

FLYWHEEL

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Mountain Mediation Service

By John Hubsch

Dr. Davids introduced Lorraine Johnson, Director of Mountain Mediation Services(MMS) and Adele Doering, volunteer mediator at MMS. MMS has 3 offices in 7 counties in western North Carolina. It provides mediation services to the local community and in doing so, it helps alleviate the backlog of disputes that are in the local court system. Most of the cases that they handle come from the courts, whereby one person has filed a complaint or a warrant against another person. Examples are landlord/tenant disputes or neighbor disputes. MMS brings both parties together and attempts to get them to

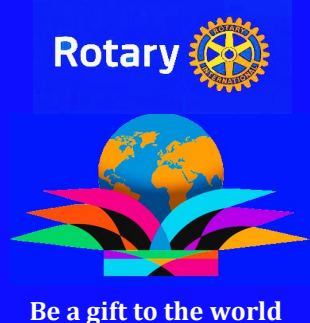
resolve their problem outside of court. The MMS mediator does not take sides but allows each party to talk in front of the other party in a civilized manner.

MMS also provides Mediation training and is always looking for volunteer mediators. It recently finished training 1,400 students in bullying education and prevention. Another common dispute that MMS deals with is Medicaid appeals. It is a non-profit organization and was founded in 1994. It serves the community by resolving disputes outside of the court system. It's website is at www.MountainMediation.org. The Franklin office can be contacted at 828-349-2561.

Connect NC Bond

Rotary Club member Dr. Cheryl Davids introduced Dr. Don Tomas, President of Southwestern Community College, who gave a compelling talk in support of the Connect NC Bond, which will be on the upcoming election ballot this month. He urged everyone to vote yes, in favor of this 2 billion dollar bond that will be used to rebuild many facets of the North Carolina infrastructure. Much of the monies will go to the western part of North Carolina and it won't increase taxes because it is merely replacing existing and expiring bonds. It has bi-partisan support and will assist in replacing aging structures in our colleges, roads, parks and other areas that need help.





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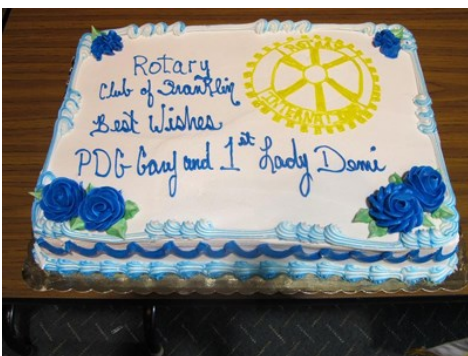
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Club Recognizes PDG Gary Bray and Past First Lady Demi Bray

At our March 2nd meeting 7670 DGE Gary Dills along with Current DG Bill Black, PDG Gary Sanders and Club President Sean Gibson recognized the long service of IPDG Gary Bray and former First Lady Demi Bray to the Franklin Rotary Club and RI District 7670. Gary and



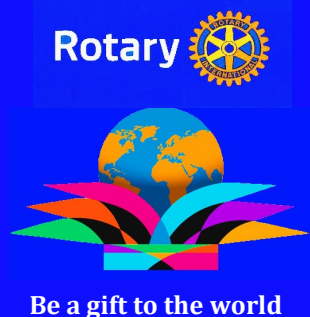
Demi are moving from Franklin to the Greensboro area and we wish them well as they settle in to their new neighborhood and new Rotary Club.

2 More New Members Inducted March 2nd!



Membership Chair Linda Harbuck inducted the latest two members into the club. Jimmy Villard, a retired Army Veterinarian who is now working for the Macon County Health Department, is sponsored by Bill Swift. Stephanie Smith, a local realtor at Bald Head Realty, is sponsored by Summer Woodard. President Sean then welcomed them to the club and encouraged them to get involved with an area of service of their choice. Welcome Jimmy and Stephanie!





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Interact Book Drive 2016

The FHS Interact Club completed their book drive for Read2Me earlier this week and around 400 books were collected over a two week period. Rita Hubbs' class took first place with 125 of those books collected. Thanks to all Interact members and students along with school representative David McAllister for coordinating the efforts. The club will be awarding the class a breakfast for their great work!



Remembering our Dear Friend

Thanks to all who were able to attend the Sunday service at Franklin First Methodist for our dear friend and fellow Rotarian Clayton Ramsey. Clayton, we will miss you! Thanks to Jeff and Sharon Gillette for securing a section for our members to sit during the service.



Clayton Higdon Ramsey
May 20, 1926 - February 18, 2016

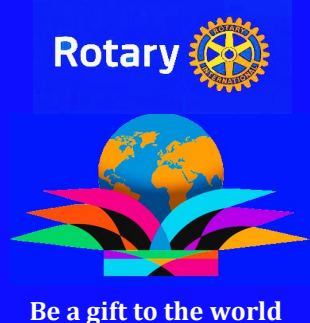
Greenway Cleanup Soon!

The date for cleanup of the Greenway behind Franklin Office is Saturday March 19th. 9amish. If you would like to help please see Cindy Rodgers and sign up. Great make-up too!

Sponsor Recognition

President Sean recognized Dr. Cheryl Davids on Wednesday for bringing in a new member since July of 2013. Great work Cheryl. It's the responsibility of all of us to bring in at least one new member per year.





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Brew Fellowship Meet this Tuesday!

PE Lenny Jordan announced that the next Brew Fellowship meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30 at the Lazy Hiker. All who are interested are invited to join the members as they discuss future meetings for the Brew Fellowship.



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/ 9



Prayer/Pledge: Janice Edgerton

Greeter: Kevin Corbin

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!**



Board Meeting March 10th

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 10th at Lazy Hiker. Social at 5:00 PM and board meeting at 5:30 PM. Great place for members to do a makeup. Board meetings are open to all members.

Rotarian Birthdays:

Robbie Holland—Mar 4



Rotarian Anniversaries:

Jim Bross—3 years



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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.



Taking Supplies for 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.

A Little Humor—Political Aphorisms

- If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

~Jay Leno~

- The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

~Henry Cate, VII~

- When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Clarence Darrow~



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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 9—Miles Gregory—Airport Report

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

Mar 16—Rotary Fellowship

Mar 23—Club Assembly

Mar 30—Fifth Week Social

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 9th—Miles

Gregory on Airport
Update...See You 12
Noon Tartan Hall

Rotary
Club Of Franklin



50 50 Drawing

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

