



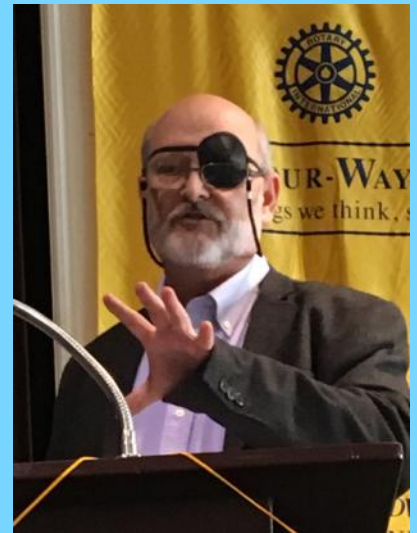
Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center

by John Hubsch

Rotarian Stacey Guffey introduced today's program speaker, Bob McCollum, Chairman of the Cowee School Advisory Board. He started by talking about the rich history of the Cowee School and the community. The school was built in 1943 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and served as a school until 2012. Since then it has provided a variety of great programs to the local community.

The area surrounding the school was a Cherokee Indian village for many years, until they were forced to leave in 1838. The Cowee Mound was the centerpiece of the village and it was razed and then rebuilt four separate times, after battles with the British and American settlers. Also, at one time around 1900, this same area was home to the largest African-American population in Western North Carolina.

Since 2012, the school has evolved into a place where many different activities occur. There are 8 small businesses operating at some time on the premises. There is a fourth grade education program whereby local students are bused in for the day. There are classes for fitness, pottery, oil painting and drawing.



There are music festivals, a summer concert series, and the Annual Folk Festival in August, where 2,000 people attended last year. The Cowee Christmas drew 1,000 visitors last December. Visitors come mostly from nearby and from neighboring states, although visitors from 14 states were represented last year.

McCollum stated that about \$30 million has been invested in the school and surrounding area in the past 15 years, most of it for land acquisition. About 50 percent of funding comes from the county government and the school is trying to reduce this amount at this time.

McCollum asked Rotary members to help spread the word about Cowee and he invited everyone to come out and visit!





Three More PHF's!

On Wednesday Stacy Gufey was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, Jim Garner at PHF Plus 5 and John Yermack a PHF Plus 8! Hugs all around! All three members great work and a great example to the club!

BREW This Tuesday!

Chair Nancie reminds everyone please come to Outdoor 76 on Main this Tuesday for the February BREW Mtg. Annual members please remit \$20 if you'd like to continue. Annual members have blue pins and lifetime members have gold. Lifetime is ONLY \$100

Foundation Contributions

Mike Norris-foundation chair recently stressed the importance of making your foundation contributions. He gave the club an update on where it was so far for the year and that you have an opportunity to make it very easy through Rotary Direct. See Mike and he'll get you started!!



COL Meeting Last Thursday!

The nominating committee for a new delegate and alternate on the RI council on legislation met 1/26 in Black Mountain and selected two new representatives from 7670. They will be announced later upon final approval. RC of Franklin IPP Sean was among the nominating committee members.



New Meeting day for Evening Club!

The RC of Franklin Evening satellite Club is now meeting on **Tuesday's 630p at Lazy Hiker**. Tell a friend about the club. Just another option to serve as a Rotarian!

Rotary Service

2/8/17

Greeter: TBA

Prayer/Pledge: Patrick Betancourt





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Notes from The Top

Well, unlike your President who forgot his blue CART jar, it was great to see so many jars, bags, and checks that you all remembered to bring. You all together gave almost \$800.00. It's amazing how coins for CART can add up.

We will have one more CART day before I turn this year over to our next President (who has a great memory) Judy Chapman!

Changing the subject Valley Cafe who provides our meals has asked for suggestions from us on meals we would like

to have or even specific foods! Duncan realizes that being the only provider they may not be thinking of all the possibilities. This he would encourage our participation in giving him our likes and dislikes. To me, this is great customer service and while he can't guarantee he will or can provide all of our requests he will try.

Please write down your ideas, things you would like to see more of or less of and get them to me, I'll pass it on.

Have a great week!

AG Sean Needs Flywheel Editor!

If you are interested in publishing the newsletter each week please see AG Sean. He would like to let someone else do it. Doesn't take more than an hour and a half each week. See Sean or Stephanie Smith!





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District Conference April 28th-30th!!



Nows the time to make plans for the upcoming District Conference in Hickory. There will be a free youth conference on Friday with

the regular conference Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Earn 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!! Register now on DacDb for the conferences!!! District only \$145

Fred's Funnies

Decals on Garage Doors....



Are you fed up with looking daily at your garage door?

Just stick a new decal on your door! You should see the looks on the faces of your neighbors



The German company " Style your Garage " makes posters for your garage door.

True Story LOL





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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



**Feb 7-BREW Meeting
at Outdoor 76 530p**

Feb 8-Vocational Talk

**Feb 11-Pre Pets Christ-
mont at Black Mtn 830a**

**Feb 15-Dr. Charles
Thomas**

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 2/8

Vocational Talk.. See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

Scott Manshack did not win the pot valued over \$50 that rolls over to 2/8

