



Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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## Read2Me

By PESusie Ledford



Rotarian Fred Lindstrom presented our program, Read2Me, and introduced our three guests- Carol Waldroop, Macon County Schools Curriculum Director; Diane Cotton, Literacy Specialist; and Brittany Burns, staff reporter for the Macon County News. The Macon County Read To Me program is partnered with Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library". A short video explained how the program began and its organization.

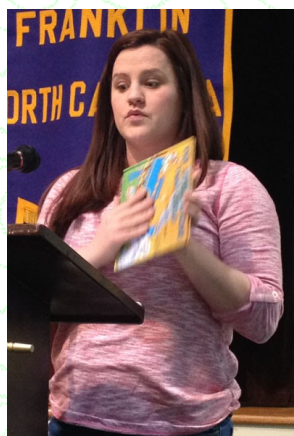
Imagination Library, founded by Dolly Parton in 1996, provides free books to children. After families sign up, their newborn will receive the first book and continue to receive one book each month until the child is five years old. The program, which first began in Tennessee has spread to over 1400 communities throughout the country. The organization sends out approximately 700,000 books per month and has sent out approximately 50 million free books to date.



The philosophy is that children who are read to on a regular basis during the early years will have a far greater success rate in school and throughout life. Carol Waldroop thanked our club for our participation and support and stressed that the Read2Me program is a community effort and counts on the support of civic organizations. She explained that the legislative cuts a few years ago prompted school leaders to look for ways to promote early literacy and that is how Read To Me began. Diane Cotton pointed out important data that supports the program's success. Before Read2Me began in Macon County only 25.3% of kindergarten students were proficient. After Read2Me began that percentage has increased to 52%. Parent training is a big part of the program. The Western North Carolina Reading Council provides parents with training material and guidelines for successful reading levels of their children. Brittany Burns gave more statistics for the Macon

County Read2me Program. More than 900 children in Macon County have participated in the program, 136 children have graduated from the program (graduation takes place at age 5), and 700 children are now enrolled in our program. More than 4,000 books have been donated by civic organizations, in addition to the Imagination Library books.

Thirty dollars will sponsor one child for one year. Ms. Waldroop announced a Car Show to be held as a fundraiser on April 26, 2014 from 10:00-2:00 at South Macon Elementary. For more information on the Read2Me Program contact Club Champion Karen Kenney.



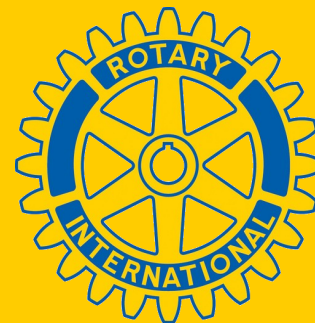




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## Greetings From PETS!

PE Susie Ledford and PN Sean Gibson attended the Rotary President Elect Training seminar over the weekend in Greensboro, fighting off the elements to get there. We had a great turnout from District 7670 as we prepared for the future!



## District Conference Alert

Registration for the Rotary District Conference in Greenville, SC is underway. The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC, from June 20-22, 2014. To reserve your hotel, you will need to contact the hotel directly and ask for the Rotary discounted rate. The link is on the District data base. **The first 50 Rotarians to register and pay the registration fee will be entered into a drawing and the winner will receive a refund for his/her registration on Friday night at the Conference.** The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. Franklin Rotary will reimburse \$100 of the registration cost for the first 10 members who register. After registering provide Fairley a copy of your registration and she will provide you a rebate check.

## Upcoming Events



17 March .. St. Patrick's Day Party at Chris & Charlies - 5:30 PM

19 March...Community Foundation of WNC

26 March..Gold star Program

29 March..Grants Management Seminar at A-B Tech Enka Campus

## St. Patty's Party Monday!

Reminder again, our Rotary Club of Franklin St. Patty's Day Party is this Monday at Chris and Charlie's 530p. If you haven't signed up..see Patsy!

