

THE FLYWHEEL



The Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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VOCATIONAL MOMENTS



Club President-Nominee Lenny Jordan welcomed Mario LaPoma as the first portion of our Vocational Moments program this week. Mario then called on his wife Joanne, well known to most of the members, to help him with his program. Together they cleverly gave us Mario's background from his birth and adulthood in Rochester, New York, to the businesses he owned in Central Florida and on to their settling permanently in Franklin.

Mario has worked in diverse fields from unloading trucks to earn money for his first bicycle to being a runner for bookmakers to heavy construction equipment operator to entrepreneur. In addition, he probably is the only member of our club who could list "Bookie" as his classification if he chose to! Mario has never let the lack of a high school diploma prevent him from getting a job or achieving the goals he set. His recreational passion was for speed, racing motorcycles, go carts, sprint carts and hydroplanes. He set records in hydroplane racing which still stand and holds a private pilot's license, as well as being certified in twin engine aircraft.



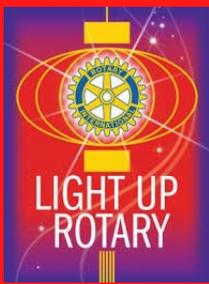
Mario moved to Central Florida to escape New York's bitter cold and joined the Altamonte Springs Rotary Club in 1970. He helped form the Longwood club and became a charter member of it. He partnered with a fellow Rotarian to form a heavy construction company and is very proud that the building his company fabricated for his Rotary club's service project in Haiti is still standing and providing service to the Haitian community today. Mario and Joanne have owned their home here in Franklin since 1983, where Mario has continued his 45+ years of Rotary membership.



Lenny then introduced Marvin Ramsey, who is the L. B. Johnson Job Corps' Business Community Liaison Officer. An Alabama native, Marvin described his education as not being a Magna or Summa Cum Laude experience but rather a "Thank You Lordy" one. He has used his Bachelor and Masters degrees to teach in public schools as well as for the US Forest Service.

As a result of the Forest Service employment, he was able to transfer to Franklin as the Liaison Officer. In this position Marvin's responsibilities include handling public relations, being the "face" of the Job Corps in the area, and identifying community needs which can be met by the young people in his program. The Job Corps program offers 16 to 24 year old men and women training in job and life skills; the usual length of the program is from 9 to 12 months, but it can be extended in cases of need. The training is geared to the individual's needs and his/her pace of learning. At present there are 179 students in the program. They receive a stipend while they're in the program and transition money when they secure employment after the program.

Marvin is a passionate advocate for the program and its goal of offering a safe, secure environment in which young men and women can learn life and job skills which will make them more responsible and productive citizens. He invites anyone interested to call for an appointment to tour the center. For more information about the LBJ Job Corps Center, go to www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov or call Marvin at 828-524-4446.



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RI 110th Birthday Anniversary Celebration

Franklin Rotary Club along with members from the Franklin Daybreak, Highlands and Slyva Rotary Clubs celebrated the 110th anniversary of Rotary International at the Post & Beam Restaurant at Mill Creek Country Club March 5th. Great turnout!



American Legion Post 108, Macon County Economic Development Commission
Macon County NCWorks Career Center, Southwestern Community College
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 994

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

★ ★ SMOKY MOUNTAINS ★ ★

Spring for Success

JOB FAIR

VETERANS ONLY 10 AM - 11 AM PUBLIC WELCOME 11 AM - 2 PM

Friday, March 13, 10 AM - 2 PM

Robert C. Carpenter Building
1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, NC, 28734

AREA BUSINESSES SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE

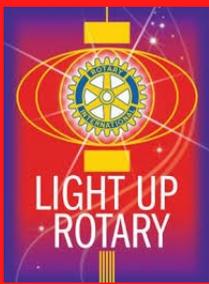
Angel Medical | Consolidated Metco | Drake Software
Franklin Tubular | Harrah's Cherokee & Valley River Casino
Ingles | Lowes | Macon Bank | Old Edwards Inn
Shaw Industries | Southwestern Community College | TekTone

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Kristy Swafford, President of the Franklin Daybreak Rotary Club announced their upcoming fund raiser a spaghetti dinner with the proceeds to benefit local and international projects.



