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KENYA WATER PROJECT

BY JOHN SHORT

Rotarian Dennis Sanders introduced Past DG Billie Black and Rachel Hoskins, publisher of the Franklin Press, as today's program. Billie and Rachel are both members of the Daybreak Rotary Club and talked about a water project they're getting support for in Kenya. This project came about when a group of education students, along with their instructor from Western Carolina University went to Kenya to student teach. They noticed a lot of need at the particular school they were at but a lack of water was the most pressing according to the school and community. The school was built 50 years ago by a group of nuns and was designed to hold 700 students ages 5 to 14 years of age. Today the school enrollment is 1800 students with average class sizes of 70 to 100 students per class. The school is built on the outskirts of Nairobi next to a dump. The school has no running water and the children come to school hungry because they have nothing to eat and live in shanty towns in the surrounding area. What water that is available comes from community wells or is bought in 5 gal. Containers. Despite their conditions the students are enthusiastic learners and teachers dress very professional.



When Billie and Rachel heard about this situation they went to Kenya to see for themselves the need. They took along with them a suitcase full of school supplies including paper and pencils and 10 soccer balls which set Rachel back \$100 in taxes to bring them into the country. Billie said it will take around \$66,000 to complete this water project for the school. This includes \$24,000 from club donations, which \$20,000 has been committed so far, \$15,000 from District Designated Funds and \$27,000 from the World Fund match. This will cover the cost of digging the well putting in the pump installing the solar system and four holding tanks. The water would then be gravity fed to the school. They would then sell water to the community to help sustain the system.



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2017-18 Board is Approved!!

On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Franklin officially approved its club board for next year by club vote. Congrats to the following who agreed to serve next year:

- President** – Judy Chapman
- President Elect** – Janet Greene
- President Nominee** - Rich Peoples
- Immediate Past President** - Lenny Jordan
- Secretary** – Patsy Parker
- Treasurer** – Jim Garner
- Foundation Chair** – Mike Norris
- Public Image** - Paul Garner
- Membership** – Amy Manshack
- Program Chair** - Debbie Tallent
- Youth Services** – Larry Hollifield
- Vocational** – Rich Peoples
- International** – Susie Ledford / Stacy Guffey
- Club Administration** – Janet Greene
- Community Service** – Patrick Betancourt
- Sgt-At-Arms** – Tom James / Kyle Ledford

____ Other non-board helpers ____

- Scholarship Chair** - Bud Siler
- 4 Way Test** - Paul Garner
- Rickman Fundraising Chair** - Bill Baker
- Family of Rotary** - Nancie Wilson

Area 1 Christmas Time in Clay Co.!

Franklin Rotarians DG Gary and Nancilee, District Membership Chair John Yermack and Adele, AG Sean and IPDG Billi and first dude Ron attended the Clay Co. Christmas Party Dec. 20th at the Copper Door in Hayesville. President John Mirandi officially kicked off a plaque that remembers deceased club members.



Merry Christmas Bea!

Our inbound student Bea receives a winter vest and gift card Wednesday from the club. Thanks Bea for all you do!



Rotary Service

1/4/17

Greeter: Jeff Gillette

Prayer/Pledge: Tom James





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Volunteers Now Needed to Work restoring Sevier County After Fire!

Our own Tom Coley recently took a truck load of items and approximately \$2,000 in donations over to the Sevier County area as the residents continue their cleanup efforts. Many are displaced and living in hotels or other temporary quarters but they do not have any of the basic necessities. **Local residents can go to the Rotary Distribution Center at Boyd's Bear to get for free whatever they need.** The five local Rotary clubs and District 6780 have taken over management of the distribution centers in Sevier County. This is your daily update of the situation. **We are serving between 2500 – 3000 people per day. This need is massive. We need your help. Don't plan to supervise, plan to WORK, WORK, WORK!** We have established a daycare for victims with counselors and dogs. It was opened yesterday and we have a group from UT heading that project for us.

The distribution centers are now being managed by the local Rotary clubs. This is a massive operation. They need between 150-200 volunteers per day at the distribution centers! If you can volunteer any time please contact **Past District Governor Jerry Wear at [865-228-1670](tel:865-228-1670)** to schedule the times that you can help. **ROTARIANS PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO PDG JERRY AT THE BOYD'S BEAR SITE We need monetary donations to pay for medicines that are desperately needed by people who lost their medications in the fire.**

You can still make a tax-deductible contribution can be made here:

<https://portal.icheckgateway.com/RotaryCommunityFund/>

Notes from the Top

It is hard to believe that 2016 is almost over, and my year as your president is at the half way mark. It seems that each year passes a little more quickly and life seems to race by.

It is my hope that each of you will have a joyful Holiday, spent with friends and loved ones. I hope even if you are going through very tough things, that you will remember that family and friends and especially your Rotary Family are always here for you.

As we look back on this year, there were many happy times spent together, and hopefully even more in 2017.

It is exciting to see Judy getting ready for her year as president with a very talented board to support her and lead our club. My wish for each of you is that you will pledge to support me in finishing my year and will be ready to support Judy as she prepares to lead us.

Rotary is more important than ever in a world facing so many challenges. Rotarians like you and me can choose to lead in trying to solve much of this, but it will take each one of us choosing to serve humanity thru Service above Self.

May we have a world at Peace in 2017!

Jean and I wish each and every one of you and your loved ones a safe and happy Holiday wherever you find yourself over the next couple weeks.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Yours in Rotary Service,
Lenny





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IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta...HERE'S THE NEW FEE

You have till April 1st to register for **ONLY \$415**. 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!...** 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!!



Next BREW Meeting
Chair Nancie has announced no BREW Meeting in December. Next one Tues. January 3rd at Currahee Brewery in Franklin 530p. See you there!

Fred's Funnies



Smile.....





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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 Betancourt/Jim Wilson

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield/Belinda Petricek

International Service: Stacy Guffey /Susie Ledford

Foundation Chair: Mike Norris/Vic Perry

Membership Chair: Amy Manshack/Paul Garner

Program Chair: Janet Greene/Vic Greene

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



Dec 28-No Meeting (Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jan 4- Club news

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Tom Coley wins HUGE pot 12/15. We start at 0\$ with 13 cards left for Jan. 4th!



Next Meeting 1/4/17 Club News. See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

