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## WOMEN'S HISTORY TRAIL

"Walking in Her Steps...A way to bring history to life"

Article by Tom Coley

Bob Scott introduced Barbra McRae as she shared her vision for a chronicling of how women in Macon County contributed to the history of the area. Barbara serves as the Macon County historian, has been editor of The Franklin Press, and serves on the Franklin Town Board.

In addition to celebrating the rich history of women in Macon County, Barbara envisions an incorporation of many historical sites in Macon County along a designated route. Visitors could travel this "Trail" and receive historical information as experienced through the eyes of the women of a particular period. Possible sites on the "Trail" within the county include Nikwasi Mound and the Little Tennessee River Greenway. The Little Tennessee River was once a busy north-south corridor for the Cherokee and early settlers. Also Main Street in Franklin was part of an eastwest stage coach route known as the Great Western Turnpike. Barbara also mentioned Ray's Chapel as a local site steeped in black history.

Barbara said there were groups of women that were pivotal in the history of Macon County. Initially the native Cherokee women were leaders in a matriarchal society, also the pioneer women who were tough, skilled in home craft, and nurturing played an essential role in early development. She mentioned the slave women, anonymous and unsung, yet enduring and ultimately triumphant. The women who stayed



on the home front during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and later during WWI and WWII found themselves in dual roles. They had to do the strenuous work of their absent men in the fields or factories plus the traditional role of mother and homemaker. Barbara cited the example of Mary Bell. Mary was a Civil War era woman whose husband fought in the Confederacy. Her vivid letters to her husband, Alf, were preserved and depicted the struggles and challenges she experienced on the home front.

In early 2016, The Folk Heritage Association of Macon County adopted this project and is in the process developing The Women's History Trail into a reality. In addition to the historical trail, they plan to have public artwork with historical themes displayed in prominent places around Macon County. Their first fund raiser is planned in April. It will include a tour of the cemetery at First United Methodist Church in Franklin. For more information about Women's History Trail, visit <u>www.FolkHeritageAssociation.org</u>.





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**Student of The Month** The February Student of the Month is Faviola Mendez, a senior at FHS. She is a member of the tennis team as well as the Interact Club and spends a lot of time doing community service from packing backpacks to helping a family in need at Christmas. Great work Favy!

#### **CART Recognition!**

Congrats to Gary Shields as he was recognized Wednesday for contributing \$100 to the CART Fund!



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### **First Posting**

#### Back Pack Fill

Next backpacks fill will be Monday 2/27 at CareNet with the March back pack fill 3/27. A great way to makeup! Sign up with Patrick Betancourt now! It was also announced that thus far volunteer hours for the club this Ro-



tary Year totals over 4540 hours! Great work so far!

#### **Foundation Contributions**

Mike Norris-foundation chair recently stressed the importance of making your foundation contributions.

He gave the club an update on where it was so far for the year and that you have an opportunity to make it very easy through Rotary Direct. See Mike and he'll get you started!!



This is the first posting for Julia Langley being proposed for new membership by President Lenny. Any questions comments or concerns see any board member.

#### **Stop Hunger!**

The board approved \$500 to be allocated to the Sylva joint Stop Hunger Project. The project will take place Saturday March 11th 10a at First Methodist in Sylva. If you would like to volunteer see President Lenny! Satellite club plans on having a group there.

Rotary Service 3/1/17

Greeter: TBA



Prayer/Pledge: PE Judy Chapman





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## Notes from The Top

I would like to take the time this week to reflect on a program we do at Rotary and have been doing for a long time. It is not a program that involves a lot of members. It is a project that is however, one of the most important our club can claim! If you haven't guessed it yet, it is because the project is done month after month by one Rotarian. That Rotarian is soft spoken, but very passionate. I get a gentle reminder as past presidents have for years now, "remember, I need a few minutes at our next meeting". Still wondering?

Today, was the perfect example of why it is so important. We heard in her own words what it meant to be selected as the STUDENT OF THE MONTH!!

Gary Shields each month of the school year works with the teachers to select the best candidate for the award. He makes the contact, he gets the plaque made and is always sure to get the student to our meeting. As I said, at the top, this is a great program and one of the best things we as Rotarians can do. Encourage our young people to excel and become leaders. Thank you Gary!

Also, thank you Gary for being our newest \$100 CART inductee!

If you are passionate about something Rotary does, let me know! We all have different things that mean a lot to us. Send me a quick email telling me why.

I would love to hear from you. My email is: <a href="mailto:lennyjordan@gmail.com">lennyjordan@gmail.com</a>

## **Evening Club Meets Tuesday!**

The RC of Franklin Evening satellite Club is now meeting on **Tuesday's 630p at Lazy Hiker.** Tell a friend about the club. Just another option to serve as a Ro-

serve as a Rotarian!



## AG Sean Needs Flywheel Editor!

If you are interested in publishing the newsletter each week please see AG Sean. He would like to let someone else do it. Doesn't take more than an hour and a half each week. See Sean or Stephanie Smith!







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## District Conference April 28th-30th!!

Nows the time to make plans for the upcoming District Conference in Hickory. There will be a free youth conference on Friday 10a-3p..dinner for Rotarians Friday Night then the regular



conference Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Earn a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!! Club is reimbursing first 20 members \$75 on registration fee. **Register now at rotary7670.org for the conference!!!District only \$145** 

## March BREW Fellowship

Next fellowship will be Thursday March 2nd at Currahee Brewery in Franklin 530p. See you there!

## Happy Bday Bea!

Come next Wednesday as we will be celebrating our inbound exchange student Bea's 17th birthday at the regular meeting!

# **Fred's Funnies**



On Aging.....

Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



With Age comes skills It's called MultiTasking

BUT IT GETS BORING... So I GO BA(K TO BEING ME.



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## Upcoming Events



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Mar 1-Joe Allen with Guardian Ad Litem Mar 2 BREW Fellowship 530p Currahee Mar 8-TBA Mar 11-Stop Hunger Sylva 50 50 Drawing 1 Ticket – \$1.00

- 3 Tickets —\$2.00
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00



Dick Pritts did not win the 50 50 valued over \$150. Money rolls over to 3/1

