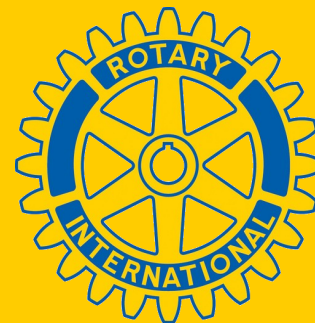




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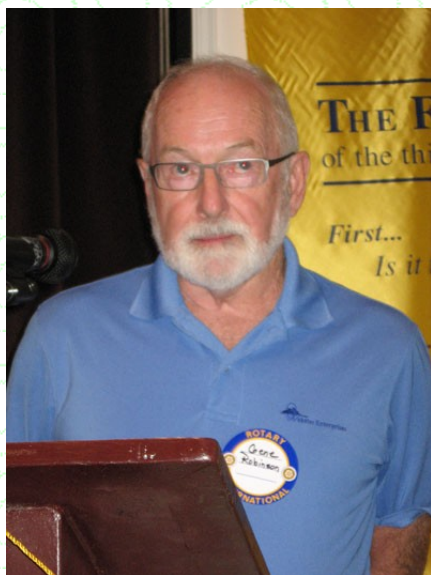
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Vocational Training for People with Disabilities

By Dick Pritts



Gene Robison and Catherine Redman of Webster Enterprises of Sylva presented today's meeting. Gene indicated that Webster Enterprises is a non-profit organization that offers vocation training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Their organization covers Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties and receive no direct state or federal funding. Gene reported that they do get some grant dollars and some dollars for the rehab services they do but the bulk of their funding is from their manufacturing services. Gene said that the organization ran through tough times in the decade from 2000 to 2010 but since 2010 they have made a comeback and have doubled their budget and increased their workload and employment opportunities and grown from 35 workers to over 80.

Gene touted the viable services that they provide for those with disabilities in their three county area of which there are over 10,000 with disabilities and 75 percent of the disabled population is unemployed. He commented that 18.3% of the US population has a disability. He reported that in 1974 about 60% of the government payments on disabilities went to those over 60 years of age and that in 2010 that number reversed when 58% of the disability payments by the government went to those under the age of 38.

Gene said that their facility has 18,000 square feet and is a 1/5 of the size really needed. Gene indicated that their plan is to diversify their work opportunities based on the changing demographics and the general competition in the medical device field (surgical drapes), their biggest customer base.

Catherine referred to a Forbes Magazine study that showed it was good business to hire the disabled. People with disabilities have a greater commitment to their work, lower absenteeism, company loyalty and productivity which goes against the grain of the general opinions the public holds about the disabled. She provided the real life history of one young man who was mildly mentally challenged and unemployed for two years. They provided work adjustment training and he became employed as a dietary aide in a local nursing home. After the first month he was named the nursing home's employee of the month. When he returned for a visit to Webster Enterprises he had greater self-confidence and pride in saying: "I can do it. I can be good at something." She related another story about a young lady who had a master's degree in chemistry and gainfully employed when she was in a major automobile accident, suffered traumatic brain injury and where two people died. She was charged with those deaths and spent time incarcerated. While in training at Webster she attended Southwest Community College in the CNA program and was able to pass the written exam but not the physical test. She was unemployable but Webster got her in a nursing home to do laundry so she could be where she could observe CNA's in action. On her third (and final try) she passed the CNA exam. It is these types of successes that keep both Gene and Catherine committed to their work at Webster Enterprises.

Gene indicated that there are two Board of Director positions open for those from Macon County. Please let Nancie (a current Webster Board member) know of your interest in serving such a valuable resource in our community.

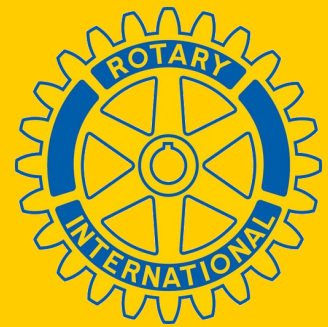




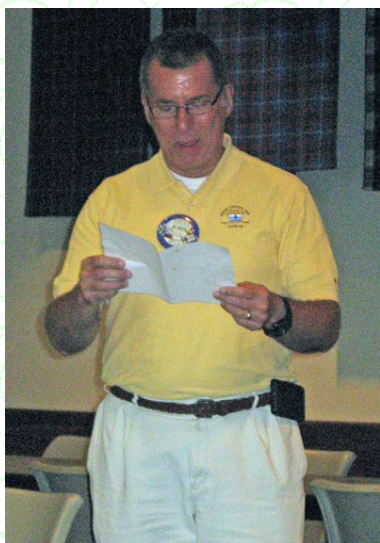
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Rickman Awesome in 2013!

