



## The Battle of Cowpens

Submitted by John Short

Our guest speaker at the May 15th Franklin Rotary club meeting was Mr. Osborne (Obie) Oakley. He spoke on the "Battle of Cowpens" and its pivotal significance in the Revolutionary War. Obie Oakley is a graduate of the Citadel and Harvard Business School. He served in the U.S. Army, 5 years as a Green Beret, reaching the rank of Captain. He retired as CEO of a publishing and printing company. He's a member of the Carolina Freedom Foundation and in 2010 received the Distinguished Service Medal the Army's highest civilian award. He's a pilot and has completed a 14,000 foot parachute jump with the Army's Golden Knights parachute team. He loves history and has studied the Battle of Cowpens, which is only 2 hours from Franklin, for the past 50 years.

The Battle of Cowpens was a pivotal point during the Revolutionary War. General Morgan devised a battle plan which is still taught and studied in military schools today. Here is some background...It was

January 1781- the colonies were in dire straights with the British controlling the northern section. Lord Cornwallis, British commander of the southern section, subdued Georgia and South Carolina was about to fall as well. North Carolina was divided with some wanting revolution and others not. General Greene, of the Continental army, then divided his army in two and put Gen. Daniel Morgan in charge of the western army. Lt. Col. Tarleton, or Bloody Benny as he was known, was appointed by Cornwallis to track down Morgan. Tarleton had experienced troops and a weapon called the grasshopper which created havoc among opposing troops. He also had a contingent of militia when things Got tough.

As far as weaponry- the British used muskets. The Calvary had pistols and sabers. Long rifles were not used because of the reloading time. On the day of the battle General Morgan was waiting on Tarleton at Cowpens, which got its name because that's where farmers brought their cattle for the winter. General Morgan knew Tarleton was an impatient person so his strategy was to put 150 men out front with long rifles and told them to fire at officers. Tarleton's men were tired going into battle and were easy targets. General Morgan then put 300 men behind the sharpshooters and told them to give him 2 good shots. The regulars were behind them. Tarleton was drawn in and the battle was over in an hour. The casualties were as follows..On Gen. Morgan's side, 25 killed and 124 wounded. On Tarleton side- 110 killed, 229 wounded and 800 captured. After the battle of Cowpens, Gen. Morgan passed into North Carolina and on to Yorktown where he formed up with Washington. From there the end of the war was soon to be.

## Clay County Rotary Car-B-Que Fundraiser!

The Rotary Club of Clay County is holding their annual fundraiser Saturday June 1st at the Courthouse Square in Downtown Hayesville. Rotarians please come to this event and show support for the club we sponsored in 2011! All the fun starts at 1pm.

#### Installation July 1st!

The new Rotary Year is just a short time away and now's the time to make your plans for the 2013-14 installation!. Make your calendars for July 1st 530pm at the Dillard House. Cost is \$25 for club members, \$45 for Rotary couple and \$35 per guest. Dress is business casual with live entertainment from Andrew Adams, pianist and an extraordinary dinner from the Dillard staff! Wine, beer, coffee and tea included. Please RSVP Fairley no later than June 19th. You can email her at fairleyp@gmail.com.



# **Rotary Club of Franklin Wins Again!**



At Saturday's district 7670 assembly in Asheville, the Rotary Club of Franklin picked up two more club awards including the

Presidential Citation and the Gover-

nor's Club Excellence Award. Way to go Rotarians!!

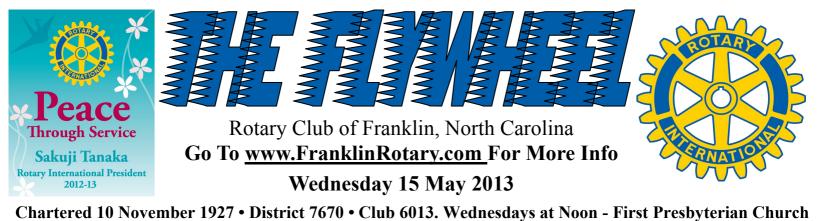


## Congrats to More Read2Me Winners!



The Rotary Club of Franklin recently saluted the Read2Me Poetry Contest Winners for 2013. Winners included MVI 6th graders Morgan Bumgarner with first place in the amount of \$50, Ariana Kimsey, second place \$25, and two honorable mentions, Celeste McCall and Erica Myers. All are students in Sara Shook's 6th

grade class at MVI. Ms shook got \$75 for her classroom since both first and second prize winners are in her class.



