



FLYWHEEL

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POLIO PLUS- INDIA'S INTERNATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAYS

By John Short

PDG Dennis Sanders introduced Charles Wolf who talked about his trip to India to immunize children against polio. Charles is a member and past president of the Sylva Rotary Club. He is very active in the district having served on various committees. Charles is not only active in Rotary but serves in various capacities in his community and church. He has been all over the world to include: Bosnia, India, Guatemala, Panama and the State of Georgia. Charles was honored for his work in Rotary by receiving the "Service Above Self Award", the highest award given by Rotary International with only 150 given each year.



Since 1985 the signature project of Rotary has been the elimination of polio world wide. After 40 years only 2 countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, remain where polio still exists. In 2011 India became polio free. Charles wanted to be involved in going to India to help immunize children and knew that going the first of this year would be his only chance since the immunization program was going from oral drops to injections this coming April.

He went to India in February of this year but preparation began several months in advance. Several weeks before going he still needed a visa from the Indian Embassy. With the help of Representative Mark Meadows he was able to go to Washington two days before his flight overseas and meet with the Embassy Consulate from India. It also helped that Charles wife got him a hotel room right across from the Indian Embassy. While talking with the consulate he asked Charles about Rotary and looking at a picture hanging on the wall of Mother Teresa Charles said, I would like to be a little like her. The consulate immediately granted the visa.



Charles spent nine days in India, along with 30 other Rotarian's from Australia, Canada and the U.S. They met in New Delhi for the kick off of the program. They then traveled by motor caravan to Mewatt, an all Muslim community of about 10,000 people. The first day they immunized at a central location. Once immunized the children's pinky finger were colored purple to show which ones had been immunized. The second day they went door to door and put a form on the door to indicate how many children in that household were immunized. Charles said putting drops in children's mouths wasn't as easy as it looked because the children were scared and they had to force the mouths open on occasion.

He said the living conditions were primitive and people lived with the animals. Contributions by Rotary since its inception to eradicate polio has been \$1.5 billion. Other donations raised from donor governments is \$6.7 billion. The immunization program is switching from oral vaccine to intravenous injections. There is a current funding gap of \$5.5 million. In 2007 the Gates Foundation contributed \$100 million to help Rotary eradicate polio. In one NID-National Immunization Day 170 to 172 million children were vaccinated.

Thank-you Charles for all you do for Rotary!



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Thoughts and Prayers Please..

We learned of the recent health news of WCU Chancellor and fellow Rotarian David Belcher. David has been diagnosed with a small brain tumor. The tumor is effecting his speech and expression. This is all we know at this point. Please keep David and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Two to RYLA!

The Rotary Club of Franklin is proud to announce two candidates will be attending the June 19-25 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp in Brevard. Congrats to Sidney Gibson and Shelby Frazier, juniors from Franklin High School!



Gold Stars for Great Work!

President Sean presented Gold Stars to Karen Kenney, Dennis Sanders and Patsy Parker at this week's meeting. Karen's Gold Star was for all her ef-



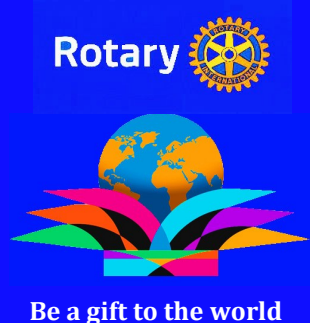
forts on another successful Read2Me Essay Contest this year. Dennis received his Gold Star for his efforts on several projects for President Sean especially for his review of our club's district reports for awards. Sean indicated that Patsy received her Gold Star for her efforts in getting the club's DacDb page up to date.



Paul Harris Society Members

PDG Micki Kaye recognized John Yermack and Sandy Frazier as the latest Rotary Club of Franklin Paul Harris Society Members. This recognition is granted to those who pledge to donate \$1000 per year for ten years to the Paul Harris Foundation. She pointed out that our club has a larger percentage of members as PH Society Members than the average for Rotary International. Congratulations to John and Sandy!





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3rd Quarter Perfect Attendance

President Sean honored those with perfect attendance for third quarter on April 20th with no makeups with a certificate. They were: John Barbee, Janet Greene, Larry Hollifield, Rich Peoples, Stephanie Smith, Debbie Tallent and Jimmy Villard. He then honored those who had perfect attendance including makeups. They were: Bill Baker, Lee Berger, Sam Blasingame, Judy Chapman, Tom Coley, Gary Dills, Sandy Frazier, Jim Garner, Jeff Gillette, Vic Greene, John Hubsch, Tom James, Lenny Jordan, Susie Ledford, Amy Manshack, Mike Norris, Patsy Parker, Vic Perry, Dick Pritts, John Short, Gary St Arnauld, Nancie Wilson and John Short. If you miss a meeting..please make-up!



Membership Minute

This is the first official posting of Ben Laseter sponsored by Sean Gibson. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact President Sean or any board member.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

You are cautioned to slow down
By the doctor instead of by the police

'OLD' IS WHEN...

'Getting lucky' means you find your car
.. In the parking lot.

'OLD' IS WHEN...

An 'all-nighter' means not getting up
To use the bathroom.

AND

'OLD' IS WHEN.....

You are not sure these are jokes!
Have a good day!

If You Are a Club Leader for 2016-17 Please Plan to Attend

If you are involved in club leadership next year, you are encouraged to attend the District Leadership Training Saturday May 21st at AB Tech Asheville. No cost. It's a great way to get ready for next year. Three leaders can car pool with President Sean. Car pooling encouraged. Sign up on DacDb now!

April is Child and Maternal Health Month

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary International provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Their projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs. Locally the Rotary Club of Franklin continues to help support the Community Care Clinic with its efforts to provide free local health care.





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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 Convention Center in Kingsport, TN on June 10th thru 12th so please mark these dates on your calendar. The registration cost is \$225. The room rate is \$125 per night. Registration deadline for rooms is May 19th. Lets have a great club showing! You can register on DacDb Now! So far we have a few RC of Franklin members attending.



Greenway Cleanup Date This Saturday

The Greenway Cleanup will be this Saturday April 23rd at the Rotary oval behind Franklin Office. Your help is appreciated! Join Interact and our youth in the cleanup and hamburgers and hot dogs at Noon! Great way to makeup.

Rotary Service 4/ 27

Prayer/Pledge: Amy Manshack

Greeter: Elbie Stiles



TO SHARE WITH OLD FOLKS YOU MAY KNOW

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today. 'The bartender says' well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.

'As the woman finishes her drink the woman to her right says 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.' The old woman says 'thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.' 'Coming up' says the bartender. As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says 'I would like to buy you one, too.' The old woman says 'thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.' 'Coming right up' the bartender says.

As he gives her the drink, he says 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?' The old woman replies 'sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor... Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'



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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



Apr 27—Mainspring Water Conservation

May 4th—Franklin Literacy

May 11th—Safe Kids

May 12th—Board Meeting Lazy Hiker

May 18th—NOAA

May 25th—Top 5 of Franklin High School

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

No winner on April 20th as PP Nancie Wilson did not draw the winning card. The \$84 rolls over to April 27th with 11 cards left.



Next Meeting

Wednesday April 27

Mainspring & Water Conservation..See You
12 Noon Tartan Hall

