

Cowee School

Paul Garner introduced today's speakers on the status of the Cowee School in the historic West Mills area. Stacy Guffey gave some history of the Cowee community and the Cowee-West Mill National Historic District. Cowee was the commercial district of the 18th Century Middle Town Cherokees. The Cherokees lost most of their lands in the area when Cowee became a part of the state in 1819.



The Cowee School build by the Works Project Administration opened in 1943. Originally there was no lunch room so the students brought their lunch and ate in the classrooms. In 1953 a lunch room was added. Each classroom had a coal fired stove and students were expected to bring a lump of coal. The school operated for over seven decades and closed in 2012.

In 2006 the Cowee Community Development Association formed to create a business plan for creation of the Community Heritage Center with a Community Center since the school had been the center of the local community life for decades. Macon County owns the building and maintains it . In 2015 it became known as Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center and has programs that involve Cherokee Heritage Preservation and Mountain Heritage Preservation. The center is passing down the traditions and methods of producing pottery and textile art. Programs at the school include the Community garden and Local Foods with the 10 raised garden beds rented to the local community members at \$25 per year. There is a Farmer's market that is open during the season on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 7:00 PM. Also there is a Genealogy and Research Room were local history for a local family can be researched.

The Center is available for meetings and events. There is shared use of the kitchen for local business entrepreneurs and through these and similar programs facilitate businesses and cover some of the operating costs of the building. The Cowee Pottery School has two rooms—one a studio and one a classroom plus they have a kiln. John Houglan teaches a oil painting class that gets attendance of people from a distance away from Macon County. The Cowee Textiles school teaches loom weaving among other textile art. Stacy outlined many of the other programs held theirs such as dog obedience school, cooking classes, food safety classes, law enforcement training, electrical contracting classes and will have an upcoming 3D printer class. Also included at the school is the Mountain Music and Dance Program and a Artisans Gallery so the artists taking classes can market their wares along with local artists. The gallery helps raise money for the school through its competi-



tive consignment program.

Each year there is the Annual Heritage Day Celebration. This tears Annual Christmas event will be of December 5th from 10 to 4:00 PM and is a great family event. Stacy outlined ways a community member can help the Center such as: donate money, become a member, volunteer, talk about the Center with your friends and neighbors, attend an event, take a class or like the Center on Facebook.

Bill Dyer, Chairman of the Advisory Board, briefly talked about an upcoming collaboration with the Eastern Band of Cherokees. The Center will work with them as the epicenter and history of their former community and the local history. To see the programs and events schedule you can go to their website at: www.coweeschool.org



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

President Sean presented Franklin Rotary Club's check in the amount of \$600 to John Duncan of First Presbyterian Church for the annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner to be held at Tartan Hall. John indi-



cated the this annual event for the community has been a tradition for over 25 years. Everybody is welcome and last year over 390 people were served.

District Foundation Banquet



President Sean reported that several club members attended the District Foundation Dinner on Saturday evening. The club received district recognition for the 2014-15 year of obtaining \$20 per capita for Polio Plus and received

a Certificate for donating above \$1500 for the 2014-15 year.

Cruise Trip Winner

President Sean presented Kim Houston the Caribbean Cruise winner with her cruise trip ticket. There is no time line on when Kim can take the cruise. Her winning ticket was sold by Mike Norris who was last



years winner. Both Kim and Mike work for Wayah Insurance.

Second Posting

This is the second official posting of Janice Edgerton sponsored by Nancie Wilson. If you have any comments or concerns, see President Sean or any board member.

Board Meeting Tonight!

There will be a board meeting on Thursday, November 12th at the Lazy Hiker. Social at 5:00 PM and meeting at 5:30 PM. This is a great opportunity for those needing to do a make-up.

Christmas Party

Our Club Christmas Party this year will be Tuesday, December 8th at the Post and Beam at Mill Creek. Please add this great year end social event to your calendar. Sign up Sheet available at the 11/18 meeting and 12/2 meetings. **Please sign up now as we** will need a head count early December!



More First Quarter Perfect Attendance

President Sean presented perfect attendance certificates to Karen Kenney. She made every meeting during the quarter including make-ups. All members are encouraged to attend

meetings or do a make-up as a volunteer for a club project, attend a board meeting, attend a club social event or do a online make-up through the RI eclub.





Children's Christmas Party Dec. 16th!

Rotarians, one of the most special moments each year is our Children's Christmas Party. We will be collecting contributions from Rotarians over the next few weeks as we do each



year. See Patsy if you would like to contribute and make this a special one for the kids. The party is our Dec. 16th meeting.

Franklin Rotary Biggest Loser Contest

Weight loss contest started to see who can loose the largest percentage of weight by St Patrick's day. Weight loss update:

Picklemeister	3#	1.30%
Spud	1#	0.37%
Dr Rx	8#	3.90%
Virtualizer	0#	0.00%
Hey You	6#	2.14%
Big Papa	1#	0.36%



Rotary Service 11/18 Club Of Franklin

Prayer/Pledge: John Hubsch **Greeter:** Tammie Farrell

Clayton's Corner Did You Know



- There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing, food, attractive people and danger.
- Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side
- Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odor.
- According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
- There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one everyday, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
- You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.