#### Its Rickman Time 2013!



Rotarians, its time to kick off our one and only fundraiser this year. Wednesday May 22nd is our official Roy Rickman Scholarship Fundraiser Ticket Sales

Kickoff!. Please come to our regular meeting as we get ready the fundraiser that helps us fund the projects that we are able to do throughout the Rotary Year. See you 12 noon at Tartan Hall!

#### Another Family and Community Service Award!

President Gary presented a Family and Community Service award to Mrs Tiffany Garrett for her hard work and dedication on behalf of FHS Interact and Rotary. Youth Service Director and Club Interact Chair Larry Hollifield, P-N Susie Ledford, International Director Sandy Frazier,



Rotarian Chris Baldwin and Daybreak Rotarian Terry Stamey were there to honor Mrs Garrett as well. Thank you Mrs Garrett, well done!

#### The Ruby Run

Franklin Daybreak Rotary is having their 5th Annual Ruby Run in Franklin, NC on Saturday, June 1. The Ruby Run benefits several local charities including CareNet, Franklin High School Interact Club, Community Care Clinic, Kids Place, Polio Eradication, International Water Project and many more. Event will begin from Franklin High School, located at 100 Panther Drive in Franklin at 9:00 AM. Registration and packet pickup will begin at 8:00 AM. For more information go to www.franklindaybreakrotary.org/rubyride.htm or register online at www.active.com.



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

**50 50 Fred wins AGAIN!** Congrats to Rotarian Fred Lindstrom winner of this week's 50/50 drawing. Fred

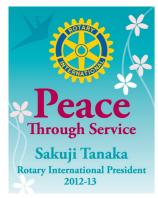
wins \$56. The pot starts over at zero for the May 22nd Meeting.



#### Lets Walk for a Cause

Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, June 8th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Franklin High School athletic field. This is a great opportunity for Rotarians to get out and walk in support of Franklin Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. It's also a family event, so bring your children and grandchildren and encourage them to walk with you. The Rotary Club will be walking along with the FHS Interact Club. If you'd like to participate contact Judy Chapman (jchapman@dnet.net).

**Greeter next week: Robin Jenkins** Sean Gibson is 50/50 Guru





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Wednesday 15 May 2013



#### Chartered 10 November 1927 • District 7670 • Club 6013. Wednesdays at Noon - First Presbyterian Church

DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
May - Service Above Self			
Wed May 22, 13	12:00P	Raffle Ticket Sales Kick-off	Tartan Hall
Wed May 29, 13	12:00P	Club Assembly with PE Nancie	Tartan Hall
June - Rotary Fellowships Month			
Sat Jun 01, 13	12:00P	Deadline for Peace Scholar Nominations	
Wed Jun 05, 13	12:00P	Community Care Clinic Program by Franklin Ingram, Clinic Directo	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Thu Jun 06, 13	04:00P	District Finance and Council Meetings	District Office, Asheville, NC
Sat Jun 08, 13	10:00A	Relay For Life	Franklin High School athletic field. Contact Judy Chapman to join Franklin Rotary Club team (jchapman@dnet.net).
Sat Jun 08, 13	12:00P	AGs and PEs Work on Planning Guides	
Sat Jun 08, 13	06:00P	District Governor Installation	To be announced.
Mon Jun 10, 13 thru Sun Jun 16, 13	09:00A	RYLA Camp	Brevard Music Center
	05:00P	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Jun 12, 13	04:30P	AG Conference Call	
Wed Jun 12, 13	05:30P	Rotary Club of Franklin Charitable Foundation	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
Wed Jun 26, 13	12:00P	No meeting on 26 June, go to Installation event on 1 July	{enter event location here}
Sat Jun 29, 13	12:00P	C.A.R.T. Funds are due	Remit to PDG Chuck Troutman, 521 Mountain View Street, SW, Lenoir, NC 20645-5633
July - Engage Rotary, Change Lives			
Mon Jul 01, 13	05:30P	Installation Banquet	Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA
Wed Jul 03, 13	12:00P	No meeting	{enter event location here}
Wed Jul 10, 13	12:00P	Official visit of District Governor Ronnie Thompson	
Wed Jul 10, 13	12:00P	DG Official Visit - Franklin	First Presbyterian Church 26 Church Street
Wed Jul 17, 13	12:00P	Club Meeting	{enter event location here}
Wed Jul 24, 13	12:00P	Club Meeting	No Program today. We will do wrap-up of the Rickman ticket sales and tie up other loose ends in preparation for the Auction and Drawing on July 27th.
Sat Jul 27, 13	05:00P	Roy Rickman Raffle, Silent Auction, and Dinner	Mountain View Intermediate School
August - Membership & Extension Month			
Fri Aug 16, 13 thru Sat Aug 17, 13	09:00A	Daybreak Rotary Golf Tournament	{enter event location here}



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