

THE FLYWHEEL



The Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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Wednesday 11 February 2015

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Distracted Driving



Program chair Vic Perry introduced Trooper Will Vespasian who spoke to the members about the dangers of distracted driving and the role that the Macon County contingent of NC State Troopers are playing in making the public aware that distracted driving has been increasing in the state. Trooper Will reported that this serious problem of distracted driving involves more than just talking on the cell phone and texting. Distracted driving in-

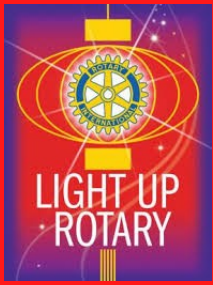
cludes such normal events like changing the radio station, changing a CD, looking at a map or gps guide, dropping something in on the floor or between the seats, talking to a passenger(s) grabbing a drink or doing a "dashboard lunch" on the way to a meeting and other similar movements.

Trooper Will reported some statistics such as 82% of drivers of age 16 -17 have driven while on the cell phone with 34% of them texting and 52% talking. He relayed that these drivers are 2 to 2.3 times more likely to be involved in an accident. Trooper Will indicated that 48% of 12—17 year olds have been on cars where the driver was on the cell phone and that 27% of adults receive or send texts while driving.

Trooper Will reported that we all need to be more aware and diligent and should pull over to take or make calls or text. He said everyone is responsible for safety on the streets and highways. We all need to help family members and others informed about safe driving and the dangers of distracted driving. Trooper Will informed the members that using a cell phone while driving is illegal for those under the age of eighteen. He said the blue tooth technology helps against distracted driving.

John Short then handed out Certificates of Appreciation from our club to each Trooper of the Macon County contingent of NC State Troopers. Those troopers in attendance were: First Sergeant Chris Wood, Sergeant James Hipp, Troopers Clay Cogdill, Christopher Scerri and Will Vespasian. Those honored but not in attendance were: Sergeant Charles Taylor and Troopers Brody Crawford, Jonathan Gibbs and Brandon Padgett.





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Make-Ups Needed!



Our Rotary year is flying by and we have accomplished a most impressive list of things so far! I am very proud that we have initiated a new hunger project with the packing of back packs at CareNet, brought eight new members into the club, continued with the valuable Community Care Clinic and Read2Me programs, and had many vol-

unteers participate in the Four Way Test program this year. We had a very successful fund-raiser for our Rickman Scholarships, and continue to succeed in our goals for Polio-Plus and CART. That just names a small portion of our accomplishments!

I do want to remind all members that attendance at our meetings is very important. A recent District report shows that The Rotary Club of Franklin had only 56.05% attendance the past month. Please remember that all members are required to attend at least 50% of all meetings. I know you all are very busy and can't attend every meeting, but please be aware that you are expected to do make-ups. There are several ways to do that. Our Rotary make-up website is www.rotaryclubone.org or you can go to our club website which is www.franklinrotary.com and click on Make-up a Meeting on the left side of the page. Other ways to make-up meetings include attending another meeting (DayBreak meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays), or participating in a Rotary activity, or Board Meeting. You can also count volunteering at the Community Care Clinic or CareNet as a make-up.

Together we can achieve our goals and finish strong!

Rickman Planning Meeting 2015!

We will be having our second Rickman Planning Meeting on Thursday February 12th 5pm at the Rathskeller. If you are interested in helping to organize our one and only fundraiser please plan to attend. Also it's a make-up opportunity too!

The Rotary Club of Clay County
Invites you to
JOIN US
for Mountain Moolah
CASINO NIGHT
March 14

At The Ridges Mountain Harbour Clubhouse
1665 Mountain Harbour Drive in Hayesville

Doors will open at 6 pm for dinner and drinks

Play Poker, Blackjack, Craps, and Roulette with Harrah's Casino dealers from 7 to 9:30 pm

Win tickets to enter prize drawings!

Support the Rotary Club of Clay County and its community projects, including Hayesville High School student scholarships

\$50 per person
Includes dinner buffet and game play

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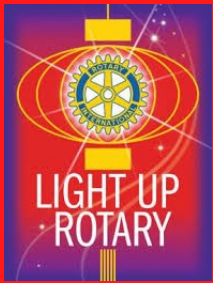
THE RIDGES

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

Contact RotaryClay@gmail.com for more information

Postings of Prospective New Members

This is the first official posting for Lee Berger and second posting for Brenda Munger of Post & Beam Restaurant at Mill Creek. If you have any comments or concerns, see President Susie or any board member.



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Grants Management Seminar

Great turnout for the recent grants management seminar held in Asheville February 7th. Rotary DGE Billi Black and Rotary Club of Franklin and DGN Gary



Dills conducted the event. Club President Susie Ledford, PE Sean Gibson and 7670 AG John Yermack were in attendance. Current District Governor and Franklin Rotarian Gary Bray kicked off the seminar. Incoming club presidents attended the PRE-PETS session after the seminar.

