



Childrens Christmas Party

by John Hubsch

Today the Rotary Club of Franklin celebrated it's annual Childrens Christmas party. Watching 38 young boys and girls open their presents and seeing their happy faces brought much joy to the occasion.

Special thanks go out to Susie Ledford, Robin Jenkins, Debbie Tallent and Patsy Parker for devoting their time to buying the presents at Wal-Mart and K-Mart. Rumor has it that our own Jim Wilson was hiding under the Santa Claus costume. Also, special thanks to Youth Services coordinator Larry Hollifield for organizing the party and for providing members of the Interact Club to help out. Also helping out was our Exchange Student, Bea, from Italy.



Thanks again to all those club members who made this party special. And we can't forget Janet Greene for leading the club in singing Christmas Carols in perfect harmony!





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Back Packs This Monday!

Community service co-chair Patrick Betancourt announced to the club the next backpack fill is **THIS MONDAY 4-6p** at CareNet. If you need a makeup this is a great way to do it!

Bea is in a Play!

Our foreign exchange student Bea is in a FHS Drama Dept. performance this weekend Dec. 9th-10th 7p each night at the FHS Auditorium. The title of the play is "The Scenes of Christmastime". Cost is \$5.00 per person. Don't miss it!



Club Christmas Party Dec. 15

Sign up now available for The Rotary Club of Franklin Christmas Party scheduled for Thursday December 15th at Mill Creek.

Cost is \$20 per Rotarian and \$40 per Rotarian Couple.

Mark your calendars..this is always a great time of fellowship. Please let Patsy know if

you can attend. **We will also be drawing for the HUGE 50 50 Pot with ONE CARD LEFT and of course the tacky sweater contest! Don't miss it!**



Interact Helping a Family

The RC of Franklin Board agreed to match dollar for dollar monies raised by the FHS Interact Club to help a family in need this Christmas in the "Adopt a Family" program. The Interact club has selected a young mother and her daughter. Stay tuned for all the details!

Rotary Service

12/21

Greeter: TBA

Prayer/Pledge: TBA





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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!

CLUB INCENTIVE TO SAVE on a LOW Registration Fee for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta

You have till NEXT WEDNESDAY to register for **ONLY \$340** if you register prior to **December 15th** the club will reimburse you **\$100**. 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!!



We will Meet 12/21

Mark your calendars..our final meeting of the 2016 calendar year will be Wednesday December 21st. Please plan on attending as we hear about a water project in Kenya and plan to conduct a club vote on our 2017-18 board. See you 12 noon!

Fred's Funnies





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Helping with Fire Relief Efforts

In the Sevier County area the residents are beginning 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.

Today's need, in particular, include: • Winter coats all sizes. Children's sizes especially

- Warm gloves for all ages
- shovels
- rakes
- water hoses
- work gloves
- mops and brooms
- can openers
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING TO HELP ASSEMBLE SHELVING AT THE BOYD'S BEAR LOCATION!!! TWO TRACTOR TRAILER LOADS COMING IN TODAY!!!! ALSO A LOAD OF PORK AND BEANS!**

All of the above items should be taken to:

Rotary Distribution Center
Smoky Mountain Jubilee
2119 Parkway
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

There is still a great need for food for the residents who lost everything.

Non-perishable food should be sent to:

Rotary Distribution Center
BOYD'S BEAR
Traffic light #8, Parkway
Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

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** 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.**

Please help. Your tax-deductible contribution can be made here:

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

The Club also approved \$1,000 to be given to the fire relief efforts and please bring monies and donated items to John's store (Franklin Office) on the Highlands Road in Franklin. Make checks payable to Oak Ridge Rotary Community Fund... "Firestorm" in the memo line on the check.



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Notes from The Top

Wow, where do you start? The energy and excitement was electric from the moment the first child walked into Tartan Hall today. What has become a holiday tradition is for me the most exciting Rotary meeting of the year! To see these children chosen by the schools to come in and enjoy a great meal and then to be treated to a gift from Santa is very special. While it is just one of the many things we as Rotarians do, the gift of Happiness for these few minutes in these children's lives is priceless.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the work that our fellow Rotarians put in to make this happen. Organizing, shopping, wrapping and all the other preparations. A special thank you to: Larry Hollifield, Patsy Parker, Susie Ledford, Debbie Tallent, Robin Jenkins, Jim Wilson (Santa), Bea and the other elves from our Interact club.

Thank you from ALL of us!

Thank you's go out to everyone that has or will bring things to donate to the relief effort in Gatlinburg. It is amazing what Rotary is doing there. It is not too late to donate goods or money to the cause. You can drop things off at Franklin Office & Art Supply, 161 Highlands Rd. Franklin, NC.

We look forward to sending a crew over to help in the Rotary Distribution Center that has been set up. Another great example of "Serving Humanity thru Service Above Self"

Lenny

p.s. Let Rotary help you procrastinators get to the International Convention. Sign up before December 15th. Turn in a copy of your registration to Jim Garner and the club will reimburse you \$100.00. You can't beat this deal at any other club!!

SO JUST DO IT !





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Going To Panama in 2017 to Continue Project Panama

DEPOSIT NEXT WEEK!

In the spring of 2017 (March 24 – April 3) a team will once again visit Panama. The journey will be 10 days in duration with one full day spent in Panama City visiting historical sites including the Panama Canal, Another visiting and working in an Emberra Village on the Chagres River, several days in the Boquete area working in rural schools, and several days in Bocas del Toro working at a very remote indigenous school. Medical clinics will be conducted and repairs and renovations will be made to schools Personal cost per individual is currently estimated to be between \$1700 and \$1800 which will cover round trip airfare from the US, bus and air transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals while in Panama. Team members are required to have current passports and an international health insurance policy

The Franklin and Sylva Clubs will be primary sponsors of the project and provide team leadership, assist in identifying team members, and undertake fund raising activities in support of the project. The Boquete Club will identify work sites, provide all logistics related to the work “in country”, as well as arrange one or two cultural gatherings to increase the team’s understanding of the country and its people.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with application prior to December 16, 2016. One payment of \$500 is due on January 15 and 2 equal payments of \$600 are due on February 15 and March 15. There will be 6 team training classes February 15th-March 22nd. For an application to participate email Sandy Frazier at sandliz222@frontier.com



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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



Dec 14-No Meeting

Dec 15-Club Christmas Party at Mill Creek

Dec 21-Kenya Project

Dec 28-No Meeting

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Next drawing 12/15 at Christmas Party
ONE CARD LEFT!



NO MEETING NEXT WEEK. Next Meeting 12/21. See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

