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Rotary Foundation Contributions Due

Projects like the <u>Community Care Clinic</u> and <u>Project Panama</u> do not happen without your Rotary Foundation support. The club will match your \$100 or more contributions dollar for dollar if you contribute before the end of February. The goal is for each Franklin Rotarian to donate at least \$100. Make your check to the Rotary Club of Franklin and give to Lenny or Foundation Director Jim Garner. If you contribute online, BE SURE YOU MARK THE ANNUAL FUND BLOCK and please inform Jim that you contributed on-line.

Do it now!! please

Service in the Community by Sean Gibson

Many of us often don't understand how difficult it can be for some people to make ends meet. Manna Food bank is an organization that has been in existence for over 30 years with one main goal in mind—- involving, educating, and uniting people to stop hunger.

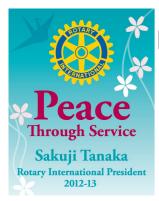
Ella Kliger, Western Outreach Coordinator spoke to members of the Rotary Club of Franklin on what her organization does and how it adapts to the ever changing times that many face economically. One way Manna cope is by partnering with the Department of Social Services on a low energy assistance program. One of the biggest issues Manna experiences today is the elderly not being able to pay their expenses. Manna also works with Carenet in giving out boxes of food once a month to those in need.

Kliger told members that times have changed where the "food stamp" has been replaced by a debit card allowing the individual to complete their assistance transaction with ease. However 30 percent of those who do not

have enough food don't realize they qualify for food assistance. Kliger also finds that many are not willing to go to a government office somewhere for assistance. Manna services communities by going to the individuals.

Last year Manna gave out over 100 thousand pounds of food across 16 counties in Western North Carolina from Avery to the Tennessee border counties. Manna is funded by individual donations, estates, grants, and a smaller portion of federal funding. They belong to the Feeding America Network. Manna asks those agencies that they give food to, to pay a handling fee that offset some fuel costs to deliver goods. Manna depends on a large number of individuals who volunteer their time. If you would like to volunteer or are interested in learning more about Manna Food bank, contact Ella Kliger at EKliger@FeedingAmerica.org.





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SHADOW PROGRAM UPDATE

Our Club is working with Franklin High School and Macon Early College High School to provide a job shadowing/mentoring opportunity for high school students. This program allows high school stu-



dents to spend a day or part of a day shadowing a professional in a field of interest for the students. We need a few more willing and interested Rotarians. Please tell Susan or Debbie W. if you have interest in participating in this program. Your only requirement is to share a little time and knowledge with a high school student who has an interest in your field. They will follow up with you to provide more information and answer any questions. Email Rotarians Susan Gibbs at sgibbs@maconbank.com or Debbie Wallace at dwallace@maconbank.com.

Group Study Exchange (GSE) club



champion Larry Hollifield gave members an update on the GSE team from India who will be coming to Franklin on 27 March. We still need two host families for the night of 27 March. If interested see Larry.

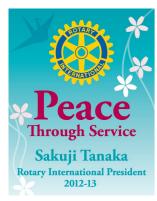


Pres Gary recognized Diane Fazioli and Alesia Dowdle with the club's first Rotary Family and Community Service Award for their continual support of our club in many areas, including event program design, technical support for our website and the Flywheel. Most of all, we appreciate their kindness and service to their customers and us.



The Club also awarded A Rotary Family and **Community Ser**vice Award to **Becky Montgom**ery (L) and **Becky McCall** (R) for their unselfish assistance in our Christmastime

Adopt-a-Family outreach. Both Beckys are also prospective new members.







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Having fun is part of what Rotary is about and we take that task seriously. The wine and cheese event for prospective members not only brought us new prospects, we also enjoyed the fellowship with people of like minds. And if the picture below is any indication, our weekly meetings are enjoyable as well!!!



<u>Membership</u> <u>Satisfaction Survey Update</u> John Short distributed this year's Membership Satisfaction Survey form to all who were not at the last meeting and requested they complete and return the form to him by the next meeting. The survey data helps us improve service to the community and the members. We need to hear from you. See President Gary or John.



