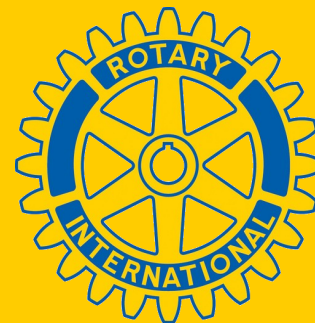




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The North Carolina Radon Program

By PE Susie Ledford

Rotarian Greg Farrell introduced Phillip Gibson, who is employed by the Department of Health and Human Services as the North Carolina Radon Program Coordinator. Mr. Gibson announced that January 2014 is Radon Awareness Month and that his goal is to partner with local civic groups in building awareness of the dangers of radon gas and to increase the efforts for radon reduction.

Radon is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that comes from underground radium. When radium decays through geological processes it can become radon. There are several transport mechanisms that bring radon into our homes. One is through the difference between indoor and outdoor air pressure. Air carrying radon tends to come through cracks in walls, around window sills etc. Other transport mechanisms include well-water and building materials such as concrete. While no level of radon is safe, the background level is .04 pCi/L (picocuries per liter), and levels higher than 4 pCi/L are considered dangerous. Data was collected from studies done from 1996-2013, and locations throughout North Carolina were put into three zones: Zone 1-locations having radon levels over 4; Zone 2-locations having radon levels of 2-4; and Zone 3-locations having radon levels less than 2. Macon County falls in the Zone 2. There were 1,485 tests conducted in Macon County between 1996 and 2013, which falls way short of the goal of 50% of all homes. Mr. Gibson explained ways to get testing done in our homes. Another goal of the North Carolina Radon Program is to increase awareness of the amount of radon-induced lung cancer. There are on average 21,000 deaths each year from radon-induced lung cancer. There are three factors that increase the risk: 1) the quantity or concentration of the radon 2) the length of exposure and 3) whether or not the person is a smoker. The North Carolina Radon Program will provide free radon kits to home owners during the month of January, and provides them to home with new-born children all year. For more information visit www.ncradon.org.





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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THIS FRI!

Our next 4 Way test is this Friday November 15th at MCMS and we are in dire need of Rotarians to help. We will have another large group of 7th graders. President Elect Susie Ledford is requesting that Rotarians that volunteer please plan to arrive at MCMS by 8:00 am to help with the setup of the program. Please see Susie to sign up! Thanks for all you do Rotarians. We also plan to have another one on Friday November 22nd and will need volunteers then as well. Without you this program can't be successful.



November is Rotary Foundation Month

This year we plan on recognizing Paul Harris Fellows at our club Christmas Party December 12th. If you are close to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Plus 1, 2, and so-on, please see Club Chair Jim Garner and make your contribution now. Remember there is a foundation match so now's the time to contribute! Also if you contribute online, please bring a printed receipt to Jim so he can give you credit toward your foundation points.

Community Care Clinic Gets Donation!

On Wednesday the Rotary Club of Franklin presented the Linda Tyler, Director of the Community Care Clinic of Franklin a check in the amount of \$2000. The donation is a district match grant to help the clinic continue to provide medical care for those that are unable to obtain it. Special thanks to community service director Judy Chapman for writing the grant!



Membership Minute

This is the first official posting of Cindy Rodgers being proposed for membership. Cindy is the newest State Farm Agent and is sponsored by PN Sean Gibson. This is also the first official posting for Bob Scott for membership. Bob, mayor-elect for the Town of Franklin and past longtime member is being sponsored by Fred Alexander. If anyone has any comments or questions please see president Nancie or any board member.



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Nancie's Notes



Some of you are wondering about our Club's response to the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines last Friday. I have been in contact with District Governor Ronnie and nothing has yet come from Rotary International about Rotary's response to that situation. RI is apparently taking a "wait and see" position in order to assure that the monies collected from Rotary Clubs around the world goes directly to the aid and assistance of those affected by the typhoon. Your board had an extensive discussion about our Club's response at our meeting on Tuesday night and it was decided that we would wait until we receive word from Governor Ronnie and/or the District office about exactly what involvement local Clubs will have before we make any plans or ask Club members for any donations. Be assured your Club will be participating, but when and how is still not known. We will keep you advised as we learn more.