Share the Love ... Share the warmth this Valentine's Day

Cindy Rodgers and Amy Manshack are collecting donations of **Hat, Gloves & Scarves** for Franklin's elderly. The

Hats, Gloves and Scarves are given to the residents of Macon Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation and Grandview Manor.

Drop donations off at their respective offices between now and February 13th.

RI Anniversary Celebration

On Thursday evening at 6:00 PM our club will be joining the Daybreak club in the 110th anniversary celebration of the founding of Rotary. The Highlands and Sylva clubs have been invited to join our two clubs for the event. The celebration will be held at the Post & Beam Restaurant at Mill Creek Country Club for a cost of \$14 per person plus tax. There will be a cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Susie will need a head count of attendees by February 18th.

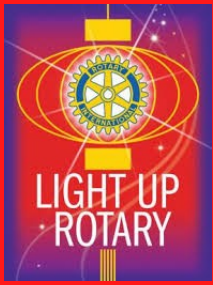
Love is in the Air 5K



Janet Greene reported that Dryman's Chapel United Methodist Church Love is in the Air 5k Fun Run / Walk raised over \$7200 for Multiple Sclerosis research.

Next Planning Meeting '15-'16

PE Sean's next board planning meeting will be February 19th 830a at the Franklin Chamber conference room. **Also a great way to make-up a meeting!**



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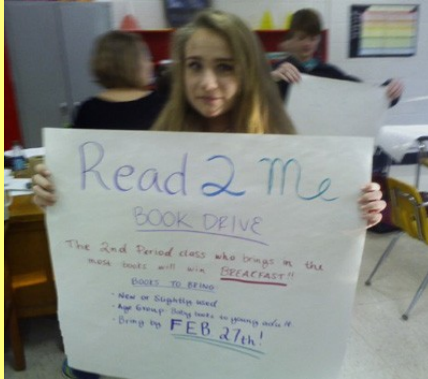
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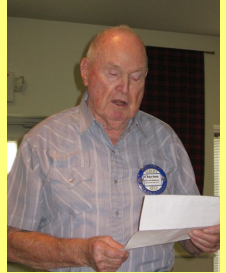
FHS Interact Club

The FHS Interact Club kicked off their Read2Me book drive for 2015 as several members made posters to be displayed at the high school. The Interact Club is looking for new or gently used books as part of the program that will provide a child a book per month ages 0-5. The club also plans to sponsor at least one child this year in it's efforts to stamp out illiteracy in Macon County!



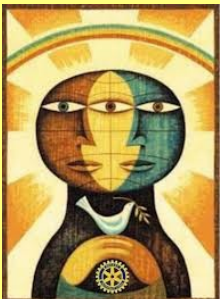
Clayton's Corner

Wisdom of Ageing—Part 2



- Today is the oldest you've ever been; yet the youngest you'll ever be, so enjoy this day while it lasts.
- But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

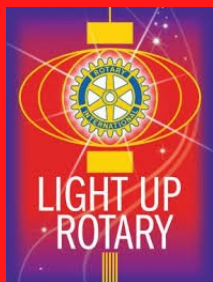
February is World Peace and Understanding Month



The month of February is significant to Rotary as it honors the first Rotary Meeting that took place on February 23rd, 1905. Rotary International has designated that day as World Peace and Under-standing Month. As Rotarians we emphasize the understanding and goodwill as essentials for world peace.

We should invite youth exchange students and or international scholars from nearby schools and universities to a meeting. Our annual Polio Plus drive also

concludes during the month of February and it's a good time to talk about international community service projects, and even make a contact with a Rotary Club in another country.



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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2014-15

District Governor: Gary Bray

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Susie Ledford

President-elect: Sean Gibson

President-nominee: Lenny Jordan

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman and Patti Abel

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: Stacy Guffey and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

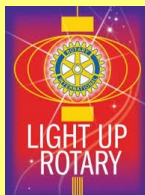
Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts and Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Dennis Sanders, Sandy Frazier, Cindy Rodgers and Jim Garner

Immediate Past President: Nancie Wilson



Upcoming Events



18 Feb- Lazy Hiker Brewery update by Lenny Jordan.

Prayer/Pledge—Judy Chapman

23 Feb- pack Back Packs at CareNet 4—6 PM

25 Feb- Exchange Student Maria Umeda from Japan. Prayer/Pledge—Tom Coley.

26 Feb- RI 110th anniversary celebration at Post & Beam at Mill Creek at 6 PM

03 Mar- J C Jacobs on 67 years in Rotary. Prayer/Pledge— TBA

We're now on Twitter! Franklin Rotary@RotaryFranklin. Check it out and follow us!



1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00

50 50 Drawing!



Tom Coley picked the winning card and won the \$48. A new pot starts next week with 13 cards in the deck.

Next Meeting 2/18—Lenny Jordan on the Lazy Hiker Brewery.....See you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!