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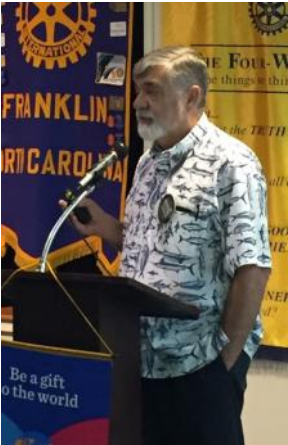
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Project Panama

Summer Woodard introduced today's program presenter Sandy Frazier by reading Sandy's hilarious bio outlined in his email to her. Sandy indicated that the seed for Project Panama was set in 2002 when Sandy and his wife joined his friend Howard Hill and wife from the Sylva Rotary Club in a trip to buy property in Panama to raise coffee. The next year his friend Howard, who helped found a Rotary Club there, informed Sandy to bring supplies on his annual trip to see them.



Sandy reported that there have been a lot of partners from the WNC area over the 12 years he has participated in helping the locals. They include Rotary Clubs, schools like WCU and SCC and medical doctors, dentists and nurses. Over the years 12 school projects were undertaken, three clean water projects and a solar installation completed, 12 medical clinics held that served over ten thousand local residents and two school renovation projects. Sandy stated that over 4500 pounds of supplies, over \$50,000 donated plus a \$16,000 RI grant, over 3500 hours of labor donated and over 10,000 patients served. Sandy indicated that the volunteers that join these trips spend between \$1200 and 1700 to work on the projects being undertaken. Before going on the trip the volunteers meet one night a week for six weeks to learn Spanish and other insights on what they will encounter and what they are expected to perform. Those volunteers who are college students earn 3 hours of credit, Sandy said that the goals for the trips are service, education, cultural exchange and FUN.



The group of volunteers land in Panama City, a rich city with lots of history and culture, and spend some time touring the city before heading out to Boquete in Western Panama to work on the projects. Over the years the projects have included classroom renovations, adding bathrooms, painting, installing lights and holding medical clinics. Sandy outlined the short term and long term goals for the Embera School in the Darien Gap area. This area is an economically suppressed area and the locals make their living off the tourists by selling their home made items. Because of the five months of rainy season they need to make their income within seven months. Most of the local students do not complete high school because of the lack of facilities. Thus the long range plan is complete one classroom per year over the next three years. Our club, the Sylva club, a Casper, Wyoming club and the Boquete club are partners in this endeavor. Over \$12,00 has been raised for the first classroom and MEDUCA, the education ministry of Panama, will fund the money for school supplies and teachers. Sandy indicated that a construction trip is planned for the Spring of 2017 and four members have indicated they are interested in participating.



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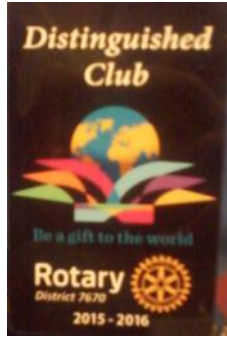
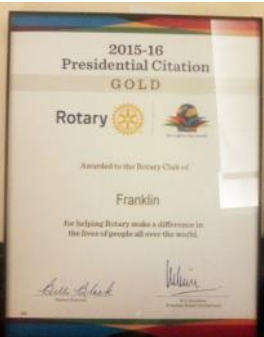
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District Conference 2016..One of the Best Ever!

Thanks to those who attended last weekend's district conference in Kingsport, Tenn! Our own Gary Dills was installed as our new district governor!!



RC of Franklin Got Some Great Awards!! Among those include Gold Presidential Citation, Distinguished Club, Best Online Bulletin for the Flywheel and Zone 33 Citation! Thanks to all who helped!



CART is Ultimately a Winnah In the Pretty Legs Contest!!

Dennis Sanders and John Yermack reported a huge success on the Pretty Legs Contest to raise money for the CART fund at the district conference over the weekend . Both Dennis and John raised \$1100 each of the over \$6000 raised. Franklin Rotary donated \$2000 and an anonymous donor donated \$1000. Dennis Sanders awarded pins to those who donated at least \$100 to John Yermack, Bill Baker, Fred Drexler and 2016/17 DG Gary Dills. Great work to all!!!!





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Satellite Club at Parade of Banners!!

