



## Macon County Airport

By Dick Pritts

Gary Shields introduced Miles Gregory, Chairman of the Macon County Airport Authority, as a native of Macon County. Mr. Gregory served eight years as a Macon County Commissioner and as Chairman for four years. Miles was the first County Commissioner elected as the president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners west of Buncombe County. He has also served as president of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman of the local Government Advisory Council made up of mayors and county commissioners across the State. Miles Gregory has served on the Macon County Airport Authority since its inception until the present and has been the Chairman for the last twelve years.



Miles said that with all his service to Macon County over the years this is his first time at the Franklin Rotary Club. He said as a native of Macon County it was his desire to create opportunities for the residents of the County and to make a difference for the youth growing up here. Miles said that the Macon County Airport Authority was setup by the legislature and has a five member board. The 97 acres that make up the airport was deeded to the Airport Authority. The goal of the Airport Authority Board was to make it a creditable airport which has hap-

pened over the years in operation. When the Board elected to extend the runway by a thousand feet there was some local opposition that had to be overcome. That runway extension increased the annual usage at the airport.



Mr. Gregory named off quite a few improvements that have been accomplished at the airport: three miles of fence around the airport property at a cost of \$500,000; the up to date airport terminal with private lounge for pilots and meeting rooms for businesses; the weather station housed at the airport; lighted runway; flight instructions and ground school. With the extended runway the jet traffic at the airport has picked up. There are 31 airplanes parked at the airport: 25 single engine, 1 turbo, 1 twin engine, 1 jet and 3 medical helicopters. Miles indicated the airport is a tremendous asset for Macon County especially for industrial development. A couple of the local businesses use the airport facilities almost daily. He stated that the economic impact based on a UNC study showed 40 jobs related to the airport, a \$750,00 payroll and a \$4.9 Million annual economic impact on the local economy. Miles stated that the traffic at the airport and picked up 20% last year and there is a great demand for hangar space. The Airport Authority has had numerous visits with the Cherokees to promote the airport usage and that the Authority has been master planning future improvements at the airport.

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## Greenway Cleanup Soon!

The date for cleanup of the Greenway behind Franklin Office is being rescheduled because the schools will be on spring break. Stay tuned for the new date. We will have a reschedule date very soon so stay tuned. This is a great make-up if you have missed meetings!



## Board Meeting Tonight!

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.

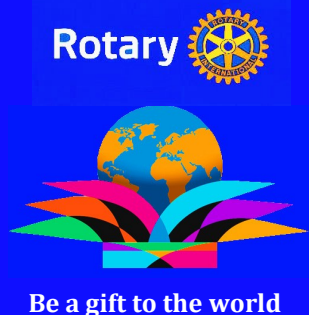
## Stop Hunger Now April 2nd!

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.

## B.R.E.W. Fellowship Meeting a Success!

The Rotary Club of Franklin's First BREW fellowship meeting was a hit this past Tuesday at Lazy Hiker. 18 members attended. The meetings will involve field trips as well as fellowship at various locations. If you would like to join see PE Lenny Jordan. Cost is \$20 for a one year membership and \$100 for a lifetime membership. See you soon!!





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## First Posting

This is the first official posting of Mike Watson sponsored by Sam Blasingame. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact President Sean or any board member.

### 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..

## 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:

Fred Drexler — Mar 17



### Rotarian Anniversaries:

Tammie Farrell—3 years

Stacy Guffey—4 years

Karen Kenney—4 years

Sean Gibson— 14 years

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Prayer/Pledge: Tammie Farrell

Greeter: John Short



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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.



### Please Bring Supplies for Panama!

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

### A Little Humor

#### Political Aphorisms

- Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer~

- A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~ Tex Guinan ~

- I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle~

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



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*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



**Mar 10**—Board Meeting Lazy Hiker  
5:30p/5:45p

**Mar 16**—State of the Town—Bob Scott and Summer Woodward

**Mar 23**—Club Assembly

**Mar 30**—Fifth Week Social Lazy Hiker

## 50/50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



## 50 50 Drawing

Gary St. Arnauld won the \$120 pot. The pot will start over next week with 13 cards. So buy tickets to grow the pot!



**Next Meeting Wednesday March 16th—State of the Town wth Bob and Summer...See You 12 Noon Tartan Hall**

Rotary Club Of Franklin

