



Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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Wednesday 20 November 2013



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## Free Wheelchair Mission

By John Short

Rotarian Gerry Camelo introduced today's speaker, Jim Hardy from Free Wheelchair Mission. Jim updated the club on Free Wheelchairs efforts to provide and distribute wheelchairs to the poor and disabled around the world. The organization was started by Don Schoendorfer after a vacation to Morocco. A young engineer and inventor, Don saw a disabled woman struggling to drag herself across an intersection, an image he never forgot. He left a successful career in the biomedical field to invent a basic, inexpensive, and durable wheelchair. In 2001 he founded Free Wheelchair Mission, a nonprofit organization which distributes wheelchairs to disabled individuals around the world.



Jim Hardy said that since this organizations beginning they have distributed 700,000 wheelchairs which comes as a Gift Of Hope through A Passion Of Love. Vic Galif from the Cashiers Rotary Club has been instrumental in helping reach this goal. He helped organize the area Rotary clubs, including Franklin Rotary, in raising \$40,000 to send a container of wheelchairs, that's 550 wheelchairs, to Bolivia.

The delivery of these wheelchairs did not go without a few complications along the way. When they first arrived they were held up in customs. When contacted, the group was told they would have to pay \$11,000 to have the wheelchairs released. Not having the money they wondered how they would raise the funds. In a short time the Mayor of Montero paid the money and the chairs were released and finally arrived at their destination. Once the wheelchairs arrived at the distribution site they were assembled, which takes approximately 10 minutes, and were given to the people as they arrived. The team then instructed the recipients on using the chairs and how to properly get in and out of them. The team is also required to keep a record and a brief history of each recipient.



The Generation 2 wheelchair comes in 3 sizes and are adjustable. The cost to build the wheelchair is the same as the first generation, which is \$71.88 per chair. These wheelchairs give the recipients independence as well as the ability to once again support themselves and their families. There are approximately 100 million people worldwide needing wheelchairs. The goal of Free Wheelchair Mission is to deliver 20 million wheelchairs to those in need. To learn more about Free Wheelchair Mission go to: [www.freewheelchairmission.org](http://www.freewheelchairmission.org) or call 800-733-0858.



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### Another DG from Franklin!

On Wednesday IPP Gary Dills was formally introduced as Rotary 7670 District Governor for 2016-17. This is the third consecutive member from

Franklin Clubs to serve as District Governor. Job well deserved Gary, we're behind you and proud of you! Congrats to DGND Gary Dills! Gary follows DG for 2014-15 Gary Bray (Rotary Club of Franklin), and Billi Black DG for 2015-16 (Franklin Daybreak). Dennis Sanders has also served as DG for 7670 (Rotary Club of Franklin).

### Great Polio Plus Work

Rotary DG Ronnie Thompson presents

Club President Nancie Wilson with the First Class President's Award for meeting the club's PolioPlus goal before October 31st. Nancie wants to thank everyone for their contribution efforts. Great work!



**Reminder..NO MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY.**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Students of the Month for Nov. and Dec.



Congratulations to Amelia Owens of Macon Early College..(L) November Rotary Student of the Month. Also congrats to Madison Shope..(R) December Rotary Student of the Month. The presentation was made by Rotarian and Macon County School Board member Gary Shields. Great work!



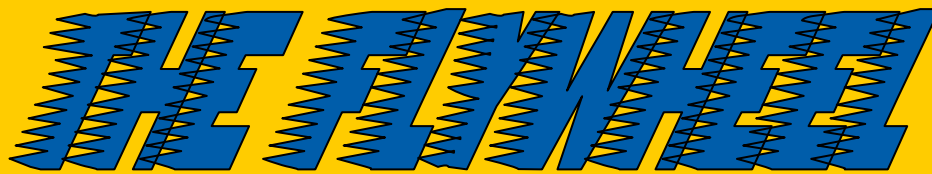
Happy 95th JC Jacobs!

The Rotary Club of Franklin presented a birthday cake to longtime member and past president JC Jacobs on Wednesday. Jacobs re-

cently turned 95 and has been a member of the club since 1947. Congrats JC!



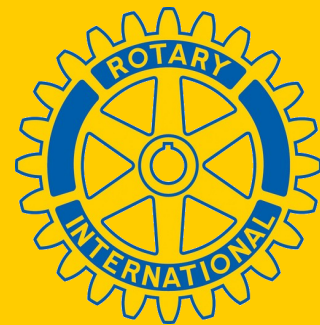




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## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS THIS FRI!

We are still in need of a few more volunteers for our final 4 Way Test at MCMS this Friday November 22nd. If you can volunteer see PE



Susie Ledford and please plan to arrive at Macon Middle at 8am. Thanks for all you do. Last Friday was a great success!



