



Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic

By Demi Bray

Susan Gibbs introduced this week's program. Cashiers Valley Rotarian Duncan Wheale then introduced Ron Freeman, his fellow Board member at the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic. The Clinic was organized to provide full-service dental services without charge to disadvantaged children and adults from Macon, Jackson and Transylvania counties. Its motto is "We restore lives, one tooth at a time". In 2005 it opened a permanent facility in Cashiers. Patients must satisfy residency, income and lack of insurance requirements before they are assessed and treated. Their all-volunteer corps of 15 volunteer dentists has a wide spectrum of specialties, so qualified patients can have multiple dental treatment needs taken care of at

the facility. In addition, Clinic volunteers and Board members work to raise awareness of the services offered for all 3 counties, as well as take their dental hygiene educational programs to the schools. Their cadre of Tooth Fairies is a fun, attention-getting way to advertise the Clinic's services and win the confidence of children and adults alike.

Since 2005 the Clinic has provided its patients with free dental services with an estimated value of \$4,485,700. After a recent expansion of the Cashiers facility, in 2013 the Clinic treated 272 new patients and 927 returning ones. Total visits last year were 1,299, with 404 of them being emergencies, involving 4,406 procedures. Since its inception, the Clinic has provided an average of 10.8 procedures per patient, emphasizing Ron's point that those lacking the resources to pay for dental services are the ones in most need of them.

Ron and Duncan both urged Rotarians to spread the word that the Clinic is actively seeking new qualified patients and that there should not be any material delay in a patient getting an appointment at the Clinic. They also want to expand representation on the Board from Macon County and urged Rotarians to volunteer to serve on the Board.

For more information about the Clinic, to make a much-needed donation in support of their services, or to discuss serving on the Board, please call 828-743-3393 or visit BlueRidgeFreeDentalClinic.org.





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Student of the Month



Our Rotary Student of the Month for March is Erin Campbell. Erin is a senior at Franklin High School and is an honors student. Erin is in the nursing program at FHS. She plans to continue her education at North Greenville University via an academic and golf scholarship and major in biology.

Each year seniors do a senior project and Erin chose to raise money for something she felt passionate about. The Hospice House Foundation of Western NC was established in 2005 with the hopes of one day realizing the need for a Hospice House here in Franklin. Erin is known as an avid golfer and has excelled in the sport for four years at FHS and competed in the regional and state tournaments. Based on her two passions she chose as her senior project a GLOW IN THE DARK night golf tournament called "Night Vision" that took place at Franklin Golf Course. After prizes were distributed, a total of \$600 was donated to the new Hospice House in Franklin. Erin said that she "hoped her project would inspire others to help those who are in need."

Business Integrity Award

Lenny Jordan, Vocational Service chair, presented the Franklin Rotary Club Business Integrity Award to Greg Vernelson an auctioneer located here in Franklin. The award is to recognize businesses in our local community that best incorporate the ideals of our 4-Way Test in their business ethics. Additionally it includes how a business treats his customers as well as the general public in their everyday interactions. Lenny relayed some history of Greg and an example of how Greg's business practice meets the 4-Way Test.

Greg is originally from the New Bern area and met his wife Maria after moving to Morehead City. Later they moved to Murphy where Greg worked in drug and alcohol counseling for a Christian based organization. As many other non-profits the organization started a thrift store to help raise funds. The thrift store idea turned to auctions and in 2002 Greg and his family moved to Franklin and opened a thrift store on Highlands Road. In 2005 he became a licensed auctioneer and in 2012 moved to his new building on the 441 By-pass.

Greg had been hired by an attorney in Swain County to remove items from a house in Bryson City home. The elderly women living in the home had been placed in a nursing home and he was hired to remove anything of value to be sold at an auction with the rest being discarded. While removing the bed from the small home, Greg and his employees found several envelopes between the mattress and the box springs. The thirty envelopes contained slightly over \$21,000. Greg called the attorney and returned the money. Greg has worked for charities like the Wounded Warrior project and Toys for Tots. Vernelson says that integrity is part of the job and that auctioneers like himself "need to be in a position of trust or we don't last."





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Nancie's Notes



Next week we'll induct two more members into our Club: David Notestine and Michael Butler. This will bring our new member total for this Rotary year to 14! It is always a real pleasure for me to induct new members into our Club because it shows that our Club is not only well known in our community for its name, but also for our work in and around Franklin.

