

# THE FLYWHEEL



The Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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## READ TO ME

By John Short



Karen Kenney introduced Diane Cotton, Asst. Principal at Union Academy; Brittany Raby, reporter with Macon News; Carol Waldroop, retired administrative officer with Macon County Schools and Laura Vargas, Read to Me volunteer. Each talked about a different aspect of the Read to Me program and the importance of teaching kids to read early in life.

Diane talked about how Read to Me partnered with Highlands Literacy to implement the Dolly Parton Imagination library which serves all of Macon County. Kindergarten student's, as they entered school, were tested and it revealed that 75.5% were below the reading standard for their

age before Read to Me was introduced into the schools. Since the program has been introduced that percentage has dropped to 48%, a big improvement.



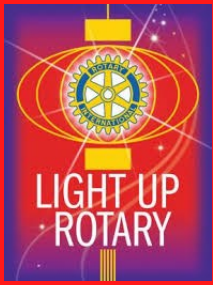
Brittany said the purpose of Read to Me was to get books into the hands of children where they would be encouraged to read. They have set up booths at area festivals where hundreds of books have been given out. This year they have partnered with the library and have setup book distribution sites where books can be taken out. They also have programs through the library for both kids and parents to teach the importance of reading.

Carol talked about Read to Me fundraising activities. This past year they had a car show, which brought in \$1300 through registrations and a yard sale which brought in several hundred dollars. They partnered with several local restaurants which donated a portion of their proceeds to Read to Me. Several grants were received including the WLOS TV Charity Challenge. Upcoming events include a car show on June 6th and yard sale on May 2nd.



Our interact club has raised \$30 which will provide a book a month for one child for a year. For \$30 per year you can provide a child a book a month. If you would like to sponsor a child see Karen Kenney, Gary Dills or Bill McGaha.

Awards for our essay contest winners will be in mid -April.



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## Club Recognizes Kenny Limlie



President Susie Ledford recognized Kenny Limlie for all the help he has given to the Rotary Club over the past several years in setting up and breaking down Tartan hall for our meetings. Kenny also was a great help to the Club for special events the club held at Tartan Hall. Kenny is retiring and taking time to kick back and enjoy life.

## Member Profile—Demi Bray

Demi grew up in Connecticut, where her father taught Latin and Greek at Hotchkiss School. By the time she recognized the advantages of having 360 teenaged boys in her back yard, her parents shipped her off to a girls' boarding school. As freshman at Duke she met Gary on a blind date at Virginia Tech. Married in 1967, they have taken advantage of business opportunities to live in several areas of the US before settling in Franklin in 2005.

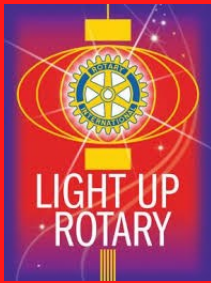
When Gary retired in 2009, Demi thought she would spend her time beading, supporting Gary's Rotary involvements, and working on their travel bucket list. That changed in October of 2011 when Gary was chosen to be the District Governor for 2014-2015. The past 3 years of Rotary (and more Rotary) have gone by in a flash, but the Rotary friends they have made will remain with them the rest of their lives.

After procrastinating about becoming a Rotarian, Demi joined the Franklin club in August 2012. She says it is definitely the second-best decision she ever made. In addition to supporting Gary, her personal Rotary passion is the fight to End Polio NOW, joining the District team providing programs to clubs about Rotary's campaign to permanently wipe out polio worldwide by 2018. Demi is proud to be a Paul Harris Fellow and a member of Rotary's Bequest Society, level 5.

Demi has passed this past summer of traveling around with Gary on his official visits by making bead woven jewelry to be sold at clubs' fundraisers. She hopes to have enough finished to display at club meetings soon and wants to remind members that they can purchase handmade jewelry for themselves or as gifts and support Rotary at the same time!







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## Caribbean Cruise for 2016



PDG Dennis Sanders announced that he has information on a Caribbean Cruise for January 2016. A fellow Rotarian friend of Dennis from Sarasota, FL has organized the cruise for family and friends. It will be on a

Norwegian Cruise liner and will leave port from Miami, FL. If you place a deposit by the end of March, there are perks added to your cruise package. For more information please see Dennis.

## Welcome Back Cardy

Club members welcomed back Cardy White after having recovered from her health challenge.

## Rickman Planning Meeting 2015!

We will be having our next Rickman Planning in April.. more details to follow! If you are interested in helping to organize our one and only fundraiser please plan to attend. Also it's a make-up opportunity too!

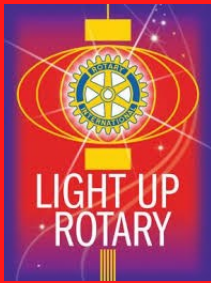
## Make-Ups Needed!

