

THE FLYWHEEL



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Webster Enterprises

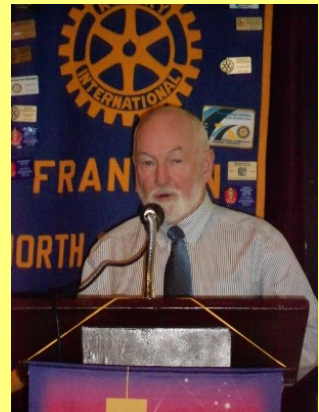
By Demi Bray



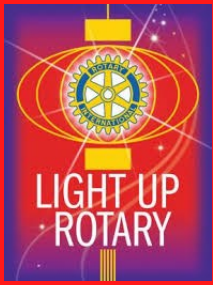
Past President Nancie Wilson introduced Chief Executive Officer Gene Robinson and Chief Operating Officer Joe Rigdon of Webster Enterprises for this week's program. Webster Enterprises, a 501(c)(3) community nonprofit, serves Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties. Its mission is to provide training opportunities for individuals with disabilities or other barriers to employment to help them achieve their full potential. Webster Enterprises partners with Southwestern Community College and Western Carolina University to provide comprehensive services for those

in their 3 counties. The program focuses on "soft" training for physically, mentally or psychologically disabled individuals, covering everything from resume preparation and job interview skills to getting to work on time and getting along with supervisors and peers. Last year the organization helped 32 people prepare for, find, and maintain competitive employment.

They receive some funds from the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, as well as from other non-governmental organizations, but the bulk of their funding they earn themselves through the manufacture of medical devices and their sewing enterprise. They are striving to increase their customer base in both areas so that they can continue to expand the reach of their services. Between their training, manufacturing, and sewing operations, Webster Enterprises employs 65 people, approximately half of them disabled.



Both Gene and Joe stressed that they depend on the NC Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, local organizations like Rotary, and the general public to refer disabled individuals to them for assistance. Based on national and regional statistics, the pool of individuals who could benefit from their services far exceeds the number actually referred to them, so they need the assistance of all of us to help them find the people who need them most. Nancie concluded the program by urging interested members to contact her about visiting the facilities and/or volunteering to serve on the Board. For more information, call Nancie on her cell at 828-507-1750, Webster Enterprises at 828-586-8981, or visit www.websterenterprises.org.



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Panama Trip

Sandy Frazier reported that Larry Hinton of the Sylva Rotary Club will be taking the lead on the Panama project that our two clubs have been working on over the past several years. Sandy will still be involved with the project and he and Larry will be going to Panama in a couple of weeks. They will be meeting with the local Rotary Club and together will determine the next project(s) to be undertaken. Sandy will have a suitcase at the next two meetings and asked members to bring school supplies that will be distributed when they are in Panama.

Packing Back Packs



The next opportunity to volunteer to pack backs at CareNet will be on Monday, May 18th from 4 to 6 PM. To

volunteer please see Judy Chapman or Susie Ledford. This is a good make-up opportunity for those needing a make-up. The volunteers packed 620 Back Packs at the last event.

First Posting

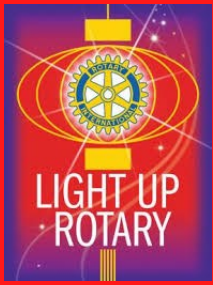
This is the first official posting for Nancy Rathbone of Franklin House. If you have any comments or concerns, see President Susie or any board member

2015-16 Board Planning Meeting

Next planning meeting for 2015 16 is Thursday May 21st 830a at Franklin Chamber Conference room. We will be going over rough draft of the budget, calendar update, projects update, grants etc. as well as other key items for next year. Leadership see you there.

2015-16 Officers Installation Banquet

The installation of the new officers and Board for the Rotary year 2015-16 will be Tuesday night June 30th at the Dillard House. Social hour will start at 5:30 PM with dinner served at 630PM. Followed by the program to include Paul Harris Fellows, awards and installation. Cost is \$25 per Rotarian, \$50 Rotarian couple, \$35 additional guest. Signup available soon!



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Leadership Assembly Signup NOW AVAILABLE ON DACDB!

PE Sean is encouraging '15-'16 leadership to attend the upcoming District Leadership Assembly 5/16 at AB Tech in Enka. Start-time 830a and there will be car pooling. Those encouraged to attend include for next year include President, President Elect, Membership Chair, Public Image Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, Youth Services Chair and Foundation chair. Anyone else interested in future leadership or seeing how the district operates are welcome. Cost is \$10 per and club will reimburse. Please register online at DacDb. We have budget for 30 to go!



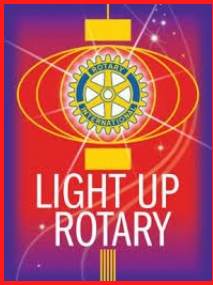
Dues Increase July 1st.

Just a reminder beginning July 1st club dues will be going up from \$160 per active member to \$165 per active member per quarter. This helps cover meal cost increase and RI dues increase. The board approved the increase at Tuesday's board meeting.

Rickman Fundraiser Coming together for 2015!

We are in the initial stages of getting our fundraiser for 2015 together. Event date is Saturday July 25th and this year's event will be the best one yet. This year we will be selling 500 tickets and up the amount spent on the new car to \$20,000. Also the value of the cash prize in lieu of the car will \$16,000. **We are in need of folks to help in some organizational areas. Please see John Short or John Yermack. This is our one and only fundraiser and this is what helps fund most of our service projects! TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.**





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Children's Hope For Life



John Short presented a \$2000 check from Franklin Rotary Charitable Foundation to Kate

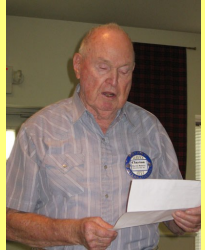
Newman of Barium Springs' Children's Hope for Life as our portion of the challenge that our club made to seven of the Western North Carolina Rotary Clubs to help complete their construction of their facility that houses teenagers who are in the program to turn their life around. DGE Gary Dills and Tom Coley who along with John got Rotarians from WNC to exceed the \$10,000 goal for this important organization for our region.

Blue Buckets

There were two anonymous individuals who made a pledge to match the mount of monies that were donated by the members at Wednesday's meeting. This gesture will help our club raise additional funds for Alzheimer research and we are grateful for their unselfish act.

Clayton's Corner

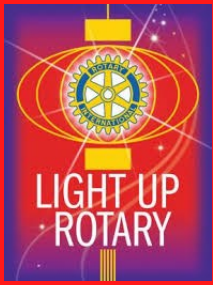
Will Rogers



- "On account of us being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years, no matter what it does."
- "The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office."
- "The more you read and observe about this Politics thing, you got to admit that each party is worse than the other. The one that's out always looks the best."
- "Our public men are speaking every day on something, but they ain't saying anything."

Foundation Contributions

If you haven't made your foundation contributions yet please do so. We would like to be an ERAY Club this year! Please see Jim Garner or John Yermack..they'll make a deal with you today if you are close to being a PHF!



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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

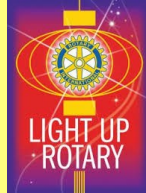
Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

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

16 May— District Conference

18 May— Pack Back Packs at Care-Net

20 May— Dennis Sanders—Croatian Trip. Prayer/Pledge—TBA

27 May— Academic Excellence Banquet. 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—

50 50 Drawing!



John Yermack did not pick the winning card on and the \$56 pot rolls over again next week with 11 cards in the deck.

Next Meeting 5/20—Dennis Sanders on the Croatian Trip...See you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!