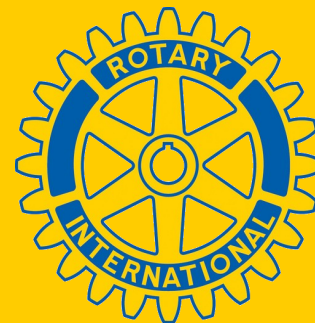




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MedicForce's New Proposed Maasai Medical Clinic

Submitted By John Short

Jon Bryant, Director of MedicForce, updated the Franklin Rotary Club on the proposed medical clinic to be built this year in Kenya. Jon was introduced by Rotarian Debbie Tallent. Jon, who is originally from Britain, is an American citizen but considers himself British American. He became interested in setting up a clinic in Kenya after visiting his father in Britain. While there he and his father ended up going to a program presented by a group of Maasai dancers and singers. After the program Jon talked to group members and found out they were raising money for community projects, including building schools. After talking with the group Jon volunteered to go and help set up a medical clinic.

His first trip to Kenya was an exploratory trip to see what the needs were. During that trip he set out to determine what the main causes of death were, what ailments existed among the people and what medicines were needed. He found that life in Kenya was hard and that the main struggle was for basic everyday needs. Poverty was rampant and everyone lived in huts. Land was overgrazed which provided no food for their livestock. The families were large due in part to polygamy and no birth control and 20% of the people have aids. He also saw that 60% of the water wells were not working. This was due to having no repair parts and the groups who dug them provided no training to the villagers on how to maintain the wells. This has since been resolved.

Jon also found aids was widespread, sex education and knowledge of STD's was poor, everyone has had malaria, typhoid is rife during rainy season and women's health facilities and access to contraception is non-existent. He found that education is key to improving the medical condition of the people.

MedicForce has teamed up with the British charity Osiligi and the Rotary club of Bournemouth in the UK to raise funds needed to build the clinic. They have currently raised \$28,000 which was needed to build the clinic. Construction will start in February and hopefully be completed in July. The next step is to raise funds to operate the clinic. It will take \$15,000 to outfit the clinic, \$10,000 to train community health workers and \$7,200 for nurse and health workers wages. Jono is soliciting help from local Rotary clubs to help support this project. If you would like more information or would consider helping support this project contact Jon through the Bryson City Rotary Club.





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Troop 202 Needs Help!

Scouting Troop 202 will be needing a permanent scout master after Chuck Williams completes the 3 months leading scout troop 202. The Troop is being re-chartered with 8 members and the club will be increasing their involvement and assistance to the troop in this and upcoming years and are looking for members to volunteer. See Mike Norris. The troop will hold their meetings at the Slagle Building and are planning a Reunion and Work Day to take care of some of the facility repairs that are needed. Volunteers will also be needed. If you are interested or know of someone interested see Past President Mike Norris

Our Next 4 Way Test..

at Macon Early College on Fri 1/24, please arrive between 8 and 830. Need additional Rotarians to volunteer—see PE Susie!

Membership Minute

This is the 1st posting for Paul Garner being proposed for membership. Garner is sponsored by Patsy Parker. If anyone has any questions or concerns see President Nancie or any board member.

Good News for Read2Me!!

Youth Services Director Larry Hollifield, Interact Sponsor Tiffany Garrett, and some of the FHS Interact got an early start this Wednesday morning so they could deliver 500 books to Read2Me. Read2Me is the Macon County

wide literacy project to provide books to people who may not read often, promote reading by parents with young children, and to provide a book a month to Macon County's children from birth to five years of age. John Yermack and Gary Dills provided carrying power for today's effort.





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Nancie's Notes



Every Rotarian Every Year is the goal of each of the Rotary clubs world-wide. EREY is a way for every member of every Rotary club around the globe to become involved in the life-changing programs of the Rotary Foundation. Financial support from every Rotarian is the key to helping rebuild suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe drinking water, feeding the hungry, educating children and adults, and alleviating poverty. Every Rotarian, every project, and every contribution makes a very significant difference to our communities, nation, and our world. I hope that our Club will be an Every Rotarian Every Year Club by each of our members donating whatever amount they can to our Franklin Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris Fellow

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.

Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY" from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., born January 15, 1929, was one of the most gifted leaders the country has known. Never was that more evident than on a cold winter night in 1956 in Montgomery, AL King had left his wife and baby at home to attend a meeting at a nearby church. As the meeting wound down, someone rushed in with terrible news: "Your house has been bombed."

King raced home and saw the bomb had exploded on his front porch. By now the house was full of people. He pushed his way inside and found his family safe.

Outside, however, trouble was stirring. An angry crowd was gathering and wanted revenge against whoever had done this. Several people carried guns and broken bottles. They hurled insults at arriving policemen. The situation was about to spin out of control. That's when King stepped onto his porch. Silence fell over the crowd.

King told them in a calm voice that his family was alright. "I want you to go home and put down your weapons," he said. He told them that violence would not solve their problems; it would only harm their cause. He reminded them of the teachings of the Bible. "We must meet hate with love."

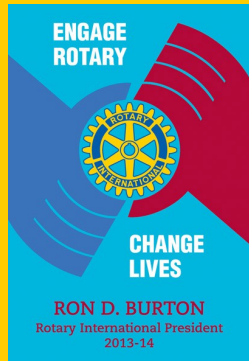
Dr. King spent his life meeting adversity with courage and love and reminding his fellow Americans that "we must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline." Good words to remember on this day.

Clayton's Corner



Things kids born in 2014 may never know part I

1. The post office- Instead of email, someone used to come all the way to your house just to drop a bunch of ads into a box on the front porch. This service was a big money loser.
2. Parking meters- There was a time when you had to pay for parking by putting coins into a little steel box on a pole.
3. Paper statements- Trees used to give their lives so that those who refused to go digital could get bills and other statements in the mail. (See No. 1.)



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January Is Rotary Awareness Month

Help celebrate January with Rotary Awareness Month by educating ourselves and fellow members on the history of Rotary, Rotary Programs, or even how to raise the awareness of the club's projects in the community and worldwide. Ask members to share personal experiences that they have had where Rotary has had a direct or indirect effect. All Rotarians have a story that can be educational or inspiring and the new year is a great opportunity to renew Rotary Inspiration throughout the year. For more information on Rotary Awareness Month see club president Nancie.



Upcoming Events



22 Jan..Club Assembly

24 Jan..Four Way test at MEC (Rotarians arrive early 8a-830a)

25 Jan..Pre-Pets Seminar at A-B Tech 9a (Incoming PE's and PN's)

29 Jan..Fifth Week Social at El Charro Mexican Restaurant 5p

5th Week Social End of this Month!



Our next 5th week social will be Wednesday January 29th 5pm at the new El Charro Restaurant on the Highlands Road beginning at 5pm.

There will be no regular meeting that day. If you have a potential new member...bring um!

Next board meeting..

Will be at Fat Buddies Tuesday February 11th at 5p with fellowship and 5:30p meeting start. If you need a makeup this is a great way to do so.



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Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Nancie Wilson

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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

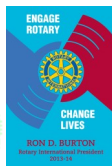
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

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

1/15... Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Wayne Swank

Greeter: Sandy Frazier



50 50 Drawing...

Tom Coley had the winning ticket but did not pull the winning card. The \$133 in the pot rolls over until next week.

There are 8 cards left so members chances of winning a big pot are getting better odds so now is the time to start buying more than one ticket!



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

Next Meeting 1/22: Club Assembly

See you at 12 noon Tartan Hall!