



# FLYWHEEL

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## Nukes, Mickey Mouse and Elvis

by John Hubsch

Fred Drexler introduced today's program speaker, Obie Oakley Jr. , who gave a very interesting talk about his time serving in the U.S. Army during the Cold War period in the 1950's and 1960's while stationed in Germany.

Oakley now lives in Charlotte and Highlands and is retired from the printing and publishing business. He graduated from the Citadel and Harvard Business School. He served 9 years as an officer in the U.S. Army and has received numerous medals for his service. He has authored 4 books and is now the Executive Director of the Carolinas Freedom Foundation. He is also the President of the Highlands Historical Society and serves on the Committee for DOD 50th Vietnam War Commemorative.

Oakley served in the 23rd Engineering Regiment which is part of the 3rd Army Division. This Regiment was formed in 1917 and is celebrating it's 100th anniversary. His regiment was stationed directly across from 20 Soviet divisions which were on the other side of the German border. Their mission was to guard the famous Fulda Gap and at one point, Oakley and several other officers were responsible for the possible deployment of a live nuclear device if the Russians were to cross the border and attack.

Another story told by Oakley was more humorous. He was inspecting the barracks of his soldiers when he came across a locker holding a " unique item for protection purposes" that had Mickey Mouse ears on it!

He also talked about the time that he saw Elvis Presley, who was in the Army and stationed nearby at the time. Elvis was wearing a different cap than all the other Army personnel and when Oakley asked why, he was told that women kept stealing his Army cap off of his head!

Oakley concluded by talking about his most successful training experience and his biggest training failure. All in all, it was a very informative speech.





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## PHF Society!

On Wednesday IPDG Billi Black recognized two more RC of Franklin members who achieved PHF Society which is giving \$1,000 per year to the foundation. Great work Lee Berger and Jim Garner!



## Keep Selling Those Tickets!

On Wednesday we got off to a great start with ticket sales for our Rickman Fundraiser. Please bring your tickets with money 6/21!!

## Keep Ivy in Your Thoughts and Prayers

Ivy Burstein's husband Maury recently had a heart attack. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers

## Another Volunteer Opportunity!

Still need volunteers for Saturday June 17th. The NC Co-operative Extension has a project at MVI and volunteers are needed. Please see Patrick Betancourt and sign up today. Hours will be 9a until 1.



## Bea's Last Meeting!

Wednesday was the last meeting for our exchange student Bea. She leaves for Italy this month. Thank you Bea for a great year and we are going to miss you!



## BREW Meeting Tonight!

Just a reminder tonight is the next BREW Meeting at Currahee Brewery 530p. See you there!

## Judy's Installation 2017-18

Mark your calendars as we induct new offers for the coming year at the 2017-18 RC Of Franklin Installation. It will take place Tuesday Night June 27th at Parker Meadows. Time TBA.



## Rotary Service 6/21/17

Greeter: TBA

Prayer/Pledge/4 Way: Larry Hollifield





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# Fred's Funnies



## For Your Amusement



## Governor Bill's Installation June 17th!

Today is the last day to register for Governor Bill's Installation which will be Saturday Night June 17th. Rotary Asheville Breakfast Club offers this special invitation to join us for an evening of fellowship to honor the work of DG Gary Dills and welcome our new DG Bill Biddle. Social and cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30, cash bar Dinner starts at 6:30 with, buffet of beef and fish with salads and sides. Cookies and ice cream for dessert Dress: Business Casual Ticket Sales Close on June 8th! We hope you can make it! Here's the link below.....

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-fellowship-and-celebration-tickets-33833015460?>



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## CART Cruise Scheduled

PDGs Bill Shillito and Dennis Sanders announced at the District Conference in Hickory that a CART Cruise has been arranged for District 7670 Rotarians and their friends and families on 24 February, 2018. This weeklong cruise will give cruisers an opportunity to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease research, to share ideas and strategies to support CART, and to raise some funds for CART. In addition, we will be able to enjoy the warm weather of the southern Caribbean during the winter of 2018.

Norwegian Cruise Line has agreed to donate \$100 to CART for each passenger that books a voyage. Each club will receive credit for the \$100 generated by their members and any friends and family going along with them. Norwegian has also added some excellent incentives for this cruise. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Our tentative plans for the cruise include some informational sessions by, hopefully, one of our research scientists. We will also have a couple of receptions just for our group. During one of the sea days we will conduct a 2 K Walk for CART. Our travel agency has approached Norwegian to see if they will allow us to include the entire ship in this walk. The chance to develop new acquaintances and friends is probably one of the most important reasons to join the cruise.

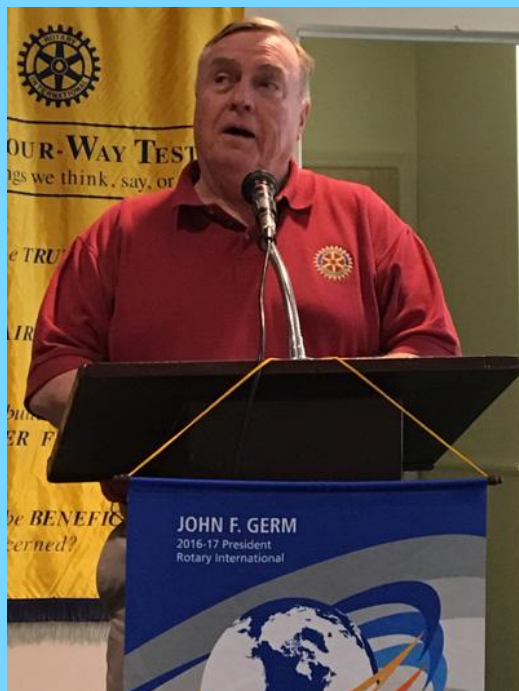
You have three methods to book a cabin:

Print the registration form in the attachment and snail mail it to our travel agency.

Go to the travel agency website at [vipworldtravel.travel](http://vipworldtravel.travel) and click on the CART link. You can then register online

Call the travel agency at (800) 323-7448. Ask for an agent to book the CART Cruise

Please consider joining this cruise for fun, the chance to learn, and the opportunity to raise some funds for CART.





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# LAST FLYWHEEL IN 3 WEEKS!

Volunteer to be Flywheel editor! Or you have to look at **THIS** face every week until July 1st....





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

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Flywheel Editor: Sean Gibson

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

Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



**June 14-No Meeting  
RI Convention**

**June 21-FHS Top 5**

**June 27-Judy's Installation  
at Parker Meadows**

## 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



**NO MEETING NEXT  
WEEK..Next Meeting 6/21**

**FHS Top 5..see you 12  
Noon Tartan Hall!**

Mike Watson was the drawing winner on 6/7. Pot starts at zero for 6/21!

