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COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC OF FRANKLIN

SERVING IN A BIG WAY WITH LIMITED RESOURCES!

Article by Tom Coley

Mike Norris introduced our program speakers, Ellen Shope and Barbra Taylor. Ellen serves as chairperson on the Board of Directors for the Community Care Clinic of Franklin and Barbara is the Executive Director for the clinic. The Community Care Clinic of Franklin (CCCF) is a free non-profit health care clinic with 501c3 status. It serves poor and indigent Macon County residents providing health care they could not otherwise afford. The clinic offers a wide range of basic services which include physician/mid-level evaluation, treatment, preventative education and referrals. CCCF began in 2010 as a satellite clinic of the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers and in 2013 spun off to become a separate 501c3 entity to serve the Franklin area. The CCCF staff consist of a part time Executive Director, a contract part time Nurse Practitioner, 2 part time RNs, and a part time case manager that also does data entry and volunteer coordination.



Barbra made it very clear that the clinic could not operate without the support of the community and the 50 plus volunteers giving of their time, talents and resources every week. The volunteers include 5 physicians, a volunteer Medical Director and other community members that do everything from front desk check in/medical history intake to interpreting for the Hispanic clients. Many local churches and businesses also provide dinner for the staff and volunteers on most clinic evenings. The clinic benefits from being able to conduct operations after regular office hours at the Macon County Public Health Center by using some of their space and equipment. The clinic is open from 5 – 9:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Macon County census statistics reveal a growing need for the clinic. The federal poverty level threshold is annual income below \$17,820. There are 18.1% of Macon County residents that fall below this income level. This percentage is higher than both state and federal percentages. Statistics also show that 19% of our residents are uninsured and 22% have postponed getting health care because they could not afford it. The CCCF has logged 690 visits to the clinic through the 3rd quarter of 2016 and expect to exceed 1000 visits by year's end.

Barbra and Ellen were delighted to announce a \$150,000 Community Health Grant through the North Carolina Office of Rural Health that will be recurring each year for the next two years. Also the clinic has been awarded an \$18,150 People in Need Grant from the WNC Foundation for a part time interpreter when there is not a Spanish speaking volunteer available.

In summary, CCCF is serving in a big way the low income and uninsured of Macon County. Possible changes within the legislative, economic and health care arena are looming on the horizon. Therefore the need for this service is likely to grow. The Franklin Rotary Club and the Macon County community can be proud of our part to keep the Community Care Clinic of Franklin a viable resource to those in need.



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Special Meeting Next Week!



Please plan on attending next week's children's Christmas party. If you have not attended this annual meeting you are missing out. This defines what Rotary does for our community. See you on Tuesday!

Packed a Bunch AGAIN!

Special thanks to 6 Rotarians that were able to pack back packs on Monday at CareNet. The six were able to pack over 400! Next back pack fill will be in December. Details to follow. Great way to make up a meeting.

Club Christmas Party Dec. 15



Sign up now available for The Rotary Club of Franklin Christmas Party scheduled for Thursday December 15th at Mill Creek. Cost is \$20 per Rotarian and \$40 per Rotarian Couple. Mark your calendars..this is always a great time of fellowship. Sign up sheet will be available at next meeting.

Board Meeting THIS TUESDAY!

President Lenny announced that the Rotary Club of Franklin December board meeting will be **this Tuesday December 6th 530p at Lazy Hiker** instead of the following Tuesday. If you are on the board please plan to attend. We also need non board members to help wrap Christmas presents for the children for next week's Children's Christmas Party.

Rotary Service 12/7

Greeter: Jim Garner

Prayer/Pledge: Mike Watson





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Thinking of Gatlinburg

President Lenny informed club members that he has spoken with club leadership in Gatlinburg inquiring on anything our club can do to help while the community battles forest fires. He will keep us posted..stay tuned!



A COUPLE MORE WEEKS TO SAVE on a LOW 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 **ONLY \$340** until December 15) 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 reimbursement 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!!



Foundation Time!

Now's the time to make your contribution as the club talked about several projects tied in with the foundation including Read2Me, the Kenya water project, and Peru Project. Your contribution makes these projects possible. See Mike Norris and make your contribution today!



Fred's Funnies



Holiday Humor.....Got the Lights Up!





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Notes from The Top

As a reminder we will have our monthly Board Meeting next week on Tuesday December 6th, instead of on the 13th.

I hope all of you were able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday and able to spend time with family and friends. Jean and I enjoyed spending time with our children and their families.

These last few weeks have been filled with smoke and worry as the drought continues, but we are extremely happy to have had our first rain in several months. We hope it marks an end to the wildfires and allows the many firefighters from around the country some rest.

Of course, with all the smoke and fires in our surrounding area, we were extremely lucky. Gatlinburg on the other hand has been devastated by a wild-fire, which could just have easily been our plight.

I have reached out to the Rotary Club of Gatlinburg asking how we might help as they try to rebuild. When I hear from them, I will let you all know.

Next week is perhaps one of the happiest meetings we have all year. It is the annual Children's Christmas Party. I enjoy seeing their excitement and wonder as they anticipate Santa and then receiving a gift. A gift that without each of you, would not be possible. It is these little things that also make me proud to be a Rotarian.

Thank you for all you do.

Lenny





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Going To Panama in 2017 to Continue Project Panama DEPOSIT DUE SOON!

In the spring of 2017 (March 24 – April 3) a team will once again visit Panama. The journey will be 10 days in duration with one full day spent in Panama City visiting historical sites including the Panama Canal, Another visiting and working in an Emberra Village on the Chagres River, several days in the Boquete area working in rural schools, and several days in Bocas del Toro working at a very remote indigenous school. Medical clinics will be conducted and repairs and renovations will be made to schools. Personal cost per individual is currently estimated to be between \$1700 and \$1800 which will cover round trip airfare from the US, bus and air transportation, hotel accommodations, and meals while in Panama. Team members are required to have current passports and an international health insurance policy.

The Franklin and Sylva Clubs will be primary sponsors of the project and provide team leadership, assist in identifying team members, and undertake fund raising activities in support of the project. The Boquete Club will identify work sites, provide all logistics related to the work “in country”, as well as arrange one or two cultural gatherings to increase the team’s understanding of the country and its people.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due with application prior to December 16, 2016. One payment of \$500 is due on January 15 and 2 equal payments of \$600 are due on February 15 and March 15. For an application to participate email Sandy Frazier at sandliz222@frontier.com



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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2016-17

District Governor: Gary Dills

Assistant District Governor: Sean Gibson

President: Lenny Jordan

President-elect: Judy Chapman

President-nominee: Janet Greene

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Treasurer: Jim Garner

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Community Service: Patrick Betancourt/Jim Wilson

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield/Belinda Petricek

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Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



**Dec 6-Bd Meeting at
Lazy Hiker 530p**

**Dec 7-Children's
Christmas Party**

Dec 14-No Meeting

**Dec 15-Club Christ-
mas Party at Mill Creek**

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Tom Coley
AGAIN did
not win the
gigantic pot
almost \$300! Next drawing
12/7 ONE CARD LEFT!



**Next Meeting
Wed. 12/7 Children's
Christmas Party. See
you 12 noon Tartan Hall**