## November is Rotary Foundation Month

This year we plan on recognizing Paul Harris Fellows at our club Christmas Party December 12th. If you are close to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Plus 1, 2, and so-on, please see Club Chair Jim Garner and make your contribution now. Remember there is a foundation match so now's the time to contribute! Also if you contribute online, please bring a printed receipt to Jim so he can give you credit toward your foundation points.

## Christmas Party December 12th!

Our annual Rotary Club of Franklin Christmas Party is Thursday Night December 12th at the Dillard House 530p. Cost is \$25 per Rotarian, \$50 per member and significant other, and \$35 for each additional guest. More details to follow soon. This is a great time for food fun and fellowship. There will be a signup sheet at next week's meeting. Please plan on attending.

## Membership Minute

This is the second official posting of Cindy Rodgers being proposed for membership. Cindy is the newest State Farm Agent and is sponsored by PN Sean Gibson. This the second official posting for Bob Scott for membership. Bob, mayor-elect for the Town of Franklin and past longtime member is being sponsored by Fred Alexander. This is also the first official posting for Jacob Reiche of Smart Pharmacy being proposed for membership sponsored by Tom James. If anyone has any comments or questions please see president Nancie or any board member.



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## Nancie's Notes



What.A.Day.It.Was.!! At our meeting on Wednesday, our Club celebrated J.C. Jacobs' 95th birthday, and also celebrated the selection of our Immediate Past President Gary Dills as the District Governor Nominee Designate.

J.C. has been a member of our Club since 1947 and just recently celebrated his 66th year as a Franklin Rotary Club Rotarian. The Club was pleased to have a special birthday cake in his honor, and of course, J.C. shared his cake with the Club. We were also pleased that J.C.'s wife, Frankie, was able to be with us to help us honor J.C.

Gary Dills, who is just now back with us after dealing with some health issues, will be the District Governor for Rotary year 2016-17. Gary has a lot of training to endure, a lot of traveling to get that training, and can look forward to visiting every Club in our district at least once! Clearly, Gary is going to be a very busy man during his DG year, and he knows that he has the full support of his home Club-our Club-as he goes about his duties.

We were pleased to have our District Governor Ronnie Thompson with us at our meeting on Wednesday. Gov. Ronnie presented me with his "First Class" president's award in recognition of our Club meeting and exceeding our goal for Polio Plus. As I told Gov. Ronnie, that award really belongs to all of you, all of you in our Club who donated money to Polio Plus and did so in a timely manner, as well as to our Interact Club members who sold "purple pinkies" at the Macon County Fair and raised over \$200. We were able to get all our donations in to the District before the October 31st deadline. So thank you to all who donated to Polio Plus. I also want to thank Demi Bray for using her time and talents in the design and crafting of her beautiful jewelry which many of you have purchased. Demi is graciously donating any proceeds from the sale of her jewelry to Polio Plus and so far has over \$500 which will be turned over to Polio Plus by the end of this year.

We will not have a meeting next Wednesday as it is Thanksgiving week and many of our members will either be out of town or entertaining out of town guests. Also, First Presbyterian would like that Wednesday to set up and prepare for their community Thanksgiving Dinner, so we have cancelled our meeting and will gather once again on December 4th. I will be in Orlando visiting my son and his family for that week, and I hope that whatever you're doing for Thanksgiving, it involves family and friends who are special to you. As I count my blessings on Thanksgiving Day, I will give thanks for our Rotary Club and for all of you, members and friends of our Club. You are indeed a very special group of people who every day live the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Thank you to each and every one of you for everything you do to make our Club one of the very best in the entire Rotary organization!

## Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



On this date November 20th

1620-Peregrine White, the first child born of English parents in New England, is born aboard the Mayflower off Cape Cod

1789-New Jersey becomes the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights

1953-Flying a Douglas Skyrocket in California, Scott Crossfield becomes the first pilot to break Mach 2.



## Clayton's Corner

### More Puns for Educated Minds

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine .

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

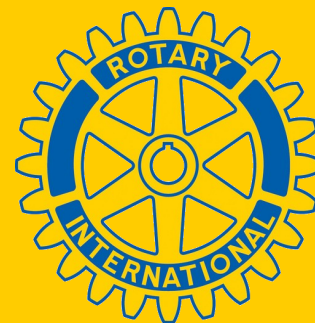




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## Children's Christmas Party Coming Soon!

Our annual children's Christmas party will be at our regular meeting Wednesday December 11th. At the November 20th meeting we passed around a bucket to help with contributions for gifts for the children. If you would like to make a contribution please see Rotarian Patsy, Robin or PE Susie. Please plan to attend as we will also need some help serving too. This is a special time each year for the children.