Rotarians Birthdays

John Henning—Nov 11 Elbie Stiles—Nov 11 JC Jacobs—Nov 15



Rotarian Wedding Anniversaries:

Elbie and Everett Stiles



4 - Way Test-Sign Up Now!!



The final 4 Way test for this year at MMS will be on **Friday, Nov 20th at 7:45 AM.** Amy Manshacksent around the volunteer sign-up sheet for the four upcoming 4-Way Test programs at MMS. Scott Maslin, principal at MMS shared with the Rotarians present a paper from a

student who participated last year who went through the 4—Way Test program and how it helped her in a personal family situation. Scott loves the value that the 4—Way Test gives to his students. This is a great program to volunteer for so please see Amy to sign up.

Stop Hunger Now Success!

IPP Susie Ledford that the volunteer packing event opportunity at the United Methodist Church on Saturday, Nov 7th for Stop Hunger Now packed 30024 meals. It was a fun and rewarding event for all the volunteers that participated.

Vocational Talks at FHS

Rich Peoples announced that Franklin High School has requested Rotarian business and professionals members to do a twenty minute talk on your business or profession to the high school students. The talk is to center around the business / profession, what it takes to get started and how the business /



profession helps the community and/ or the world. Rich will have further information and a sign up sheet at a up-coming meeting.

Boy Scout Troop 202 Christmas Wreath Project

Boy Scout Troop 202 will be making Christmas wreaths as a fundraiser for the next two weeks before Thanksgiving. Any help would be appreciated. They will generally meet from 5-8p week nights and on the weekends (as schedules allow). Work involves cutting branches, bundling and placing boughs, spraying, and hanging wreaths on racks to dry. Contact Scoutmaster Charlie for details: 828-421-7386.



Children's Hope Alliance—Hope Village..Make Up Opportunity!

Tom Coley reported that there are still volunteer opportunities at Barium Spring's Hope Village in Bryson City. Our club along with several other club's in WNC raised over \$10,000 for the renovation project for the Children's Hope Alliance. Tom Coley will be at Hope Village on Friday pressure washing several hundred feet of fencing and could use some help. Barium Springs also needs volunteers to help with other grounds maintenance projects as well as help cleaning up and setting up in the newly renovated building. Barium Springs Hope Village will have an open house at the facility on November 19th. **To volunteer for opportunities to help clean up see Tom.**



November is Rotary Foundation Month.. Now's the time to start making your plans to make your annual contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Look for a matching incentive program in the very near future if you contribute \$100 toward the Foundation. So if you are close to making a Paul Harris plus 1, 2 or even your first, this a great oppor-



tunity to get there. Plus it helps your club qualify for district and global grants to accomplish important service projects. See club foundation director Jim Garner today!



NOVEMBER 26, 2015 THANKSGIVING MORNING.

877 Ulco Drive Franklin, North Carolina

A Franklin Holiday Tradition

A portion of the entry fees will be donated to "Read2Me" program. Read2Me is a ommunity initiative in Macon County, North Carolina, with the goal to put books into the hands of children. Read aloud to your child today!

Race Entry Fees: Cold Turkey 5K: \$20 (before 10/31) \$25 (before 11/22) .

RACE DAY: \$30/\$15 without event shirt .

Little Turkeys FUN! Run/Walk: \$10 (before 11/22) RACE DAY: \$15. Race day registration starts at 8:00A.M.

(Register by 11/20 to be guaranteed an event shirt. Event shirts are limited on race)



et of Highlands, NC

(Raffle tickets can be

purchased during Cold Turkey 5K)

877 Ulco Drive Franklin, N.C. 28734

d Turkey 5K starts at 9:30A.M. e Turkevs FUN! Run/Walk start

Flywheel Help Needed..Please!

Flywheel Editor Dick Pritts is looking for volunteers to help produce the weekly Flywheel as well as a volunteer to be the main

photographer at our meetings. Dick



is looking for a couple of volunteers to be trained on the Publisher program used in producing the weekly Flywheel. Dennis Sanders has volunteered and Dick is looking for at least two more volunteers to join him and Dennis in the training. Dick has two volunteers to be back-up photographers but is looking for one lead photographer. Please email Dick at: rdpritts@aol.com or call at: 828-349-9748.



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Thanks for all you do in service!

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Club Of Franklin

Next Meeting Wednesday November 18th —Janet Greene host. See You 12 Noon Tartan Hall

Upcoming

Events



Nov I2– Board Mtg Lazy Hiker 5p/530p

Nov 18– Gleaning Project

Nov 25— No Meeting—Happy

Thanksgiving

Dec 2— Club Assembly

50/50 Drawing

I Ticket —\$1.00

- 3 Tickets —\$2.00
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00
- 25 Tickets—\$10.00



50 50 Drawing



Fred Drexler did not win the \$84 pot so it rolls over to next week with 9 cards. Time to buy tickets and grow the pot!