We are coming to the end of this Rotary year, and there are a lot of loose ends to tie up. Among them are getting our Foundation dollars turned in to Club Foundation chair Jim Garner so he can get them recorded and sent on to RI. Mike Norris recently sent me a link which I sent on to you all about the eradication of Polio in India. This was an important event, and it was your Rotary Foundation dollars that helped it happen!

Don't forget to register for our District Assembly which is set for Saturday, April 26 in Asheville at AB Tech. Register via DaCdb or online at Rotary7670.org.

Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



- 1513 Ponce de Leon sighted Florida
- 1877 First Easter egg roll at the White House
- 1889 Charles Hali patented aluminum
- 1917 President Wilson presented declaration of war against Germany to the United States Congress
- 1932 A \$50,000 (\$789,000 in today's value) ransom was paid for infant Lindbergh son who was not returned and found dead the next month
- 1972 Burt Reynolds appeared nude in Cosmopolitan magazine
- 1995 Costliest strike in professional sports history ended when baseball owners allowed players to play without a contract

Clayton's Corner

I've Learned....



That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.



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Membership Minute

This is the second posting for Michael Butler. Michael is being sponsored by Lenny Jordan. If anyone has any questions or concerns please direct them to any board member or President Nancie!

Motorcycle Event

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians will be in our District beginning on Sunday, April 27th. If you have any Rotarians that motorcycle, this is a fun event. The IFMR will be in Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Robbinsville, the Biltmore Estate, and Cherokee. Spread the word!!!

Message from District 7670

DGE Gary Bray announces, with great pleasure, that the Keynote Speaker at our District Foundation Banquet and Celebration will be 2013-2014 Rotary International Vice President, Anne Matthews. As many of you know, Anne is Rotary's first female Vice President and her passion is The Rotary Foundation. The banquet will be on November 8, 2014, at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel. Please note that this is a change in the date in order to accommodate Anne's schedule.

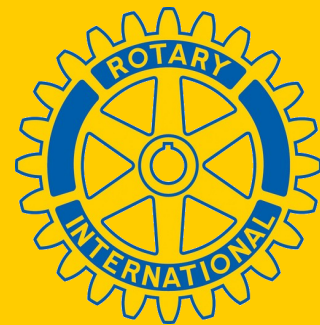
Gary asks that you plan to attend the banquet and join him in welcoming Anne to District 7670.



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District Conference Alert

Registration for the Rotary District Conference in Greenville, SC is underway. The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC, from June 20-22, 2014. To reserve your hotel, you will need to contact the hotel directly and ask for the Rotary discounted rate. The link is on the District database. **The first 50 Rotarians to register and pay the registration fee will be entered into a drawing and the winner will receive a refund for his/her registration on Friday night at the Conference.** The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. Franklin Rotary will reimburse \$100 of the registration cost for the first 10 members who register. After registering provide Fairley a copy of your registration and she will provide you a rebate check.

Flywheel Volunteer Needed

PR Chair Dick Pritts is looking for someone to work with him in publishing the weekly Flywheel. The volunteer needs to have Publisher software on their computer. Dick and Sean will train the volunteer on putting the newsletter together.

Upcoming Events



8 April. Board Meeting at Life's Bounty
5p/530p

9 April..Gilliam's Promise

16 April..Child Hunger Awareness

23 April..Read2Me Awards Program

26 April..District Assembly/
Membership Seminar A-B Tech

Rickman Coming Soon!

Our one and only fundraiser is in the planning stages and we need your help. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the event. We encourage everyone to help because it takes "all hands on deck" to make it successful. Please see event co-directors John Short and John Yermack. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 26th at MVI. Patsy Parker again announced that all should start to put together the silent auction items. We had great success last year and need to plan on topping it this year. She stated that no item is too small to be included. Now's the time to start gathering items! She received her first item this week.



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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2013-14

District Governor: Ronnie Thompson

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Nancie Wilson

President-elect: Susie Ledford

President-nominee: Sean Gibson

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: John Henning and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

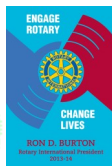
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

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 4/9..

Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Wayne Swank

Greeter: Judy Chapman

50 50 Drawing!



Robin Jenkins
once again did
not pull the
winning ticket.
The \$111 pot
rolls over until next week
so now is a good time to
start buying tickets.



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

Next Regular Meeting 4/9 Gilliam's Promise (John Short host). See you at Tartan Hall at Noon.