



THE FANWALK

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The Miracle of Hickory

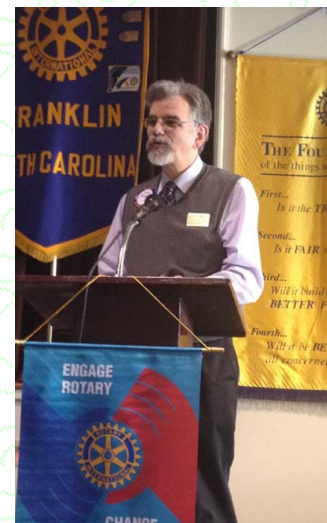
By Dick Pritts

Dr. Scott Philyaw of the Mountain Heritage Center of Western North Carolina University spoke about the current exhibit at the Mountain Heritage Center. The exhibit on the polio epidemic that hit the United States and in particular the children of Western North Carolina in 1944 was put together by Catawba County Museum in conjunction with the Mountain Heritage Center. The residents of Hickory in the summer of 1944 decided that they needed to work together to help their neighbors whose children had been struck with polio. Within 54 hours after making the decision to do what they could to address the needs of the kids they turned a summer camp into an emergency hospital camp. The camp was open to everyone regardless as to whether they could pay. It was open to all regardless of gender, race or religious affiliation. The children's ward was integrated which was highly unusual in these times of Jim Crow.



Doctors and nurses from around the nation came to help. Local residents, vendors and parents of children volunteered. High Point Rotary Club along with other local Rotary Clubs supplied equipment, funding and volunteer help. Volunteers were needed for help in fanning the kids to help keep them cool since one treatment was to wrap them in hot, moist towels. Also with summer storms in WNC there would be power outages and the iron lungs that the patients were treated in ran on electricity and needed to be manually operated by the nurses or volunteers.

This emergency hospital camp had 454 patients with only 71 from Catawba County. The others were from WNC as well as the rest of the state and from neighboring states. The camp closed in March 1945 when the patients were transferred to a nest section to treat polio was opened at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. A caravan a mile long made up of 70 cars and 12 ambulances transferred them from the Hickory area to Charlotte. The Miracle of Hickory is a great story of neighbors helping neighbors and be used as an example in training those in environmental health, public administration and social services on how to address a public health crisis.



Board Meeting This Tuesday Night!

Reminder there will be a board meeting at Hungry Bear Restaurant this Tuesday with fellowship at 5pm and the meeting at 530p. If you need a makeup, this is a great way to do it. Happy New Year and welcome back!



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We Have a Scout Master!

The Rotary Club of Franklin was pleased to announce on Wednesday that Chuck Williams has agreed to be the scout master for Troup 202 for the next three months. Some of the club members who will be working with Chuck include Keith Keller, John Henning and Mike Norris. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mike Norris at miken@wayah.com.

Rotarians Get Promoted!

The Rotary Club of Franklin would like to congratulate two of its members who have recently been promoted at their place of work. Susan Gibbs, branch manager of the Macon Bank Main Street location has been promoted to director of operations at the corporate office. Debbie Wallace, branch manager of the Holly Springs Branch will replace Gibbs at the Main Street location. Congrats Ladies!

Welcome Yet Another New Member!!

On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Franklin welcomed Heath Hammond as it's newest member. Heath is sponsored by Past President Mike Norris.

Let's give Heath a big welcome!



Let's keep Demi's and Jack's family in Your Thoughts..

As many of you heard over the holidays, DGE First Lady Demi Bray's brother and Jack Horton's sister passed away. Lets keep Demi and Jack and their families in your prayers.

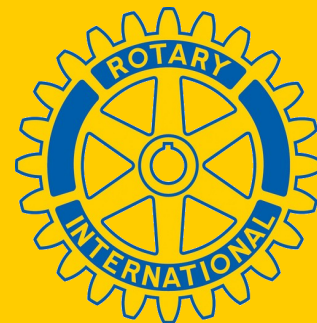


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Nancie's Notes



January is Rotary Awareness Month, and Dr. Scott Philyaw from the Mountain Heritage Center at WCU did a great job of kicking off this Rotary month! Among other things, his program discussed the role Rotarians played during the NC Polio epidemic of 1944-45. Many of us were not aware that the epidemic centered around Hickory, NC and Rotary clubs in that area were instrumental in building and staffing the hospital for polio victims. No one who needed care was turned away. As Dr. Philyaw said, Rotarians who worked during the epidemic demonstrated "Service Above Self" at its finest. I encourage all our Club members to make it a point sometime before March of visiting the Mountain Heritage Center at WCU and seeing this very interesting and informative display on the NC Polio epidemic.