Our Rotary year is flying by and we have accomplished a most impressive list of things so far! I am very proud that we have initiated a new hunger project with the packing of back packs at CareNet, brought eight new members into the club, continued with the valuable Community Care Clinic and Read2Me programs, and had many volunteers participate in the Four Way Test program this year. We had a very successful fund-raiser for our Rickman Scholarships, and continue to succeed in our goals for PolioPlus and CART. That just names a small portion of our accomplishments!



I do want to remind all members that attendance at our meetings is very important. A recent District report shows that The Rotary Club of Franklin had only 56.05% attendance the past month. Please remember that all members are required to attend at least 50% of all meetings. I know you all are very busy and can't attend every meeting, but please be aware that you are expected to do make-ups. There are several ways to do that. Our Rotary make-up website is [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) or you can go to our club website which is [www.franklinrotary.com](http://www.franklinrotary.com) and click on Make-up a Meeting on the left side of the page. Other ways to make-up meetings include attending another meeting (DayBreak meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays), or participating in a Rotary activity, or Board Meeting. You can also count volunteering at the Community Care Clinic or CareNet as a make-up.

Together we can achieve our goals and finish strong!



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**\$10.00 – Adult**  
**\$ 5.00 – Child**  
**MARCH 27, 2015**  
**5:00 pm to 7:00 PM**  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



# SPAGHETTI DINNER



*PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS*

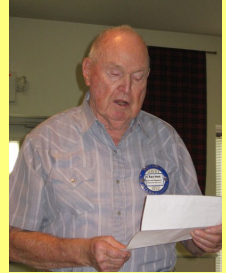
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**KRISTY SWAFFORD (828)421-2584** or stop by the  
**Macon Bank Corporate Center**

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## Clayton's Corner

### Plagiarized With No Apology



- Pelosi about Newt Gingrich

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

- Gore about G W Bush

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

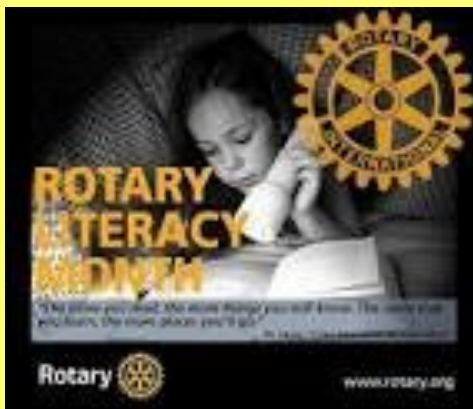
- Hillary to Nancy Reagan

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

- Bush about Dick Cheney

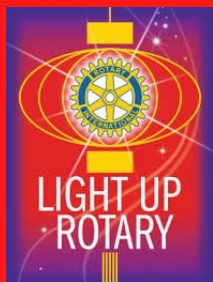
"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

## March is Rotary Literacy Month



Despite rising literacy rates for youth and adults, 897 million people around the world are still illiterate\* and 57 million children of primary school age are not in school. In March, Rotary Literacy Month, let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Franklin continues its work in eliminating literacy locally with the Read2Me project. For more information on Read2Me and how you can get involved, see club champion Karen Kenney.





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## The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2014-15

District Governor: Gary Bray

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Susie Ledford

President-elect: Sean Gibson

President-nominee: Lenny Jordan

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman and Patti Abel

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: Stacy Guffey and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

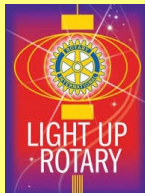
Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts and Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Dennis Sanders, Sandy Frazier, Cindy Rodgers and Jim Garner

Immediate Past President: Nancie Wilson



## Upcoming Events

**23 Mar-** Pack Back Packs at CareNet

**25 Mar-** Club Assembly. Prayer/Pledge—Tammie Farrell

**1 Apr-** Katie Henry—Barium Springs. Prayer/Pledge—Sam Blasingame

**8 Apr-** Lenny Jordan—Lazy Hiker. Prayer/Pledge—Michael Butler

**14 Apr-** Board Meeting

**15 Apr-** Read 2 Me. Prayer/Pledge—Greg Farrell

We're now on Twitter! Franklin Rotary@RotaryFranklin. Check it out and follow us!



**1 Ticket —\$1.00**

**3 Tickets —\$2.00**

**5 Tickets —\$3.00**

**10 Tickets—\$5.00**

**25 Tickets—**

**50 50 Drawing!**



Dick Pritts did not pick the winning card so the \$65 pot rolls over to next week with 9 cards in the deck.

**Next Meeting 3/25—Club Assembly .....See you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!**