## Need T Giving Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming community thanksgiving dinner at first Presbyterian Church. If you would like to help set-up, clean-up or bring a dessert, please see Judy Chapman or dinner director John Duncan.

## Volunteers Needed for Panama Project!

We need volunteers for our upcoming trip to Panama to continue the great work we have done down there. Since 2005 a partnership has been maintained between the Club Rotario de Boquete in the Republic of Panama and Rotary clubs in Western North Carolina. Each year we have worked together on projects involving school renovations, medical clinics, and delivery of both school and medical supplies. In April, 2014 a team from our area will, once again, be headed for the western highlands of Panama.



The team of approximately 24 people will be made up of students from Franklin HS Interact Club, area Rotarians, and members of the general community. The journey will be 10 days in duration. Cost per individual is currently estimated to be between \$1500 and \$1700. Team members will be expected to participate in fund raising activities to both support the project as well as help with individual expenses.

For additional information: Contact Sandy Frazier at [sandliz222@frontier.com](mailto:sandliz222@frontier.com)

## You Still Have Time to make your Polio Plus Contributions

We have exceeded our club goal of \$1400 but if you haven't made your contribution yet you have until December 1. See chair Fred Berger and make your contributions now. The Board elected to send out a invoice to all members to voluntarily donate. There will also be Rotary and Christmas-themed jewelry available in exchange for a donation to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. Look for these items on display coming to the weekly meetings. With recent outbreaks world wide we still have work to do.



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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

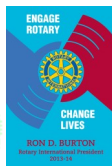
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

Public Relations Chair: Dick Pritts/Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Bill McGaha

Immediate Past President: Gary Dills

*Thanks for all you do in service!*



**Reminder..NO MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY.**

**Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!! Enjoy fellowship with your family...see you 12/4 12 noon.**

### 50 50 Drawing

No winner in this week's 50 50 as Tom Coley did not draw the winning card.

The \$32 pot rolls over to December 4th with 12 cards remaining.



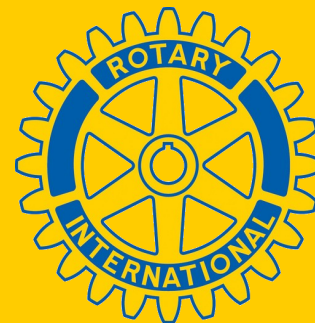
- 1 Ticket —\$1.00
- 3 Tickets —\$2.00
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00
- 25 Tickets—\$10.00

**No meeting next week (Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!) Next Meeting 12/4: Linda Schlott will talk about the Town of Franklin's Holiday Plans...Judy Chapman is Host. See you at 12 noon Tartan Hall!**



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DATE	TIME	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
<b>November - Rotary Foundation Month</b>			
Wed Nov 27, 13	12:00P	No Meeting-Happy Thanksgiving!	{enter event location here...}
<b>December - Family Month - Happy Holidays</b>			
Wed Dec 04, 13	12:00P	Linda Schlott will speak on Franklin holiday season plans	Judy Chapman is host at Tartan Hall
Tue Dec 10, 13	05:30P	Board Meeting	TBA
Wed Dec 11, 13	12:00P	Children's Christmas Party	Tartan Hall
Wed Dec 18, 13	12:00P	Caroline's Perform	Clayton Ramsey is host at Tartan Hall
Wed Dec 25, 13	12:00P	No Meeting, Merry Christmas!	{enter event location here...}
<b>January - Rotary Awareness Month</b>			
Wed Jan 01, 14	12:00P	No Meeting, Happy New Year!!	{enter event location here...}
Wed Jan 08, 14	12:00P	Dr. Scott Philyaw/ Dir. of Mtn Heritage	Vic Perry has program and Fred Alexander is greeter at Tartan Hall
Wed Jan 15, 14	12:00P	MedicForce w/Jonathon Bryant	Fred Alexander Host, Sean Gibson -Greeter at Tartan Hall
Wed Jan 22, 14	12:00P	Club Assembly	Tartan Hall, 1st. Presbyterian Church
Wed Jan 29, 14	05:00A	5th Week Social - No Meeting	El Charro Restaurant-Highlands Road
<b>February - World Understanding Month</b>			
Wed Feb 05, 14	12:00P	Long Time Members Give Hlstory	Bud Siler is host and Amy Manshack is greeter.
Wed Feb 12, 14	12:00P	Don Capaforte will speak on the Angel Foundation	Meeting at Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian.
<b>March - Literacy Month</b>			
Wed Mar 26, 14	12:00P	Gold Star Program w/Dan Rogers as Speaker	Tartan Hall

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