**Rickman Coming Soon!**

Our one and only fundraiser is in the planning stages and we need your help. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the event. We encourage everyone to help because it takes "all hands on deck" to make it successful. Please see event co-directors John Short and John Yermack. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 26th at MVI. Patsy Parker announced that all should start to put together the silent auction items. We had great success last year and need to plan on topping it this year. She stated that no item is too small to be included. Nows the time to start gathering items!



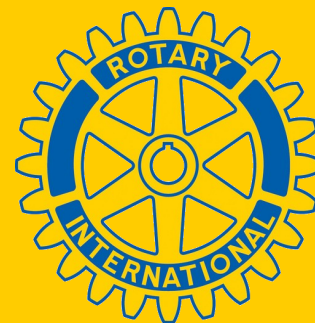




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## Rotary Star for Judy Chapman



President Nancie recognized Judy Chapman for her outstanding and dedicated service in helping Franklin Boy Scout Troop 202 in its reorganization. Judy has helped Troop 202 in getting its books in order. She has been working with Mike Norris and John Henning in the efforts to

keep the charter for Troop 202.

Nancie used the opportunity to address the need to have a member from our club work with the scouts.

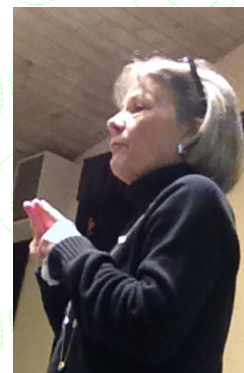
The interim scoutmaster's will be leaving at the end of the month.

## RYLA Candidates Needed

PE Susie Ledford announced the opening for two high school students to attend Rotary RYLA camp in June in Brevard. If a member has a student a grandson / granddaughter that they would like to nominate, please get the nomination to Susie as soon as possible.

The candidate should be a student who will be entering the sophomore, junior or senior class in the fall.

RYLA this year will be June 16 through the 20th. The camp is at the Brevard Music Center.



## If You're Close... Lets Make a Deal

Foundation Chair Jim Garner has Paul Harris points from several members that the Club will use to help a member obtain their Paul Harris Fellow or to help a member reach the next Paul Harris level. See Jim if you are interested in getting points to use towards your Paul Harris Fellow goal.

## Special Program Announcement

Bill Barr informed the club today about the program coming on March 26th with Iraqi war hero Major Kent G. Solheim. Solheim, a North Carolina native, is a University of Louisville graduate and a Green Beret. He was in Operation Volcano II and the mission was to capture a senior leader of the infamous Shiite militia, the Mahdi Army. The high-level insurgent was holed up in Karbala, the large Iraqi city located some 60 mile southwest of Baghdad. Thanks to the then Captain Solheim's selfless and heroic actions in that operation, dozens of American lives were saved. His actions demonstrated how he placed the lives of his men over that of his own, earning him the Silver Star.

For the rest of the story about that operation, which wounded him in his leg and back and the how that injury and subsequent recovery affected his military career. He lost his right leg in the process of recovery from being shot in the left shoulder, one through his left knee and two through his right knee. After two years, which included 29 surgeries, he decided to have the right leg below the impaired knee amputated. Major Solheim will talk about his military service including how he overcame the loss of limb and looks to help other soldiers do the same.

Bill would like to have a full room for this program so members are encouraged to invite friends and spouses who would like to hear this program.





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## Nancie's Notes



Tuesday evening at the Club's Board meeting, we learned that we have welcomed twelve new members into our Club since July 1st. This is indeed an impressive number! And several of those new members are young persons who are just a few years into their careers. We need young people in our Club to make certain that it survives. I am so pleased and proud of all of our members who have brought in these new people, and I encourage you all to talk to your family, friends, and coworkers about Rotary and if those persons have any interest at all, invite them to visit our Club. We will be doing a first posting of another potential new member next week.

Don't forget our St. Patrick's Day social at Chris and Charlie's Restaurant on the Highlands Road next Monday evening, starting at 5:30. Green beer and snacks and lots of good fun and fellowship. And yes, it does count as a make-up!