The Rotary Club of Franklin Evening Club was represented at the district conference for the first time this past Friday Night as club secretary Judi St Arnauld carried the club banner across the stage at the district conference in Kingsport, Tenn.!



Installation June 28th!

Please sign up and plan on attending the Rotary Club of Franklin's 2016-17 Installation. This year's installation will be Tuesday Night June 28th 6pm at the Big Bear Shelter. Cost this year is ONLY \$10. We will be celebrating our soon to be past year and installing officers and directors. See you there!



Sean's Stuff



Just want to take a moment to thank everyone that attended this past weekend's conference in Kingsport. Governor Billi did a great job and our club once again took home some awards that would not be possible without you! Just want to remind you that if you have any outstanding club dues please pay them by the end of this month so we can start fresh for the new year. Also if you have not made a foundation contribution please do so as RI has to have that before July 1 for you to get credit this year. See chair Jim Garner and he'll make you a deal! Thanks again for your service..

Sean

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Roy Rickman Scholarship Fundraiser
 \$100 Donation Saturday, July 30th, 2016
 6:00 pm at Mountain View Intermediate School
 ADMIT TWO Prime Rib Dinner and Silent Auction
Tickets Checked At Door No To-Go Meals
 Proceeds To Benefit Local & International Rotary Projects
WIN YOUR CHOICE OF ONE OF THESE
2016 CARS OR \$16,000 CASH!





Jeep Renegade Latitude
SMOKEY MTN, CHEVROLET/JEEP

Chevrolet Cruze
SMOKEY MTN, CHEVROLET

Ford Fusion S
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 Please to Attend (Circle One): Yes No



You Still have a Good Opportunity to Registration Fee for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Cost of registration has gone up a little bit but you can still register for under \$400. Here's the link for registering for the convention...

www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta

Also you need to hurry because hotel rooms in Atlanta are booking Fast!!!!

Here is some additional incentives for registering NOW!...

You can still get \$65 re-imbusement AND earn a PHF for your club by registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017 AND a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!!

Keep those tickets coming in!!

We had quite a few more tickets for our upcoming fundraiser turned in for the second week! Please keep working on getting those sold. Please contact everyone on your list because a lot of folks take off for summer vacation and nows the time to contact **When you sell them please turn them into your horsemen.** Please also bring in silent auction items and program ads! On our silent auction this year we have a 1991 Ford Truck. **We are in need of volunteers to park the vehicle for show at their business to help generate some interest.** Its our one and only fundraiser..lets make it the best ever!



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Exchange Student Update

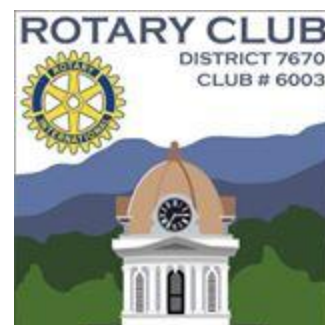
Incoming club president Lenny Jordan indicated that **we now have two families** to host inbound exchange student Beatrice from Italy. The first family is that of a former club member Becky Montgomery. Becky is a Middle School Assistant Principal. The second family was recruited by Lee Berger and are Tony and Tana Bagno. The exchange student will come to Franklin this August for the 2016—2017 school year. We are looking forward to having Beatrice join us for as many Rotary meetings as her schedule allows.

Rotary Service 6/22

Prayer/Pledge: Belinda Petricek



Kick off your Independence Day festivities at the Firecracker 5K on July 4th !!



– **Riverside Park – Bryson City, NC.** Hosted by the the **Rotary Club of Bryson City** the course runs through Bryson City and the Deep Creek Community. Event details are available at the **event website**.

Register by June 29th at 5PM to be guaranteed a commemorative race shirt. After that participants are not guaranteed to receive a shirt and/or a shirt in the size requested. Cost is \$28

Additional race information can be found at <http://www.runbrysoncity.com/>

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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



June 16—Satellite Club Meeting at Lazy Hiker 6p

June 22—Club Assembly

June 28— Installation of 2016-17 Officers and Board at Big Bear Shelter 6pm

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



Sandy Frazier won the \$59 pot so the pot starts over next week with 13 cards. Time to buy tickets to grow the pot.

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Next Meeting Wed.

June 22th—Club Assembly...See You 12 Noon Tartan Hall