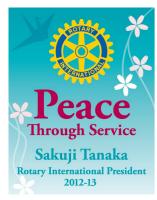
1 Ticket —\$1.00 3 Tickets —\$2.00 5 Tickets —\$3.00 10 Tickets —\$5.00 25 Tickets —\$10.00

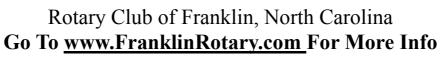
50/50 INFORMATION CARDS 13 — POT IS \$14

Tom Coley drew the winning number but could not find the Ace of Clubs. Gerry Camelo was the master of the 50/50 this week. Funds from 50/50 help support administrative costs and keep your dues from rising. So buy those tickets and help yourself.

Greeter next week: Robbie McCoy







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Prospective New Members

The board has approved the people listed below for this first posting to become members of the Rotary Club of Franklin. If you have any reason why any one of these prospective new members should NOT be a member of this club, please inform Pres Gary or any board member (in writing please, email is sufficient). If no objection is heard by 24 February 2013, then we will proceed with membership actions. Prospective new members posting for the first time are as follows:

- 1. Jim Bross of Angel Hospital
- 2. Kim Garland, retired from FedEx
- 3. Gino Pignataro, co-owner of Body Visions
- 4. Jody Pignataro, co-owner of Body Visions
- 5. Chris Baldwin, Principal of Franklin High with follow on as Superindent of Macon County Schools
- 6. Tammie Farrell of Macon Bank
- 7. Becky Montgomery of Cartoogechaye Elementary School
- 8. Rebecca McCall of Cartoogechaye Elementary School

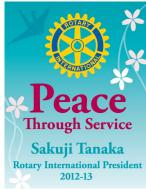


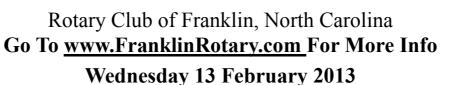
St Valentine's Day (A history, maybe?)

St Valentine's Day may have begun as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian Saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden o marry and for ministering to Christians who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. During his imprisonment, he is said to have healed the daughter of the jailer Asterius. Legend tells us that before his execution, he wrote a note for her and closed with "from your Valentine". Today, Saint Valentine's Day is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion, as well as in the Lutheran

Church. The Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrates Saint Valentine's Day, albeit on 6 July and 30 July, the former date in honor of the Roman presbyter Saint Valentine and the latter date in honor of Hiermartyr Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. By the 15th century, it had evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards known as valentines. And I thought Hallmark invented Valentine's day!!!





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DATE	TIME		EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
February - World Understanding Month				
Wed Feb 20	12:00P		Jill Gottesman and The Wilderness Society	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church .
Wed Feb 27	12:00P		Club Assembly with Pres and Directors	
March - Literacy Month				
Wed Mar 06	12:00P		Autumn Weil, Barium Springs	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Tue Mar 12	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddies' Restaurant
Wed Mar 13	12:00P		Fontana Library & Read 2 Me	Tartan Hall
Wed Mar 20	12:00P		St Patty's Day Party at Fat Buddies	6-8 PM
Wed Mar 27	12:00P		GSE team from India visit Stacy and Larry with program	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
April - Magazine Month				
Wed, Apr 3	12;00 P			
Tue Apr 09	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddies' Restaurant
Wed Apr 10	05:30P		Rotary Club of Franklin Charitable Founda- tion	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
Wed, Apr 17	12;00 P			
Wed, Apr 24	12:00P			
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Tue May 14	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
June - Rotary Fellowships Month				
Tue Jun 11	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Jun 12	05:30P			Blue Ridge Roadhouse
July - Peace Through Service Mon Jul 01 05:30A Installation Banquet Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA				
August - Membership & Extension Month				
Aug 16 - Aug 17	09:00A		Daybread Rotary Golf Tournament	See Mike Wood at Wayah

District Conference

District 7670 Conference will be held April 5th through the 7th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC. If you are interested in attending this year, please see club President Gary for more information. It is fun as well as a time to celebrate Rotary and our community efforts.