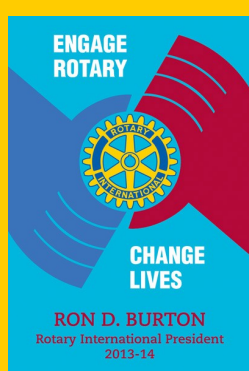
The Rotary Club of Franklin was proud to announce some final Rickman fundraiser numbers at the August 14th meeting. Rickman Co-Director John Short announced that \$17,948 was netted from 40k in ticket sales. The club netted \$4755 from \$5200 in program ad sales and it netted \$8658 from almost 9k in silent auction sales. Historically, the fundraiser is our best to date! Total net sales **\$31,656.50!** Included in those numbers was almost \$2,100 from the sale of the 1999

Toyota Corolla that was auctioned off. Larry Hinton of Andy Shaw Ford in Sylva presented the club a check for \$2073.77. The club also recognized the directors of the recent Rickman Fundraiser including director John Yermack, co-director John Short and silent auction director Patsy Parker with gold stars. Highest ticket sellers were recognized on Wednesday to include IPP Gary Dills, PDG Dennis Sanders, Mike Norris,



Susan Gibbs and Fred Drexler. Almost every member was involved and thanks to all for your efforts!





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Nancie's Notes



John Short brought us the outstanding news of a very successful Roy Rickman Scholarship event at today's meeting. Elsewhere in the Flywheel you'll find the numbers, and I know you will be as pleased as I and the event organizers are at the results. However, to me the very best thing is that 100% of the Club participated in some way! I think that this is a first time, but hopefully, not the last time the entire Club works together to make our Roy Rickman Scholarship event an overwhelming success. Congratulations to all of us!!

Nine members from our Club will be attending the District Foundation Seminar in Asheville on Saturday. I urge all our Club members who will to take advantage of these District-wide meetings which are held several times a year on various Rotary topics. Not only do you get some good information about the various Rotary projects but you also get to meet and become acquainted with Rotarians from other parts of our District, a great networking opportunity. As always, the Club is glad to pay your registration fee anytime you want to attend a Rotary District meeting. Remember, if you need a make-up, attending a District meeting or workshop is just one more way to get one!

Rotary and the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

Normandy Invasion veteran and French Legion of Honor medal recipient Ash Rothlein has the goal of locating, sponsoring and hosting 250 D-Day, Normandy Invasion veterans and recipients of the French Legion of Honor medal to attend the 70th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2014, at the National D-Day Memorial. DG-Elect Bray is hoping to have all of the districts in North Carolina and Virginia help Ash find and sponsor those veterans. More information will be coming out within the next few weeks. If anyone has any questions or would like to help in the project, see 7670 DG-Elect Gary Bray..

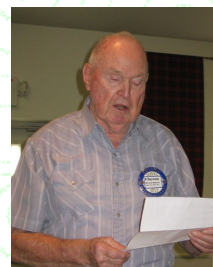
August is Membership and Retention Month

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand. More information is available at rotary.org on this theme. A way to keep retention of membership is to encourage members to participate in service projects or other club functions.

Mark Your Calendars for the District 7670 Foundation Seminar.

9 members of the Rotary Club of Franklin have registered so far for the District 7670 Foundation Seminar Saturday August 17th 9:30am At A-B Tech in Asheville. Cost is \$25 per member and the club will reimburse you. You can use this as a makeup and if you are interested in going see President Nancie and you can also register online at the district website www.rotary7670.org.

Clayton's Corner...More Senior Golf Rules



Rule 3.B.3 (G)

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7 (h)

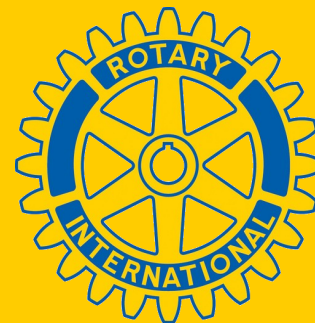
If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.



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Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha

The Liberty Tree

On August 14, 1765, a group of Bostonians calling themselves the Sons of Liberty gathered under a large elm tree to protest the Stamp Act imposed by England. From a branch they hung an effigy of the Boston official in charge of administering the hated Stamp Act tax. The elm became known as the Liberty Tree.

American History Parade:

1784 - On Kodiak Island, Russian fur traders found the first Russian settlement in Alaska.

1848 - Congress creates the Oregon Territory, an area encompassing today's Oregon, Idaho, Washington and western Montana.

1945— Japan surrenders unconditionally, ending World War II.

Please Give to Blue Buckets!

At each and every Rotary Club of Franklin meeting the C.A.R.T. buckets are placed at each table. Please drop in your excess coins or extra green-backs as those monies help the ongoing Alzheimer's Research!



