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BIKING ACROSS AMERICA TO CURE POLIO

Article by Tom Coley

President Lenny introduced our program speaker, Lee Allison. Lee is the 2016-17 president for the Bryson City Rotary Club and has spent much of his working life professionally guiding kayak paddlers on the Nantahala. He shared his experience of a coast to coast bicycle journey across the southern route of the lower 48 states. His purpose was to raise money under the Rotary banner to help eradicate Polio. He began his 50 day saga in San Diego with three companions. However, they elected to take different routes back to the east coast once they reached Louisiana. By traveling independently, Lee had an opportunity to see this beautiful and unique part of southern United States at his own pace and choosing.



When asked what the hardest part of his ride was, he said the grueling 2 day peddle up the steep western side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. When asked what the best part of his ride was, Lee said traveling the quite, rustic back roads of southern Louisiana and Mississippi. He really appreciated the incredible hospitality and support of the locals that he encountered along the way. With no support vehicle, they carried all of their gear on their bikes. Often local Rotary clubs would offer a warm shower, a hot meal, and a soft bed, however there were some stretches of the trip where they were sleeping under the stars.

Because of the commitment of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to contribute double whatever amount Rotary raises to fight Polio, Lee was able to leverage his efforts on a three to one basis. He calculated that with all of his pledges at a penny a mile, for every 6/10th of a mile that he peddled, he could generate one Polio vaccination for a needy at risk child. At the end of his trek, he believed that he raised enough funds to generate over 10,000 vaccinations. Lee reminded us that October is National Polio Month. If a Rotarian donates during the month just \$1 per day, it will generate over \$90 to fight this terrible disease. For more information about Lee and his journey, go to Facebook and search Lee Go/ Stop Polio.



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ANOTHER New Member!

Once again the Rotary Club of Franklin continues to bring in new members and on Wednesday the club inducted Hogar Tait, sponsored by John Barbee as it's newest member. Hogar owns and operates the new chocolate shop here in town. Welcome Hogar!



Stopping Hunger

The Rotary Club of Franklin is participating in the Stop Hunger Now project at Franklin First United Methodist Church. On Wednesday club president Lenny presented FUMC pastor David Beam a check for \$1,000. This is third year the club has participated in this great effort.



Saluting Our Educators

On Wednesday Rotarian Gary Shields recognized Pauletta Clark from Iotla Valley as Macon Co. Teacher of the Year. James Bryan from Nantahala



School was recognized as Principal of the Year and Vickie Sutton, support person. Congrats to all!



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4 Way Test..We Need YOU!

Make Up Opportunity

Amy Manshack announced on Wednesday that the 4 Way Test will be getting underway Friday October 7th, the first of four Fridays in the fall. The test will run from 8a-930. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in a young person's life. See Amy and sign up today.



Our Club's Boy Scout Troop 202 is ready to move their gear from storage back into the basement of Slagle. The date has been moved to Thursday, 29 September, in the evening 530p-730p. We have a good number signed up but if you need a makeup heres a great way to do so. The scouts and parents will be there. Let's have a good showing of Rotarians. If you can help, please email or call Mike Norris – miken@wayah.com – cell [828-421-5886](tel:828-421-5886).

Rotary Direct is Easy!

We Packed Some Back Packs!!!

This past Monday RC Members and Job Corps representatives packed 500 back packs in about 1 hour at CareNet...wow! Thanks to all who participated. The next one will be the fourth Monday in October.



Foundation co-chair Mike Norris is stressing the importance and ease of contributing to the foundation through Rotary Direct. Go to rotary.org or see Mike if you would like to contribute through direct now! **We currently have 16 enrolled!**

Rotary Service

10/5

Greeter: Tommy Jenkins

Prayer/Pledge: Gary St. Arnauld





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Notes From the Top



This week, Dennis Sanders met with me on the Peru Sanitation Project. He showed me some Rotary Magic and how projects can be built with small amounts of money coming from many sources. When our club first decided to move forward with the Peru Project, quite honestly I was afraid of just how much it would cost us. Of course I kept focused on the good it would do to provide a healthy latrine to folks who had nothing. I can say that when you have a project that means so much to Rotarians, it is not hard getting folks involved. To date we have committed contributions from 8 different clubs excluding ours. While we still have some money to raise, I am confident we can do it.

On another note, you may have received an email from DG Dills about the survey done over the last 3 months. Many of you may have participated in it. There were 6 areas of focus, Service, Cost, Non-Service Time, Membership Changes, Diversity, and Public Image. I plan to open these up for discussion within our club at our next assembly. It is clear some of the things we do are vital to being Rotary, others may be because we have “always done it that way”. As we get more young people into Rotary, we need to understand the pressures they face and find ways to fit Rotary into their lives.

It is an exciting time in our club. When clubs are shrinking, we continue to attract new members. Please welcome these new members and make them feel needed and engage them in projects. Welcome to our newest member – Hogar Tait.

See you next week!

Lenny



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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 re-imbusement 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!!



Fred's Funnies...



DAD IS GOING TO BE SO HAPPY when he sees the gas tank full



Finally making realistic mannequins in the men's department.



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

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Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



Oct 5—Community Health Assessment

Oct 7—4 Way Test MMS

Oct 12—Club News

Oct 19—Jim Kautz

Oct 26—Halloween Program

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Tom James did not win
50 50.

Money
rolls over
to 10/5.



Next Regular Meeting 10/5 Community Health Assessment See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

