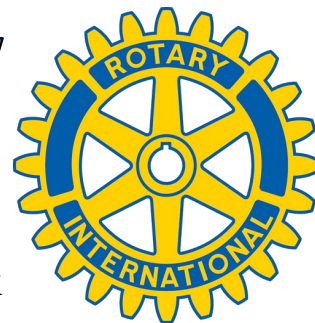


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Group Study Exchange (GSE) Visit next Wednesday



At next weeks meeting, we are hosting five GSE visitors from India. Thank you to Fred Drexler, Sandie Frazier, and Lenny Jordan (and their spouses) for hosting our visitors in their

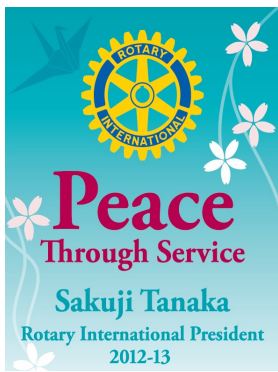
homes. Following the normal meeting next Wednesday, please stay for a few minutes as we help our guests celebrate one of their Hindu holidays, Holi, the festival of colours. As I understand Holi, it is similar to Mardi Gras minus the beads and associated tasks. It is a celebration of Spring, fertile harvests, and the colors which accompany this beautiful time of year. Holi is celebrated on the day after the full moon in early March. Often, celebrants squirt colored water on each other as part of the merriment. Sounds like great fun! So was the St Paddy's party this Wednesday (photo to the right).

On Thursday, several Rotarians will escort the GSE team around the county with an emphasis on comparable vocations. Plans call for visits to various military related areas, a tour of Drake Software, a tour of Deal Farms, a visit to Coweeta Labs, and a visit to a local law firm and tour of the Macon County courts. Thank you Rotarians for sharing your time and expertise. gdd

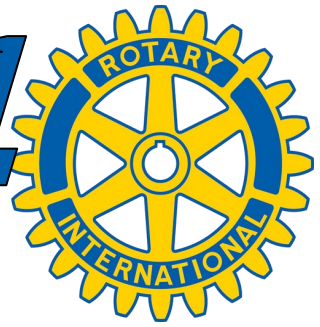


Congratulations and thank you to the District 7670 Bridges to Prosperity team especially our own Stacy Guffey, Tom Coley and Beverly Mason. They will present a program soon but these pictures tell a lot of the story. Unfortunately, Beverly had a pretty bad accident on the trip but she is healing well.





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Annual CLUB ASSESSMENT

Thank you to the members who took the time to fill out the Membership Satisfaction survey. Overall, you believe our club is doing an excellent job. However, there are a few things you did not like. Those areas included time for fellowship, meal quality, insufficient member orientation and development and more service opportunities.

The number one concern (9 responses) was the lack of focus on fellowship time. Members see this as a time to get to know other members better and to network. This was a concern both during meeting time and after hours. Lack of involvement of families, which fell under fellowship, was also a concern.

Again, meal quality (5 responses) was another issue with a small minority of the membership. The majority felt the meals were adequate but a few expressed a dissatisfaction with the quality. I feel for the price we're getting great value for our money.

Third, several members (5 responses) felt our new member orientation and development was insufficient. One member suggested including a newsletter page explaining Rotary and our major programs would be helpful. This would help older members as well as new keep up on ongoing projects and programs. The leadership recognizes this and is looking for a volunteer to assist in this effort. Our next New Member orientation is this month.

Fourth, more service opportunities was a concern (4 responses). I think those concerned were speaking of local opportunities and wanted to see the club more involved with local projects the members could participate in. In fact there are many opportunities – four way test projects, Read2Me, Community Care Clinic, the Shadow program, just to name a few. Talk to the Community Service or Vocational Director and volunteer.

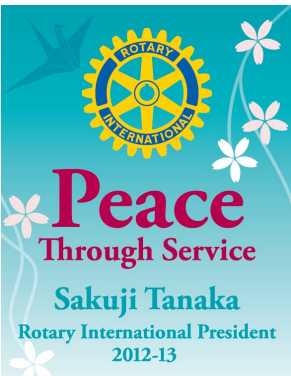
Other areas with one to three responses included better speakers and a greater variety of programs. Contributions to service projects and the foundation were believed excessive. Club dues are excessive. Need more emphasis on vocational information.

Several members expressed they would like to be more involved in the areas of member development and education and local and international service projects. The opportunities are there. Individuals just need to jump in and get involved. Just takes individual initiative.