I am pleased that we now have three new persons to propose for membership in our Club: Bob Scott, the newly elected Mayor of Franklin is being proposed by Fred Alexander. Bob is a former member of our Club, a past president, and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. New State Farm Agent Cindy Rogers is being proposed by Sean Gibson, and today, after our brief "stand up" board meeting, your board approved the posting of Jacob Reiche. Jacob is the owner of the new pharmacy on Porter Street and is being proposed by Tom James. Any questions or concerns about any of these individuals should be directed to me or any board member.

Be reminded of the beautiful jewelry Demi Bray is making for Club members and/or significant others of Club members. Demi will have a display at the back table at next week's meeting, so go by and check out those beautiful baubles either before or after the meeting. Demi is donating all proceeds from the sale of her jewelry at our Club to Polio Plus. Demi will also custom-make a particular item of jewelry so go do your Christmas shopping at your Rotary meeting! She's also made some pretty Christmas ornaments, too. They would make great gifts for friends or family.

Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors American men and women who served in the long and controversial war. The main portion of the memorial consists of a polished black granite wall that bears the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died in the war, or who are listed as missing in action. During a visit to the Wall, President Regan said this:

"The memorial reflects as a mirror reflects, so that when you find the name you're searching for you find it in your own reflection. And as you touch it, from certain angles, you're touching, too, the reflection of the Washington Monument or the chair in which the great Abe Lincoln sits. Those who fought in Vietnam are part of us. No number of wreaths, no amount of music and memorializing will ever do them justice, but it is good that we do in the reflected glow of the enduring symbols of our Republic."

1775 During the American Revolution, Patriot troops under General Richard Montgomery captured Montreal.

1956 The Supreme Court strikes down laws requiring segregation on public buses.

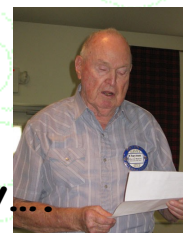
1971 *Mariner 9* becomes the first satellite to orbit another planet, Mars.

1982 The Vietnam Memorial dedicated in Washington, DC.

Clayton's Corner

Today's Quote of the Day...

"Good friends are like stars -
You may not always see them but
you always know they are there"

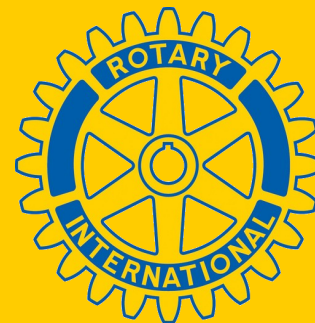




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Christmas Party December 12th!

Our annual Rotary Club of Franklin Christmas Party is Thursday Night December 12th at the Dillard House 530p. Cost is \$25 per Rotarian, \$50 per member and significant other, and \$35 for each additional guest. More details to follow soon. This is a great time for food fun and fellowship. There will be a signup sheet at next week's meeting. Please plan on attending.

Need T Giving Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming community thanksgiving dinner at first Presbyterian Church. If you would like to help set-up, clean-up or bring a dessert, please see Judy Chapman or dinner director John Duncan.



Volunteers Needed for Panama Project!

We need volunteers for our upcoming trip to Panama to continue the great work we have done down there. Since 2005 a partnership has been maintained between the Club Rotario de Boquete in the Republic of Panama and Rotary clubs in Western North Carolina. Each year we have worked together on projects involving school renovations, medical clinics, and delivery of both school and medical supplies. In April, 2014 a team from our area will, once again, be headed for the western highlands of Panama.

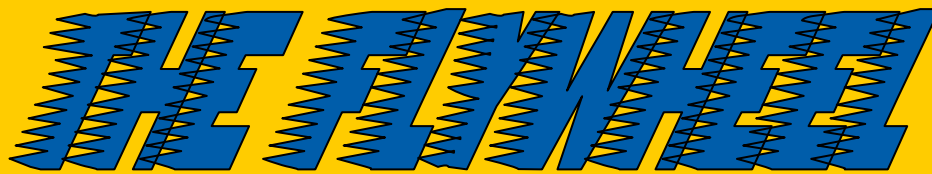


The team of approximately 24 people will be made up of students from Franklin HS Interact Club, area Rotarians, and members of the general community. The journey will be 10 days in duration. Cost per individual is currently estimated to be between \$1500 and \$1700. Team members will be expected to participate in fund raising activities to both support the project as well as help with individual expenses.