The Spaghetti Dinner will be on March 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church. Ticket cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. For tickets contact: Janet Pruitt at 828-371-2934 or Kristy Swafford at 828-421-2584.



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Caribbean Cruise for 2016



PDG Dennis Sanders announced that he has information on a Caribbean Cruise for January 2016. A fellow Rotarian friend of Dennis from Sarasota, FL has organized the cruise for family and friends. It will be on a Norwegian Cruise liner and will leave

port from Miami, FL. If you place a deposit by the end of March, there are perks added to your cruise package. For more information please see Dennis.

Keep in Thoughts and Prayers

Russ Gale is recovering from major by-pass surgery after suffering a heart attack on Tuesday. Prospective new member Lee Berger is recovering at home from shoulder surgery.

Rickman Planning Meeting 2015!

We will be having our next Rickman Planning in April.. more details to follow! 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!

Make-Ups Needed!

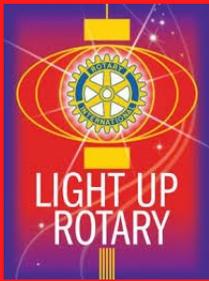


Our Rotary year is flying by and we have accomplished a most impressive list of things so far! I am very proud that we have initiated a new hunger project with the packing of backpacks at CareNet, brought eight new members into the club, continued with the valuable Community Care Clinic and Read2Me programs,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

volunteers 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 PolioPlus 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!



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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

Sponsored by




Contact RotaryClay@gmail.com for more information

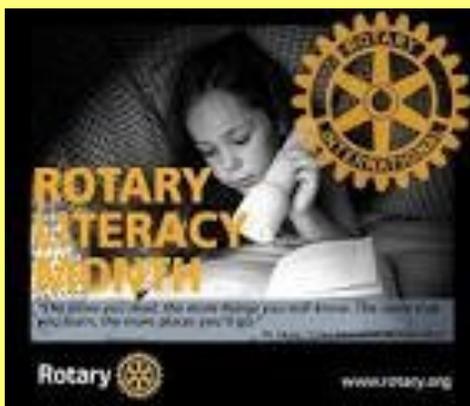
Clayton's Corner



Just More Put Downs

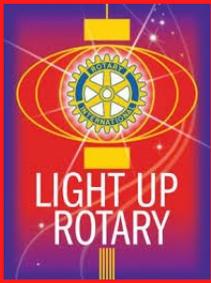
- You are about to exceed the limits of my medication.
- Some days my supply of curse words is insufficient to my needs.
- Wine improves with age - I improve with wine.
- What is this word NO that you speak of?
- I can explain it to you but I can't understand it for you.
- I would love to have a battle of wits - but you are unarmed.

March is Rotary Literacy Month



Despite rising literacy rates for youth and adults, 897 million people around the world are still illiterate* and 57 million children of primary school age are not in school. In March, Rotary Literacy Month, let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Franklin continues its work in eliminating literacy locally with the Read2Me project. For more information on Read2Me and how you can

get involved, see club champion Karen Kenney.



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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

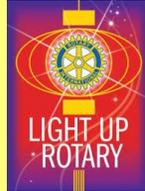
Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

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 Mar-Read 2 Me.

Prayer/Pledge—Gary Dills.

23 Mar- Pack Back Packs at CareNet

25 Mar- Club Assembly. Prayer/Pledge—Tammie Farrell

1 Apr- Katie Henry—Barium Springs

8 Apr- Lenny Jordan—Lazy Hiker

14 Apr- Board Meeting

15 Apr- Read 2 Me

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!



Brenda Munger did not pick the winning card so the \$50 pot rolls over to next week with 10 cards in the deck.

Next Meeting 3/18—Read 2 MeSee you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!