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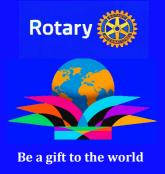
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# Remembering Clayton

Clayton Ramsey passed away February 18th, 2016. Lets keep Clayton's family in your thoughts and prayers. Your were a great Rotarian and human being..we will miss you!





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#### CHILDREN'S HOPE ALLIANCE

#### CHANGING YOUNG LIVES IN A POSITIVE WAY IN WESTERN NC

Article by Tom Coley

Fred Drexler introduced Katie Henry, Director of Development for Children's Hope Alliance. Katie is a fellow Rotarian from the Sylva Rotary Club and a passionate advocate for troubled youth. She shared a video of teens giving their testimony about how they were rescued from terrible situations of sexual and emotional abuse and even drug addiction. Each teen in their own words told of how they journeyed from a state of utter hopelessness and peril to a place where they could find safety, structure, and above all "hope". That place was Hawthorne Heights, located in Bryson City. The shelter is operated by Children's Hope Alliance (CHA) and it has been a safe haven for children at risk for many years.

After the youth's issues of immediate safety and health care have been addressed, counselors try to drill down to the deeper core

problems of family dysfunction and offer therapy sessions with family members as well as the affected child in hopes of finding a path to recovery. Katie proudly spoke of their TASK Program (Treatment Alternatives to Sexualized Kids). In many cases, perpetrators of child sexual abuse have been abused themselves as children. The TASK program attempts to break the cycle of abuse handed down from generation to generation. So far, Katie says their recidivism rate of those in the program is just 2%, or in other words, a 98% success rate!

Another successful program is "Stand by Me". This a support plan for teens after they graduate from Hawthorne Heights to continue in a structured environment. This program assist them if they want to continue their education, find work, and ultimately independent living facilities. At the end of the day, the goal is to help them to become responsible contributing citizens rather than a burden in our society.



Hawthorne Heights recently celebrated its transition from a shelter that was old and cramped into a much better and larger facility that can house up to 9 teens, both male and female, each having a private room and storage area. Franklin Rotary Club along with 10 other Clubs in Western North Carolina contributed both money and volunteer labor to make the transition a reality. CHA has placed a plague in the den area of the new shelter recognizing Rotary's contribution and proclaiming to the teens passing

through that Rotarians care about them.



Although the improvement from the old facility to the new facility is like night to day, there is still work to be done. The plan for the basement area is to develop administrative offices, private counseling rooms, and a small apartment for staff during periods of inclement weather. The capital fund raising drive is underway and will officially kick off with the "Giving Them Hope" annual luncheon event on May 5th, 11:45 -1:00 pm at Southwestern Community College, Burrell Conference Center in Sylva. If you would like to attend the luncheon or to know more about Hawthorne Heights and Children's Hope Alliance, call Katie (828-231-5413) or visit their website at http://www.ChildrensHopeAlliance.org.



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#### Back to Panama 2016!

Sandy Frazier, our club chair for Project Panama is going back down to that country again **April 1st through the 11th** and is in need of supplies. He is re-



questing the following supplies to bring with him and he will have his "Panama Suitcase" over the next several weeks available for items to be dropped off. Those requested items include....

\*Lined Paper \*Note Books \*Pencils/Pens/ Crayons/Markers \*Construction Paper \* Scissors/ Rulers \*Small Calculators \*Band Aids/Gauze \*Anti Biotic Crème \*Aspirin/Ibuprofen/Tylenol \*Hydro Cortisone \*Anti Fungal \*Eye Drops \*Tums/ Antacids \*Multivitamins

Money donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to either St. David's Episcopal Church or Franklin Rotary Charitable Foundation for tax deduction purposes. Memo line should denote "Project Panama."

#### **Second Posting**

This is the second official posting of Jimmy Villiard sponsored by Bill Swift. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact President Sean or any board member.