### Flywheel Volunteer Needed

PR Chair Dick Pritts is looking for someone to work with him in publishing the weekly Flywheel. The volunteer needs to have Publisher software on their computer. Dick and Sean will train the volunteer on putting the newsletter together.

## Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



On March 12, 1947, President Harry Truman went before Congress to request \$400 million to help Greece and Turkey resist Communist-led rebels bent on overthrowing their governments. The president laid out a policy that became known as the Truman Doctrine—a pledge that the United States would help nations struggling to resist anti-democratic forces. Truman's words still resonate, and are still important.

1755 The first known use of a steam engine in the United States takes place at a New Jersey copper mine, where it is used to pump water from the mine.

1912 Juliette Gordon Low founds the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in Savannah, Georgia.

1923 The first motion picture with sound recorded on film is demonstrated in Los Angeles; it shows people dancing to music, but has no dialogue.

1933 In the first of his radio "fireside chats," President Franklin Roosevelt urges Depression-weary Americans to have faith in U.S. banks.

## Clayton's Corner

### On Paraprosdokians....



1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

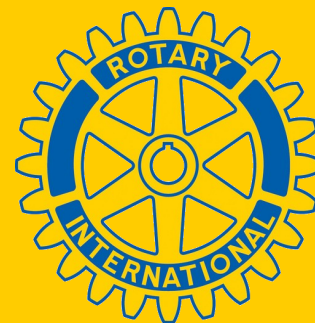




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## Message from Troup 202 Scoutmaster Chuck Williams!

WESTERN NC friends....Earn 50% on your investment. Boy Scouts now have a card, the size of a credit card, with wonderful discounts starting with a \$10 OFF at Lowe's, FREE hotcakes and sausage @ McDonalds (no purchase necessary,) BOGO @ Bojangles and Papa Johns, 25% off @ OUTDOOR 76 + another 15% on a second purchase. Use the card for a Whole year. All for ONLY \$5 buy 4 for \$20 from a Boy Scout, you earn 50% on you investment; use them yourself or they make cheap gifts. Good in five Western NC Counties to Asheville and surround. HELP A SCOUT EARN HIS WAY TO CAMP. Call me at [828-342-1122](tel:828-342-1122). You can purchase a card by mail from me until April 1st.. See Rotarian Mike Norris if you would like a card..cost is \$5.00 per card.

## Suggested School and Medical Supplies for Panama School Project

Sandy Frazier and team members will be heading to Panama for additional work at Kenia Alvarez's school. He will be taking a suitcase of supplies with him for the school and here are the suggested supplies:

### Suggested School Supplies

Lined Paper  
Note Books  
Pencils/Pens/Crayons/Markers  
Construction Paper  
Scissors/Rulers  
Small Calculators

### Suggested Medical Supplies

Band Aids/Gauze  
Antibiotic Crème  
Aspirin/Ibuprofen/Tylenol  
Hydro Cortisone  
Anti-Fungal  
Eye Drops  
Tums/Antacids  
Multivitamins

Money donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to either St. David's Episcopal Church or Franklin Rotary Charitable Foundation for tax deduction purposes. Memo line should denote "Project Panama."



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### The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2013-14

District Governor: Ronnie Thompson

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Nancie Wilson

President-elect: Susie Ledford

President-nominee: Sean Gibson

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: John Henning and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

Public Relations Chair: Dick Pritts/Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Bill McGaha

Immediate Past President: Gary Dills

*Thanks for all you do in service!*



## Rotary Service for 3/19..

## Pledge, Prayer,

## 4 Way Test: Tom James

## Greeter: Bill Barr

## 50 50 Drawing!

Gary Dills did not pick the winning ticket. The \$51 pot rolls over to next week so it is time to start buying tickets.



1 Ticket —\$1.00  
3 Tickets —\$2.00  
5 Tickets —\$3.00  
10 Tickets—\$5.00  
25 Tickets—\$10.00

## Next Regular Meeting 3/19 Community Foundation of WNC (Cheryl Davids is the host). See you at Tartan Hall at Noon.