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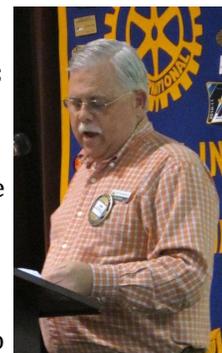
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CLUB ASSEMBLY

By John Hubsch

President Sean Gibson began the program by asking all attendees to complete the short survey regarding the lunch that was catered by Martha's Kitchen. Sean added that there will be an election at our meeting on Dec. 16 to select members for the new board for the year 2016-2017. Secretary Patsy Parker reminded everyone that the annual Children's Christmas Party will be in two weeks, Dec. 16. Cindy Rodgers, Community Services, reported that our club helped prepare 12,848 backpacks this year for Care Net. The next opportunity to volunteer for this project will be Monday Dec. 14 from 4PM to 6PM. She also reported that the annual Shop With a Cop program will be on Tuesday Dec. 22. There is no dollar amount that has been set as a goal but last year they collected \$24,000.00, which was enough to provide 240 children with XMAS presents. Stacy Guffey, International Services, advised that there are no specific plans at this time but that he is looking at projects that will help in the rural areas of the Philippines. Jim Garner, Foundation, reminded everyone that the goal of the club is to have everyone contribute annually to the Foundation fund. The hope is that the average contribution comes out to at least \$100.00 per member and the club hopes to receive \$11,000.00 this upcoming year. Sean Gibson spoke on behalf of Linda Harbuck, Membership Chair, and stated that the club has inducted 5 new members since July. Vic Perry, Programs, advised that if anyone needs help in securing someone to present the program at our weekly meetings, he has several ideas, so please contact him. Debbie Tallent, Public Image, requested that more photos of club events can and should be sent to her so that she can post them on the club's website and social media sites. Dick Pritts, Flywheel editor, reiterated that he is still looking for volunteers to write weekly articles about the programs that are presented at our meetings. He also reminded everyone that he needs members to send in their personal profiles to him. Bill Baker has volunteered to become the photographer for the club. Dick noted that there have been 8 media postings since July 1 in the local newspapers highlighting club-sponsored events. There have also been about five postings in the district's publication. Dennis Sanders spoke to the club about a cruise aboard Princess Cruise Line in



2017, from Jan.14 to Jan.22 that is open to Rotary club members and their friends and family. It leaves from Ft. Lauderdale and goes to Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao. See him if you are interested. Mike Norris spoke about the Boy Scouts that are sponsored by our club and they are currently selling Christmas Wreaths for \$25 or \$30. Speak to him if you are interested in purchasing one and the monies go directly to the troop. Mike also discussed the Strategic Plan for the club, which is focused on diversification. The club is trying to attract younger members so as to perpetuate the club for the future. The club is also trying to attract more female members. We currently have about 2/3rd males and 1/3rd females and the average age of the membership has gone down from 61 to 58. John Yermack discussed the formation of a satellite club or a sub-group of our club. He is targeting young professionals who can meet after work in the early evening and he asked members to actively help in looking out for possible candidates. They will meet Jan. 14 at the Lazy Hiker Brewing Co. Please speak to John if you know of anyone who may be interested. Rick Peoples, Vocational Services, reported that the Shadow program went well this Fall and they plan to do it again in the Spring. He is also looking at starting an Ethical Business Program soon and also looking to present an award to the business that most exemplifies high ethics. Larry Hollifield, Youth Services, stated that there should be about 32 children, from grades K-4, at the club's Christmas Party on Dec. 16. He noted that the youth group spent time this past weekend picking up litter and planting trees in the local park. Also, the club is looking for hosts that are willing to take in foreign exchange students next year, for about 3 months. Demi Bray is still taking contributions for the Polio Plus program. John Short, Charitable Foundations, advised that there is currently \$26,819.00 in this account with \$4500 due soon to pay for the next round of scholarships.



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Packing Back Packs at CareNet



Cindy Rodgers announced the upcoming schedule for packing Back Packs at CareNet. Volunteers are needed so see Cindy to sign-up. Dates areas follows:

Dec 14th, Jan 22nd, Feb 22nd and March 28th.

Volunteers are needed from 4 to 6:00PM. Over 600 back packs were filled during the last few sessions.

Christmas Party THIS TUESDAY Dec. 8th!

Our Christmas Party this year will be on Tuesday, December 8th at the Post and Beam at Mill Creek. Please sign up for this great year end social event. Dinner cost is \$25 per Rotarian; \$50 per Rotarian couple; \$35 for additional guest. There will be an ugly Christmas sweater contest with a great prize for the winner. See Patsy if you would like to attend!



