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Clayton Ramsey Remembered At Today's Meeting

By John Short

Today the Rotary Club of Franklin remembered our dear friend Clayton Ramsey who passed away last Thursday. He served as Club President from 1963-64. Clayton loved being a Rotarian and was known for his witty and occasional risqué jokes.

Members were given the opportunity to talk about what Clayton meant to them and memories they have of him. Susie Ledford remembered her first teaching assignment and how Clayton, who was her first principal, was always there to encourage and support her that first year. She said she's going to miss his political emails, which dealt mostly with N.C. Education issues, an area he loved dearly. She also said she'll never forget his love for his family and how proud he was when one of them were able to come to Rotary with him.

The thing Gary Dills remembered most about Clayton, who he had as a teacher in 1963, was the paddle with holes but he didn't mention how often he came in contact with that paddle. He's also going to miss those political emails. One of the most memorable memories of Clayton was how happy he always was.

Patsy Parker will never forget the positive mark Clayton left at the Middle School, not only while he was there but long after he left.

Elbie Stiles said Clayton had a skill of remembering both children names as well as spouses. Clayton was never without a joke and Tommy Jenkins, as well as others, always wondered where he got them.

His friend Ruth said his Great grandchildren always called him GGPaw.

Sharon Ramsey said this last time her dad was in the hospital the moment he woke up he looked at the doctor and said, are you a Rotarian. He was always recruiting.

Clayton you'll be missed but never forgotten.





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Rotary Student of the Month

Miranda Williamson, a second year student at MEC is being recognized as February Student of the Month. Williamson is an active member of the SPEAK Club (Students Promoting Equality and Kindness). She is the recent recipient of the Youth Citizen of the Year Award at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Miranda has volunteered almost 500 hours

with community work. She plans on attending a 4 year university and become an elementary teacher. Congratulations Miranda!

Funeral Service for Clayton

The memorial service for Clayton Ramsey will be this Sunday February 28th at First United Methodist Church in Franklin. The service will start at 230p and those attending are encouraged to arrive around 130p. Let's remember Clayton with a Rotarian showing this Sunday.

Happy Birthday Rotary!

The Rotary Club of Franklin and Franklin Day-break co-hosted a birthday party celebration event this past Tuesday Night at Life's Bounty Event Room. Members of the new satellite club also attended as we celebrated

Rotary's 111th birthday with some food, fellowship and great video. Thanks to all who put this together (special thanks to Susie, Debbie, Patsy and Governor Billi!)





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New Caterers Announced!

Special thanks to the club's catering committee for their hard work on this. Starting next month the club's lunches each Wednesday will now be

handles by Fatz (starting next month) and alternating each month with Valley Café. The members selected these restaurants in a survey held recently. PE Lenny Jordan formally announced the two new caterers

February 24th.



Dues Increase April 1st.

The Rotary Club of Franklin formally voted Wednesday February 24th to increase active member dues from \$165 to \$175 per quarter. The club also approved rule of 85 meal costs from \$10 to \$11 and guest meals from \$10 to \$11. The increase will help cover the new meals that start next month. PE Lenny announced cost of installation in June for Rotarians and guests would be \$10 per person instead of \$25 person. Remember dues can also be paid by credit card in addition to check or cash..

Rotary Service 3/ 2

Prayer/Pledge: John Duncan

Greeter: Gary Shields



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!**



Rotarian Birthdays:

Dennis Sanders—Feb 24

Gary St. Arnauld—Feb. 28



Rotarian Anniversaries:

Chris Baldwin—3 years

Tammie Farrell—3 years

Paul Garner—2 years



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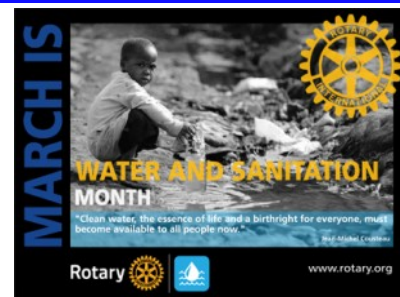
New Imaging for Satellite Club!



Satellite Club Chair Morgan Murray came up with a new logo for the club. When you get a chance check out the club's new Facebook page and "Like"!

March is Water and Sanitation Month

Over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe drinking water and more than 250 million people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe drinking water. Rotary's projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.



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 requesting 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."

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.

Second Posting

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



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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

President-elect: Lenny Jordan

President-nominee: Judy Chapman

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: John Barbee

Vocational Service: Karen Kenney

Community Service: Cindy Rodgers

Youth Service: Amy Manshach-Chair/Larry Hollifield-Co-Chair

International Service: Stacy Guffey

Foundation Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts

Sgt. At Arms: Jacob Reiche

Immediate Past President: Susie Ledford

Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



Mar 2— Mountain Mediation

Mar 9— Miles Gregory—Airport Report

Mar 10—Board Meeting Lazy Hiker
5p/530p

Mar 16—Rotary Fellowship

Mar 23—Club Assembly

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

Wednesday March

2nd—Mountain Me-
diation...See You 12
Noon Tartan Hall



50 50 Drawing



No winner Feb. 10th.
There are 7 cards left..buy
your ticket for a chance to
win the \$99 pot!