame/Hoyt Massey

Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



Jul 19—Bd Meeting Lazy
Hiker 530p

Jul 20—Imani Milele Choir

Jul 27—Fundraiser
Wrapup

Jul 30—Rickman Fund-
raiser

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Next Meeting:

Wed. July 20th. Imani
Milele Choir. See you
12 noon Tartan Hall



No winner in
the June 22nd
50 50 drawing.
The \$85 pot
rolls over to July 20th.