Member Profile— Gary Shields

Gary was born and raised in the Cartoogechaye community of Macon County, now called Mill Creek, and his parents were Clara and Rev. S.K. Shields. He attended Franklin High School and later moved to Walhalla, SC where he attended Walhalla High School for one year and they moved to Waynesville, NC where Gary attended Waynesville Township High School and graduated in June 1956

In October 1966, Gary received his military draft notice and due to some additional training that he wanted to experience, he volunteered for three years. After basic training, AIT (Advanced Individual Training) and Airborne School, Gary was sent to Germany for additional infantry and communication training. A man-power build up was beginning in Vietnam and many of soldiers were reassigned to units in Vietnam where he served with the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade from October 1967 - June 1969. Gary received two Purple Hearts and numerous other medals during his two tours of duty'

In August 1969, Gary entered Gardner-Webb College and graduated Cum Laude in May 1973. He was employed as a teacher and later a school administrator in the Kings Mountain School District, in Kings Mountain, NC. During the 8 years he was employed with the Kings Mountain School District, Gary attended University of North Carolina-Charlotte at night and earned his MA Degree in School Administration. In 1981, he moved back home and was employed by the Macon County School System for 29 years and his first assignment was at Nantahala School as a teacher and counselor for one year. The next year, Gary was assigned to FHS as the assistant principal/guidance counselor for two years and during this time, he attended WCU at night and earned my MA in Guidance and Counseling. Gary was appointed in 1981 by Superintendent Crawford and the BOE as principal of Union Elementary School and completed my tenure of 5 years. In July 1988, he was given the opportunity to be the principal of FHS and after 21 years, Gary retired in June 2010.

After retiring from 37 years in education, 29 of those years in the Macon County School System, Gary chose to become more involved and informed in our community. At the present time he serve on the Macon County Board of County Commissioners, Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees, Angel Medical Center Foundation Board, KIDS Place Board of Directors, Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Development Commission.



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Rotary at Franklin Parade!

Several of the Franklin Rotarian walked in Sunday's parade under light drizzle. 7670 district governor Billi's car along with DGE Gary Dills, RC of Franklin President Sean Gibson and RC of Franklin Youth Service Co Chair Larry Hollifield sporting the new Rotakids shirt made their way through town to bring in the holiday season!



Clayton's Corner Did You Know



- According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
- There are so many kinds of apples, that if you ate a new one everyday, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
- You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
- People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
- Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.

Franklin Rotary Biggest Loser Contest

Weight loss contest started to see who can loose the largest percentage of weight by St Patrick's day. Next weigh-in is next Wednesday. Weight loss update to date:

Picklemeister	3#	1.32%
Spud	4#	1.49%
Dr Rx	8#	4.06%
Virtualizer	0#	0.00%
Hey You	6#	2.19%
Big Papa	1#	0.36%

Rotarians Birthdays

Demi Bray—Dec 04
 Mike Norris—Dec 08
 Derek Roland—Dec 06



Rotarian Anniversaries:

Cliff Harris— 31 years
 Fairley Pollock—6 years
 Cindy Rodgers—5 years
 Jacob Reiche—2 years
 Bob Scott—2 years

Rotarian Partner Birthday

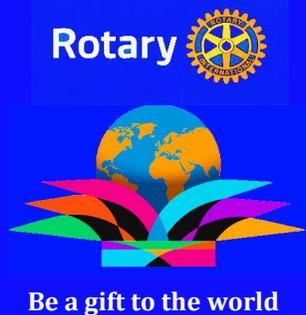
Adele Yermack—Dec 08

Rotary Service 12/ 16 Club Of Franklin



Prayer/Pledge: Lenny Jordan

Greeter: Dick Pritts



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Rotakids take on Community Service Project

Several of the Franklin Rotakids participated in their first community service project last month when they planted trees along the Greenway and at Parker Meadows under the supervision of their sponsor and Youth Services Chair Larry Hollifield. The future for our Rotary Club looks



bright with getting these grade schoolers involved in the first Rotakids Club in the State of North Carolina!

New Board to be Elected Next Meeting!

Please plan to attend our Dec. 16th meeting (Children's Christmas Party). It is truly one of the most special things we do as a club. At the beginning of the meeting we will be electing your club board for next year 2016-17.

Shadow Program after First of Year!



