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## GUARDIAN AD LITEM

by John Hubsch



President Lenny Jordan introduced today's program speakers, Joe Allen and Allison Cook from Guardian Ad Litem (GAL). Allen is a supervisor with the 30th Judicial District of NC, covering Macon and Graham counties. He has been employed in the social services field for over 10 years. The position here in Macon County went unmanned for 4 years before he was hired 3 months ago. Cook is a co-worker who has been working for GAL here for a little over one year. She works cases and is currently responsible for 3 children under her watch. She previously worked in the law enforcement field for over 10 years.

GAL works closely with the North Carolina Dept. of Social Services (DSS), the agency responsible for the welfare of children. The goal of DSS is to eventually reunite children

who have been removed from their homes, due to abuse or neglect, with their parents. However in some instances, GAL will determine after their investigation that such a reunification is not in the best interests of the children and GAL will oppose such action.



The mission of GAL is to provide trained independent advocates to represent and promote the welfare of abused and neglected children in the state court system and to ensure that these children are in a safe, permanent home. GAL equips community volunteers to perform this task. GAL advocates are appointed by the court to investigate and help determine the best course of action. They interview children at school and at home and interview the parents as well.

Anyone interested in the GAL program and/or becoming a volunteer advocate can go to their website at [volunteerforgal.org](http://volunteerforgal.org). The next training session is March 16 at 11am in Jackson County and you need to apply for this by March 15. Allen is the main recruiter for GAL and he can be reached at [828-349-7222](tel:828-349-7222).



## Happy Birthday Bea!

On Wednesday the club celebrated our inbound exchange student from Italy, Bea's 17th birthday. Bea was born on February 29th! Bea got a suitcase full of cards from the club and several gifts. Happy birthday Bea and glad to have you here!



## 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!!



## Membership Minute

This is the second posting for Julia Langley being proposed for new membership by President Lenny. This is the first posting for Ashley Mitchell proposed for new membership. Any questions comments or concerns see any board member.

## Stop Hunger!

The board approved \$500 to be allocated to the Sylva joint Stop Hunger Project. The project will take place Saturday March 11th 10a at First Methodist in Sylva. If you would like to volunteer see President Lenny! Satellite club plans on having a group there.

## Rotary Service

3/8/17

Greeter: TBA

Prayer/Pledge/4 Way: Tom Coley





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## One of Our Scholarship Recipients on the Rise

Ralph Waldo Emerson reminds us that “the reward of a thing well done is having done it.” But as Rotarians, how do we know whether all the service we undertake yields positive results? Last week, two of our club members found out just how much of an impact our service can make.

In 2011 the Rotary Club of Franklin, NC awarded a scholarship grant to Gosia Tiger. You may remember that Gosia was a single mother from Poland that was studying nursing at Southwestern Community College. And while the challenges of being a single-parent not originally from this country and studying full-time might be enough to convince others to give up; Gosia was not one to be deterred. The scholarship our club awarded Gosia helped insure that she could worry a little less about school costs and could, instead, focus on the important things in her life – her child and her studies.

President-Elect Judy Chapman and Community Service Co-Chair Patrick Betancourt sat with Gosia last recently as she was seated to the Macon Program for Progress (M.P.P.) Board of Directors. In her introduction she shared that as a recipient of the Workforce Investment Opportunity Act services offered through M.P.P. and with the Rotary Scholarship, she earned a degree in Nursing and is currently studying for her Masters of Nursing and has already made application for her Ph.D.

Gosia’s story reminds us that the service we pay someone today is an investment in the future. It’s a lesson that Gosia obviously took to heart as she looks to serve the young children and families of this community through her nursing and her service as an M.P.P. Board Member.

## Back Packs this past Monday...a Huge Success!!!

Thanks to all who participated in the Monday 2/27 back pack fill at CareNet! 10 Rotarians, 5 guests, 1 Interact Student, and 6 job corps packed 588 backpacks in about 50 minutes...awesome!!! Next back pack fill will be march 27th at CareNet. See Patrick and sign up now!!





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## Notes from The Top

It is hard to imagine what Franklin or North Carolina or the United States or the World would be like without Rotary and each Rotarian in our club and every club!

Today, looking back over just our meeting and the things and people we touched and then trying to imagine all the other clubs just as busy and engaged as ours. I can without reservation say that we Rotarians do a pretty good job of SERVING HUMANITY THRU SERVICE ABOVE SELF!

Today, just in our club, we celebrated Bea's birthday and realized again what a gift it has been to have her in our community. We learn so much from our exchange students. We heard Patrick tell us how we packed almost 600 food backpacks to help those less fortunate in our own community. We have folks signed up to pack meals for STOP HUNGER NOW, a worldwide campaign to feed those without food.

We welcomed potential new members, we have an active BREW Fellowship, members are signed up for both the District Conference and the Rotary International Conference.

Now close your eyes and imagine what all the other clubs are doing! Rotary and each of you make our club and the world go around. Next time you consider missing a meeting, think about what we do in just one hour. Each of you are special and bring so much to our club. THANK YOU! See you next week!

Lenny

### Evening Club Meets Tuesday!

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!



### 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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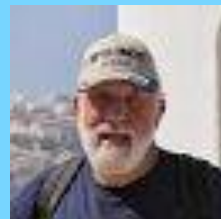
## District Conference April 28th-30th!!

Nows the time to make plans for the upcoming District Conference in Hickory. There will be a free youth conference on Friday 10a-3p..dinner for Rotarians Friday Night then 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!! Club is reimbursing first 20 members \$75 on registration fee. **Register now at rotary7670.org for the conference!!!District only \$145**



DG Gary has acquired a copy of the TV production **Remembering No More** and we will show this as our program next week, March 8th. This outstanding video tells the story of CART and shows how your donations are used to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Please make every effort to attend next week to see this program. It is short, only 15 minutes, but very powerful. If you know a non-Rotarian that you feel would be interested in seeing this please bring them as your guest!

## Fred's Funnies



### Male or Female????

You might not have known this, but a lot of non-living objects are actually either male or female. Here are some examples:

#### TIRES:

Tires are male, because they go bald easily and are often over inflated.

#### SPONGES:

These are female, because they are soft, squeezable and retain water.



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

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Assistant District Governor: Sean Gibson

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Flywheel Editor: Barbara Lawrence/Dennis Sanders/Lee Berger

Sgt. At Arms: John Hubsch/Sam Blasingame/Mike Watson

Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



**Mar 8-"Remembering  
No More"**

**Mar 11-Stop Hunger  
Sylva**

**Mar 15-TBA**

**Mar 22-Water Treat-  
ment Plant**

## 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 3/8

### CART Program

### "Remembering No More" ..See you 12 noon Tartan Hall



Sandy Fra-  
zier won the  
\$180 pot on  
3/1! 50 50  
starts at  
zero 3/8.