President-elect Susie Ledford, and President Nominee Sean Gibson will be attending the Pre-PETS workshop later this month in Asheville in preparation for their PETS training in March in Greensboro. We are into the "home stretch" of this Rotary year and these two Rotarians are studying, learning, and getting ready to assume their leadership roles in our Club.

Your board of directors will meet on Tuesday evening, January 14th at the Hungry Bear Restaurant. Social hour at 5:00 with meeting beginning at 5:30. Directors and committee chairs expected, all others welcome and you'll get a makeup for attending.

Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY" from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



On January 8, 1815, Andrew Jackson and his band of "half-horse, half-alligator" men whipped the British in the Battle of New Orleans, the last major battle of the War of 1812. General Jackson, known to his troops as "Old Hickory" because of his toughness, had been placed in charge of defending the port city. As the British approached, he frantically threw up earthworks and assembled an extraordinary army of some 5,000 men. He had volunteers from New Orleans, including Creole aristocrats, tradesmen, and laborers. His forces also counted Tennessee and Kentucky militia, as well as Free Negroes, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Italians and Indians.

The British, who ridiculed the American defenders as "dirty shirts," came at Old Hickory at daybreak with more than 8,000 troops. The battle turned into a rout. About 2,000 British soldiers were killed, wounded, or captured. The American toll was 13 dead and 58 wounded or missing.

1790 President George Washington delivers the first State of the Union address in New York City.

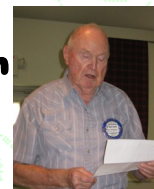
1918 President Woodrow Wilson outlines his fourteen points for peace after World War I.

1935 Rock 'n' Roll king Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson declares war on poverty.

1987 Dow Jones Industrial Average closes above 2,000 for the first time.

Clayton's Corner About Growing Older Part 2



*When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

*One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

*Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.



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January Is Rotary Awareness Month

Help celebrate January with Rotary Awareness Month by educating ourselves and fellow members on the history of Rotary, Rotary Programs, or even how to raise the awareness of the club's projects in the community and worldwide. Ask members to share personal experiences that they have had where Rotary has had a direct or indirect effect. All Rotarians have a story that can be educational or inspiring and the new year is a great opportunity to renew Rotary Inspiration throughout the year. For more information on Rotary Awareness Month see club president Nancie.



Upcoming Events



- 14 Jan..Bd Mtg at Hungry Bear 5p/530p
- 15 Jan..MedicForce with Jonathan Bryant
- 22 Jan..Club Assembly
- 25 Jan..Pre-Pets Seminar at A-B Tech 9a (Incoming PE's and PN's)
- 29 Jan..Fifth Week Social at El Charro Mexican Restaurant 5p

5th Week Social End of this Month!

Our next 5th week social will be Wednesday January January 29th 5pm at the new El Charro Restaurant on the Highlands Road beginning at 5pm. There will be no regular meeting that day.



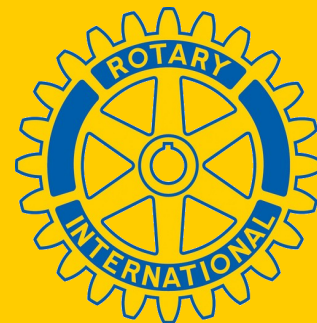


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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2013-14

District Governor: Ronnie Thompson

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Nancie Wilson

President-elect: Susie Ledford

President-nominee: Sean Gibson

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: John Henning and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

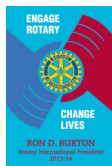
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

Public Relations Chair: Dick Pritts/Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Bill McGaha

Immediate Past President: Gary Dills

Thanks for all you do in service!



Rotary Service for

1/15.. Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Fred Lindstrom Greeter: Sean Gibson

50 50 Drawing...

No winner on January 8th as new member Cindy Rodgers does not draw the winning card. The \$107 pot rolls over to January 15th with 9 cards remaining.



- 1 Ticket —\$1.00
- 3 Tickets —\$2.00
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00
- 25 Tickets—\$10.00

Next Meeting 1/15: Jon Bryant w MedicForce (Fred Alexander Host) See you at 12 noon Tartan Hall!