Rich Peoples, assistant Vocational Chair is encouraging Rotarians to take part in another shadow day sometime in the winter. The fall shadow program was a success and more Rotarians have an opportunity to participate, preferably for a morning on Wednesday and then bring each shadow to one of our January meetings for lunch. If you would like to participate

see Rich or Karen Kenney.

December is Disease Prevention Month

Rotary's top priority is the **eradication of polio**, but our members take on far greater responsibilities to fight disease. They set up health camps and training facilities in undeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for health care. Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow. **Join Rotary** and work on projects to prevent and treat disease. **Give now** to support a polio-free world.

Flywheel Help Needed..Please!

Special thanks to new member Bill Baker for taking pics this week. Flywheel Editor Dick

Pritts is still look-



ing for **volunteers to help produce the rest of weekly Flywheel**. Dick is looking for a couple of volunteers to be trained on the Publisher program used in producing the weekly Flywheel. Dennis Sanders has volunteered and Dick is looking for at least two more volunteers to join him and Dennis in the training. Please email Dick at: rdpritts@aol.com or call at: 828-349-9748.

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The ABC Islands Adventure cruising 8 days aboard the Caribbean Princess January 14 – 22, 2017



Day	Port / Date	Arrive	Depart
1	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Saturday, January 14		4:00 PM
2	At Sea Sunday, January 15		
3	At Sea Monday, January 16		
4	Curacao Tuesday, January 17	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
5	Aruba Wednesday, January 18	8:00 AM	10:00 PM
6	Bonaire, Caribbean Netherlands Thursday, January 19	7:00 AM	5:00 PM
7	At Sea Friday, January 20		
8	At Sea Saturday, January 21		
9	Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Sunday, January 22	7:00 AM	

Come back new® from a cruise vacation on the Caribbean Princess, one of the stars of the destination that bears her name. At her launch in 2004, this incredible cruise ship introduced Movies Under the Stars® - a giant poolside movie theater featuring first run movies, concerts and sporting events. Here you can relax in a cushioned lounge with freshly-popped, complimentary popcorn under the night sky. Onboard, guests can also enjoy a variety of street performing acts in the Italian-inspired Piazza, indulge in a soothing massage from an outdoor cabana at The Sanctuary®, or savor a premium steak cooked to order in the Crown Grill. Join us and see what makes Caribbean Princess perfect for enjoying the scenic Caribbean islands.

DEPOSIT: A deposit of 20% of the cruise fare per person is required to confirm your reservation.
FINAL PAYMENT: Final payment is due Oct. 24, 2016.
CANCELLATION PENALTIES: There is no penalty for cancellation from time of deposit until 75 days prior to departure. For cancellation from 75 to 57 days before departure the deposit is non-refundable. For cancellation from 56 to 29 days before departure the penalty is 50% of the total price per person. For cancellation from 28 to 15 days before departure the penalty is 75% of the total price per person. For cancellation within 14 days of departure the penalty is 100% of the total price per person.
COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE is available and highly recommended.

Cruise Category	Price per person
MB	\$136.00
BB,BD,OC & ID	\$105.00

Cruise Price:

Category	Double per person
MB- Balcony MiniSuite	1694.00
BB- Balcony Stateroom	1354.00
BD- Balcony Stateroom	1294.00
OC- Outside w/window	1224.00
ID- Inside Stateroom	994.00

Other categories may be available
 Prices subject to change without notice.

Prices include Port charges and government taxes and fees of \$95.00 per person. Princess reserves the right to institute a fuel surcharge at their discretion at any time including after final payment.

VIP World Travel can help you arrange air flights. Please contact us for assistance.



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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2015-16

District Governor: Billi Black

Assistant District Governor: Ken Nicholson

President: Sean Gibson

President-elect: Lenny Jordan

President-nominee: Judy Chapman

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: John Barbee

Vocational Service: Karen Kenney

Community Service: Cindy Rodgers

Youth Service: Amy Manshack-Chair/Larry Hollifield-Co-Chair

International Service: Stacy Guffey

Foundation Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts

Sgt. At Arms: Jacob Reiche

Immediate Past President: Susie Ledford

Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



Dec 8—Christmas Party at Post & Beam
530p/630p

Dec 9— No Meeting

Dec 12—Pack Back Packs @ CareNet

Dec 16— Children's Christmas Party

Dec 23— No Meeting

Dec 30— No Meeting

50/50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



50 50 Drawing

Fred Alexander won the \$133 pot and donated it to a community service project. Time to buy tickets and grow the new pot!



Next Meeting Wednesday December 16th— Children's Christmas Party...See You 12 Noon Tartan Hall

Rotary Club Of Franklin