#### **First Posting**

This is the first official posting of Stephanie Smith sponsored by Summer Woodard. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact President Sean or any board member.

#### Stop Hunger Now April 2nd!

A joint project between The Sylva Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Franklin and four other clubs to pack meals to be sent to Central America will be taking place April 2nd. The clubs and volunteers plan to pack 100,000 meals from 9a-10a at Sylva First United Methodist Church. The club also is making a financial contribution of \$500. Great makeup opportunity. See Patsy or Cindy if you would like to sign up.

#### **Rotary Birthday Celebration This Tuesday!**

The Rotary Club of Franklin and Franklin Daybreak are holding a joint birthday celebration event for Rotary to be held Tuesday Evening February 23rd at Life's Bounty Event Room down stairs



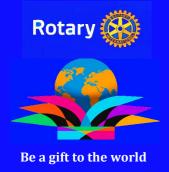
on Main St . All are encouraged to attend. There will be light food and a birthday cake as we celebrate RI's 111th birthday and celebrate our wonderful International Organization. Will start about 530p with fellowship and will also be showing the CART Movie originally scheduled for March 4th. Come for fellowship and fun! It's a great way for newer club members to meet members of the other Franklin Clubs. Our satellite members will also be attending. And its a great way to makeup. See you there.. see Patsy and sign up today!

### Make-up Opportunity with Back Pack Fill at CareNet this Monday!



If you need a make-up the next backpack fill will be **Monday February 22nd at CareNet from 4-6pm.** Please see Community Service Chair Cindy Rodg-

ers if you would like to volunteer or Shaina Adkins.



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#### **District Conference 2016!**

President Sean is encouraging everyone to attend the District Conference to be held at the Meadowview Conference and Registration Center in



Kingsport, TN on June 10th thru 12th so please mark these dates on your calendar. The conference cost is \$190 and the room rate is \$125 per night. Registration

deadline is May 19th. Further information on the conference will be forthcoming. **You can register on DacDb Now!** 

#### **Notice of Club Vote on Dues Increase**

This coming Wednesday February 24th the club will formally call for a vote to raise club dues for active members to \$175 per quarter, increase R85 members to \$11 per meal and guests \$11 per meal. As President Elect Lenny Jordan and myself stated yesterday, the increase is being called for to help us cover the new costs of meals that will be changing in the coming weeks. The increase will go into effect April 1.

Rotary Service 2/24



Prayer/Pledge: Cheryl Davids

**Greeter:** Cheryl Davids

# Clayton's Corner Some Good Humor



A man goes to see the Rabbi. "Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is going to poison me."

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's going to poison me. What should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her; I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Rabbi calls the man.

He says, "I spoke to your wife on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man said, "Yes" and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

#### **Rotarians Birthdays:**

Tom James—Feb 22

**Partner Birthdays:** 

Sally Wilson Feb 23

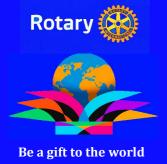
#### **Rotarian Anniversaries:**

Derek Roland—4 Years

Everett Stiles—37 years

Bill Swift—2 years





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#### The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2015-16

District Governor: Billi Black

Assistant District Governor: Ken Nicholson

President: Sean Gibson

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President-nominee: Judy Chapman

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: John Barbee

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Community Service: Cindy Rodgers

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Thanks for all you do in service!

### Next Meeting



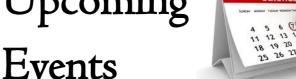
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24th—State of

Town...See You 12

Noon Tartan Hall

### Upcoming



Feb 22—Backpack Fill CareNet 4-6p

Feb 23—Rotary Birthday Event at Life's Bounty 530p

Feb 24— State of the Town

Mar 2— Mountain Mediation

Mar 9— Miles Gregory—Airport Report

Mar 10—Board Meeting

### 50/50 Drawing

I Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



#### 50 50 Drawing

No drawing 2/17 so the \$99 pot rolls over to next week. There are 7 cards left..buy your ticket for a chance to win!