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Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, N.C.

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#### A SMOKY MOUNTAIN ECLIPSE

**BY JOHN SHORT** 

The day everything went dark was the topic of today's program. Janet Greene introduced Matt Cass, Science Department Chair and physics educator at Southwestern Community

College, who talked about the upcoming total eclipse which will be visible in Franklin August 21st, 2017. Matt is also the principal investigator of the Smoky Mountain STEM, Pre. Service Teacher Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, Collaborative, an effort in collaboration with NASA to improve STEM education in Western North Carolina. In his free time Matt enjoys hiking, trail running, Frisbee, and remodeling old homes.



Matt talked about the two types of eclipses, Lunar and Solar. Lunar eclipses occur when the earth is between the moon and sun. A solar eclipse happens when the moon is between the earth and sun. One



eclipse he mentioned, that we hope we never experience, is the apocalypse. This

would happen if the sun is between the earth and moon. To give one an idea of distances the sun is 152 million Km. from the earth and the moon is 384 thousand Km.away. The sun is 400 times larger than the moon. One might ask how often do eclipses occur. They occur every 18 months and partial eclipses about 2 times per year. This upcoming eclipse is considered famous because it crosses the total length of the United States. The last total eclipse was back in 1979. Here in Franklin we'll have one of the best views of the total eclipse which will happen at 2:35pm on August 21st and last 2 minutes and 33 seconds.

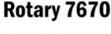
Some of the strange things one will notice during the eclipse will be total darkness during the day where one can actually view the stars, will see strange shadows, temperature drop, curious behavior in animals, and will see a diamond ring effect around the sun.

If your planning to view the eclipse you'll need to wear special glasses to prevent eye injury. The town and Chamber of Commerce have those available for the asking. The town is planning a special event that day so plan to attend.





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#### **Membership Minute**

This is the first posting for John Wert proposed for new membership and sponsored by Past President Sean. Any questions comments or concerns see Sean or any board member. We plan on inducting Ashley Mitchell in the next week .

#### CART Contributions Keep Coming!

On Wednesday the club recognized Bud Siler for his contribution to CART. Great work



Bud and to all club members keep up the great work! We are getting down to the end so if you haven't made your contribution you have a few more weeks.

## **Foundation Contributions**

Mike Norris-foundation chair recently stressed the importance of making your foundation contributions. He gave the club an update on



where it was so far for the year and that you have an opportunity to make it very easy through Rotary Direct. See Mike and he'll get you started!!



#### Blue Jar Dump Next Week!

Please remember to bring your CART Jars with coins, etc

next week as we will do another big dumping.

# Welcome Julia!

On Wednesday the club inducted Julia Langley sponsored by President Lenny. Julia was accompanied by her daughter Katie on March 15th. Lets welcome Julia.



Rotary Service 3/22/17 Greeter: TBA



Prayer/Pledge/4 Way: Fred Drexler





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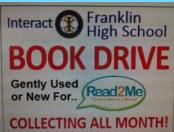
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#### FHS Interact and Satellite Club Collecting Books!

The Franklin High School Interact Club is presently collecting books through March for the Read2Me project. The Rotary

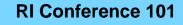
Club of Franklin Evening club has also gotten involved. Please drop off any unwanted new or gently used books to be donated to the project. Interact has the drive going in several classrooms at the high school and **the satellite Club has a couple of drop**offs at some businesses like American Computer Sales and Gooder Grafix. See Satellite Club's Guy Gooder. Last year the club collected some 650 books and this year they are shooting for 1,000. Lets help them get there!!

#### AG Sean Needs Flywheel Editor VERY SOON!

If you are interested in publishing the newsletter each week please see AG Sean. He would like to let someone else do this. Its difficult for him to continue during the day. Doesn't take more than an hour and a half each week. **We need to find someone soon as Sean will no longer be able to do it as of July 1st** 

which means there will no longer be a Flywheel after that time. We can train that person before they take it over. See Sean or Stephanie Smith!





If you are attending the upcoming Atlanta Conference mark your calendars for a "what to expect" seminar 4/6 6pm. More info to follow..

#### Installation 2017-18

Mark your calendars for June 27th. Incoming President Judy plans to hold her in-



stallation at Parker Meadows. More info coming..

#### Last Minute Collecting Supplies for Panama

Sandy Frazier will be leaving 3/23 for Panama and needs medical supplies and school supplies. You can still donate supplies...see Sandy!

#### Back Pack Fill 3/27

If you need a makeup or would like to be involved in a community project, please plan on participating in the next back pack fill Monday 3/27 at CareNet 4-



6p. See Patrick Betancourt and sign up now!





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### District Conference April 28th-30th!!

Nows the time to make plans for the upcoming District Conference in Hickory. There will be a free youth conference on Friday 10a-3p..dinner for Rotarians Friday Night then the regular conference Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Earn a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category



size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!! Club is reimbursing first 20 members \$75 on registration fee AND board members!. Register now at rotary7670.org for the conference!!! District only \$145

# **Fred's Funnies**



DAD, DID YOU NOW. IN OTHER

COUNTRIES YOU

DON'T KNOW WHO

YOUR WIFE IS UNTIL

OU GET MARRIED

ITS LIKE THAT

SON ....

Yeah I've got O.C.D OLD, CRANKY AND DANGEROUS.

THE GROUNDHOG SAID SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER...

SO I ATE HIM.

Smiles.....





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Thanks for all you do in service! Next Meeting 3/22 Rotary Water Treatment... See you 12 noon Tartan Hall

# Upcoming **Events**



Mar 21-Satellite Club Mtg at Currahee Brewery 630p

Mar 22-Water Treatment Plant

Mar 29-5th Week Social Lazy Hiker 530p

Apr 5-Club News

Apr 12-Macon County Public Library

Apr 19-Read2Me



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

Lee Berger did not draw the winning card in the 3/15 50 50 drawing. 11