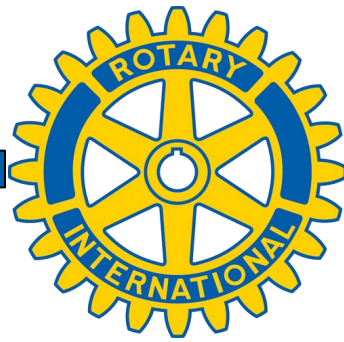
As a whole our club is doing extremely well and members are extremely satisfied with the way things are going. Your inputs are always considered. We are looking for ideas on how to improve meal quality without raising dues — remember the club assembly reviews of club administrative costs.

By John Short





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SHADOW PROGRAM UPDATE

We are working with Franklin High School and Macon Early College High School to provide a job shadowing/mentoring opportunity for high school students. Please tell Susan or Debbie W. if you have interest in participating. Your only requirement is to share a little time and knowledge with a high school student who has an interest in your field. Email Susan Gibbs at sgibbs@maconbank.com or Debbie at dwal-lace@maconbank.com for more info.

24th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament

Monday, May 6, 2013

Highlands CC

11:00am Shotgun Start

See Nancie Wilson to sign up for club team

Awards and beer to follow golf

Players Receive:

Tee Gift- Tervis Tumbler (cup) with HCC logo

Golf Tournament with Prizes,

Lunch at the 10th tee

On Course Events: Longest

Drive, Closest to the , Putting Contest

Sponsors Receive:

Recognition in Program

Recognition in Area Publications

Recognition at the Awards Banquet

Player Only _____ **\$150.00**

Hole Sponsor _____ **\$100.00**

Make checks payable to: Rotary Club of Highlands

See a Rotarian for Additional Applications

Tournament Chair: Joyce Baillargeon

Phone #: (828)526-0501

50/50 INFORMATION

CARDS 12— POT IS \$36

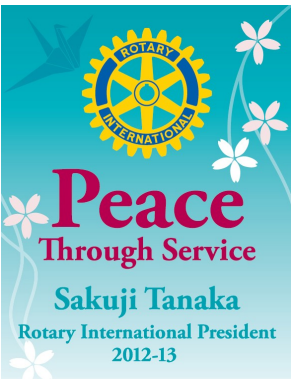


- 1 Ticket —\$1.00
- 3 Tickets —\$2.00
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00
- 25 Tickets—\$10.00

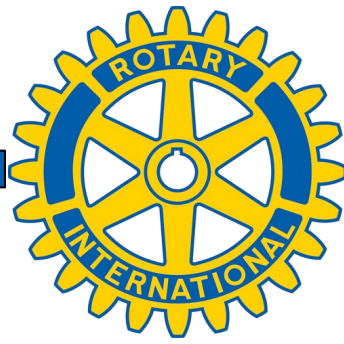
Last week, Fr Fred drew the winning number but did not find the Ace of Hearts. No drawing this week but next time. Funds from 50/50 help support administrative costs and keep your dues from rising. So buy those tickets and help yourself.



Greeter next week: Lori Hall



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DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
March - Literacy Month				
Fri Mar 22- 23	10:00A		PETS	Mandatory Training for Presidents-Elect. Greensboro, NC
Wed Mar 27, 13	12:00P	Franklin	GSE team from India visit -- Stacy and Larry with program	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
April - Magazine Month				
Wed Apr 03, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Relay For Life Program: Abigail Roper & Sara Bishop	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Fri Apr 05-07	01:30P		District Conference	Embassy Suites Hotel
Tue Apr 09, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed, 10 April	1200			Tartan Hall
Thur-Sun 11-14 April		Franklin	Friendship Team visit (India)	
Thu Apr 18, 13	05:30P	Franklin	New Member orientation	Life's Bounty Event Center
May - Service Above Self				
Wed, May 01, 13	1200	Franklin		Tartan Hall
Wed, May 01, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Rotary at the Bascom	The Bascom
Tue May 07, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Academic Achievement Banquet	Tartan Hall
Wed May 08, 13	12:00P	Franklin	NO CLUB MEETING THIS WEEK- Go to Banquet	Tartan Hall
Sat May 11, 13	09:00A		District Assembly & Membership Seminar	Location to be announced
Tue May 14, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
June - Rotary Fellowships Month				
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 10-16,	09:00A		RYLA Camp	Brevard Music Center
Tue Jun 11, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Jun 12, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Rotary Club of Franklin Charitable Foundation	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
July - Engage Rotary, Change Lives				
Mon Jul 01, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Installation Banquet	Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA
Wed Jul 10, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Official visit of DG Ronnie Thompson	
Wed Jul 24, 13	12:00P	Franklin	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	Franklin	Roy Rickman Raffle, Silent Auction, and Dinner	Mountain View Intermediate School



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