For additional information: Contact Sandy Frazier at sandliz222@frontier.com

You Still Have Time to make your Polio Plus Contributions

We have exceeded our club goal of \$1400 but if you haven't made your contribution yet you have until December 1. See chair Fred Berger and make your contributions now. The Board elected to send out a invoice to all members to voluntarily donate. There will also be Rotary and Christmas-themed jewelry available in exchange for a donation to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. Look for these items on display coming to the weekly meetings. With recent outbreaks world wide we still have work to do.



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District Governor: Ronnie Thompson

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President-nominee: Sean Gibson

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Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: John Henning and Sandy Frazier

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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 Next Week's
Meeting on
11/20...**

**Greeter: Bud Siler-
Prayer Pledge 4 Way
Test: Vic Perry**

50 50 Drawing..

Congrats to AG
and Past President
John Yermack as
he drew the win-
ning card today in



the 50 50. John won \$43!
The Pot starts at zero for
the November 20th meeting!



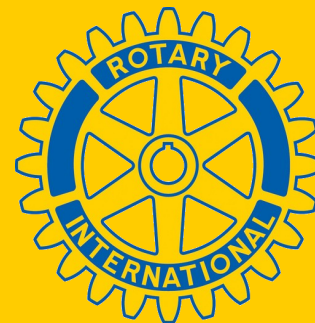
**1 Ticket —\$1.00
3 Tickets —\$2.00
5 Tickets —\$3.00
10 Tickets—\$5.00
25 Tickets—\$10.00**

**Next Meeting 11/20: Free Wheelchair Missions
with Jim Hardy and Duncan Wheale..Gerry
Camelo Host. See you at 12 noon Tartan Hall!**



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DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
November - Rotary Foundation Month			
Wed Nov 20, 13	12:00P	Free Wheelchair Missions w/Jim Hardy & Duncan Wheale	Gerry Camelo is host, Bud Siler is greeter
Wed Nov 27, 13	12:00P	No Meeting-Happy Thanksgiving!	{enter event location here...}
December - Family Month - Happy Holidays			
Wed Dec 04, 13	12:00P	Linda Schlott will speak on Franklin holiday season plans	Judy Chapman is host at Tartan Hall
Tue Dec 10, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	TBA
Wed Dec 11, 13	12:00P	Children's Christmas Party	Tartan Hall
Wed Dec 18, 13	12:00P	Caroline's Perform	Clayton Ramsey is host at Tartan Hall
Wed Dec 25, 13	12:00P	No Meeting, Merry Christmas!	{enter event location here...}
January - Rotary Awareness Month			
Wed Jan 01, 14	12:00P	No Meeting, Happy New Year!!	{enter event location here...}
Wed Jan 08, 14	12:00P	Dr. Scott Philyaw/ Dir. of Mtn Heritage	Vic Perry has program and Fred Alexander is greeter at Tartan Hall
Wed Jan 15, 14	12:00P	MedicForce w/Jonathon Bryant	Fred Alexander Host, Sean Gibson -Greeter at Tartan Hall
Wed Jan 22, 14	12:00P	Club Assembly	Tartan Hall, 1st. Presbyterian Church
Wed Jan 29, 14	05:00A	5th Week Social - No Meeting	El Charro Restaurant-Highlands Road
February - World Understanding Month			
Wed Feb 05, 14	12:00P	Long Time Members Give Hstory	Bud Siler is host and Amy Manshack is greeter.
Wed Feb 12, 14	12:00P	Don Capaforte will speak on the Angel Foundation	Meeting at Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian.
March - Literacy Month			
Wed Mar 26, 14	12:00P	Gold Star Program w/Dan Rogers as Speaker	Tartan Hall

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