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

# THE BOLIVIA EYE PROJECT 

Rotarians Worldwide Serving Humanity

Article by Tom Coley

Dennis Sanders introduced Dr. David Markoff as our program speaker. Dr. Markoff is an Ophthalmologist and member of the Waynesville Sunrise Rotary Club. Since 1996, he and other members of his club have been traveling to Montero, Bolivia every year to develop a much needed eye care program that serves the people of Montero. The ratio of qualified Ophthalmology specialist and eye care clinics in Bolivia is 500 to every $1,000,000$ people. That ratio is among the lowest in the world. The typical cost for cataract surgery in Bolivia is between $\$ 1000$ and $\$ 2000$. This cost would be out of reach for many of the residents of Montero. The clinic's policy is no one is turned away if they cannot pay.

Sunrise Rotary partners with the Lion's Club, various eye care agencies and institutions in the United States to bring pre owned glasses and donated equipment to their clinic in Montero. They also partner with the local Rotary Club in Montero which allows
 them to utilize the Rotary Foundation Fund. Over the years they have been able to develop an operating room for cataract surgery, create an optometry center, and expand the footprint and capacity of the clinic.

Dr. Markoff and fellow Rotarians make the trip each year in the fall to Bolivia. They stay for eight to nine days working 10 to12 hour days treating patients. Over the years they have forged a wonderful relationship with the Montero Rotary Club, medical and eye care professionals in the community, and most importantly the people of Montero. This is another classic example of Rotarians from around the world working together to serve their fellow man. For more information about Dr. Markoff and his practice in Western North Carolina, visit http:// www.mountaineyeassociates.com.

## Board Meeting for May Party Time!!!

The final board meeting for Lenny's Rotary Year will be this Monday Night 6p at Lazy Hiker. No work agenda items! Just fun! If you haven't been to a board meeting yet please plan on attending. Just President Lenny's way of saying thank you for a great year!

Judy's Installation 2017-18 Mark your calendars as we induct new offers for the coming year at the 2017-18 RC Of Franklin Installation. It will take place Tuesday Night June 27th at Parker Meadows. Time TBA.


Outstanding Back Pack Year! Service co-chair Patrick Betancourt announced on Wednesday that the club packed well over 3,000 backpacks during this Rotary Year and donated some 21,000 hours toward the effort, Great work Rotarians!


## Special Recognition for the Peru Project!

President Lenny received a special gift on Wednesday from the Rotary Club of Clay County. Franklin and Clay were just two of the clubs involved in the multi-club inter-
 national water project in Peru. Lenny grew up on a farm and yes that's a replica outhouse. (courtesy of Clay’s Gary Nichols)

## Rotary Service

5/24/17
Greeter: TBA
Prayer/Pledge/4 Way: Stacy Guffey

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# Fred's Funnies 

## HWSOBivTOBOULIBTOU For Your Amusement



Not quite sure what to do right now...


## BREW Meeting This Tuesday!

 BREW Chair Nancie announced that the next BREW Meeting will be at the Sneaky Squirrel Tap Room (in the old Scot Rhodes dealership location) in Sylva this Tuesday Night starting at 530p. It's just a short drive over. Please plan to attend..
## Satellite Club Hard at Work!

 Incoming club chair Judy St. Arnauld is updating everyone on the work of the evening club. The club has agreed to begin collecting money for CART as well as contribute to the improvements needed at Wesley Park. The club will be meeting there this Tuesday to access what needs to be done. The club is also involved with Kid's Place and last week added TWO new members!! Great job!Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, N.C.

## CART Cruise Scheduled

PDGs Bill Shillito and Dennis Sanders announced at the District Conference in Hickory that a CART Cruise has been arranged for District 7670 Rotarians and their friends and families on 24 February, 2018. This weeklong cruise will give cruisers an opportunity to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease research, to share ideas and strategies to support CART, and to raise some funds for CART. In addition, we will be able to enjoy the warm weather of the southern Caribbean during the winter of 2018.

Norwegian Cruise Line has agreed to donate $\$ 100$ to CART for each passenger that books a voyage. Each club will receive credit for the $\$ 100$ generated by their members and any friends and family going along with them. Norwegian has also added some excellent incentives for this cruise. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Our tentative plans for the cruise include some informational sessions by, hopefully, one of our research scientists. We will also have a couple of receptions just for our group. During one of the sea days we will conduct a 2 K Walk for CART. Our travel agency has approached Norwegian to see if they will allow us to include the entire ship in this walk. The chance to develop new
 acquaintances and friends is probably one of the most important reasons to join the cruise.

You have three methods to book a cabin:
Print the registration form in the attachment and snail mail it to our travel agency.
Go to the travel agency website at vipworldtravel.travel and click on the CART link. You can then register online Call the travel agency at (800) 323-7448. Ask for an agent to book the CART Cruise

Please consider joining this cruise for fun, the chance to learn, and the opportunity to raise some funds for CART.


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## LAST FLYWHEEL

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## WEEKS!

# Volunteer to be Flywheel 

 editor! Or you have to look at THIS face every week until July 1st....


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Thanks for all you do in service!

## Next Meeting 5/24

Rotary

Project Panama UpdateSee you 12 Noon Tartan Hall!

## Upcoming Events

## May 24-Project Panama Update

May 31-Fundraiser Kickoff June 7-Obie Oakley on Vietnam History
June 14-No Meeting RI Convention

June 21-FHS Top 5
5050 Drawing
1 Ticket -\$1.00
3 Tickets - $\$ 2.00$
5 Tickets - $\$ 3.00$
10 Tickets-\$5.00
25 Tickets-\$10.00


Fred Lindstrom won \$243
 starts at zero 5/24