National Guard Care Packages

IPP Gary Dills presented the Sylva's club National Guard Care Package project to send a "touch of home" to the 30 local National Guardsmen who have been deployed to Afghanistan. Each package cost \$27 and the Club's Board has voted to fund 5 of the packages. Gary requested that interested members fund 5 additional packages. There is nothing more meaningful to deployed guardsmen than receiving a care package from his home region. Please see Gary or Tom James if you wish to fund a care package.



We have a new Banner and Need Volunteers..

The Rotary Club of Franklin displayed its new banner at the August 14th meeting that will be used at numerous community events during the Rotary year. Special thanks to pres. Nancie for getting this done. We are also looking for volunteers to work our commercial booth at the Macon County Fair the week of September 9th. If you would like to volunteer see Community Service Chair Judy Chapman or President Nancie.



Foundation Message

Club members who contribute to the Foundation via the RI web site will also need to notify the Club's Foundation Chair, Jim Garner (garner@wayah.com). Although online contributions are credited to the member's account, our Club's Foundation Chair is not notified of any contributions given via the RI web site.



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President: Nancie Wilson

President-elect: Susie Ledford

President-nominee: Sean Gibson

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

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Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

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Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

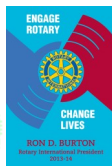
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

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
8/21 Greeter: Linda
Harbuck**

**Prayer/Pledge/4 Way Test:
Cardy White.**

Flywheel Lineup for 2013-14

Thanks to those volunteering in helping with the Flywheel. Demi Bray has agreed to write the first week of each month and the fifth week. John Short will be third week and Tom Coley fourth week. Debbie Tallent is our photographer for next year. If anyone would like to write the week two meetings please see club PR Director Dick Pritts. Thanks for all you do!

50 50 Drawing

No winner in this week's 50 50 drawing. The \$17 pot rolls over to the August 21st meeting with 12 cards left in the deck.



1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

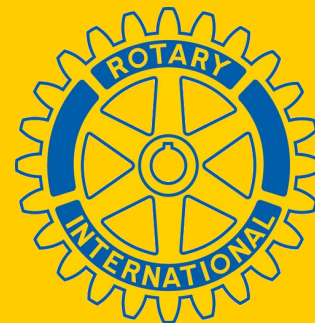
25 Tickets—\$10.00

**Next Week's Meeting August 21st: Paul Lormand
WCU Bardo Galaxy of Stars Series (Sandy Frazier-
host) See You at Noon at Tartan Hall....**



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DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
August - Membership & Extension Month			
Wed Aug 21, 13	12:00P	Galaxy to the Star with Paul Lormand	Sandy Frazier has the program.
Wed Aug 28, 13	12:00P	Club Assembly	Tartan Hall
September - New Generations Month			
Wed Sep 04, 13	12:00P	New Member Introductions	Linda Harbuck has the program.
Tue Sep 10, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Sep 11, 13	12:00P	UNC-TV: Tom Howe, Gen. Manager	Gary Shields has the program.
Wed Sep 18, 13	12:00P	CART Program with Bill Shillito	{Wayne Swank is hosting program}
Wed Sep 25, 13	12:00P	Barium Springs with Autumn Weil	John Short has the program. Tartan Hall
October - Vocational Service Month			
Wed Oct 02, 13	12:00P	Long-Time Members Intro	Becky Montgomery has the program.
Tue Oct 08, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	Fat Buddies Restaurant
Wed Oct 09, 13	12:00P	Interact Club w/Larry Hollifield	Tartan Hall
Wed Oct 16, 13	12:00P	Little Tennessee Land Trust with Chris Brower	Stacy Guffey is host at Tartan Hall, Bill McGaha is Greeter.
Wed Oct 23, 13	12:00P	Club Assembly	Tartan Hall
Wed Oct 30, 13	05:00P	5th Week Social	Chris and Charlie's Restaurant, Highlands Rd.
November - Rotary Foundation Month			
Wed Nov 06, 13	12:00P	Rotary Foundation With Jim Garner	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St., Franklin NC
Tue Nov 12, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	Fat Buddies
Wed Nov 13, 13	12:00P	WNC Radon Program with Phillip Gibson	Derek Roland is host at Tartan Hall
Wed Nov 20, 13	12:00P	Free Wheelchair Missions w/Jim Hardy & Duncan Wheale	Tartan Hall
Wed Nov 27, 13	12:00P	No Meeting-Happy Thanksgiving!	{enter event location here...}
December - Family Month - Happy Holidays			
Tue Dec 10, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	Fat Buddies
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 22, 14	12:00P	Club Assembly	Tartan Hall, 1st. Presbyterian Church

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