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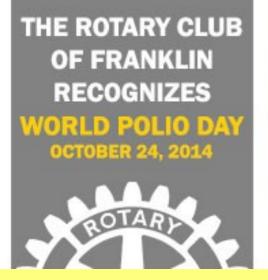
#### USDA Farm Service Agency Serving Western NC

Article by Tom Coley

Sam Blasingame introduced Becky Williamson as USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director for Swain, Jackson, and Macon Counties in Western North Carolina. Becky was born in Jackson County and has always been involved and close to the agricultural community. She has served in the Farm Service Agency program for the past 24 years. Becky shared some of the programs and changes under the 2014 Agricultural Act (Farm Bill) that are available to those involved in Western NC agri-business. They range from truck farming on a large scale to the individual bee hive farmer. A few of the many services include crop commodity programs covering market price loss, crop insurance covering risk loss from natural disaster, a non-insurable risk program, marketing assistance, consultation and low cost loan assistance to beginning farmers and ranchers. One of their

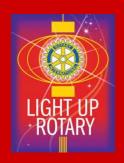
local nutrition programs that Becky was very proud of involved a gleaning project where Future Farmers of America and New Century Scholar students harvested the produce left in the fields of commercial agri-business farmers. The students would then distribute the produce to homeless shelters, and other non-profits serving the disadvantaged and needy. She invited us to one of their newly developed outreach program events. They will hosting a soil and water/agricultural conference at Cowee School this Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of interesting and informative exhibits on display by U.S. Soil & Water Conservation, the Forestry Service, and Farm Services Agency. There will be free lunch provided from within and by the agri-business community. For more information about USDA Farm Services Agency, visit <a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/NC">www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/NC</a>.











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### Remembering Fred

Last week we lost a great Rotarian and brother of the community in Fred Berger. Fred we will miss you! Please keep Fred's family in your prayers during this difficult time.





#### **Message from District 7670**

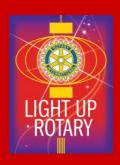
This is an invitation to you and your guests to attend the annual District Rotary Foundation Banquet on **Saturday, November 8th, 2014**, at the Renaissance Hotel, One Thomas Wolfe Plaza, in Asheville. Festivities will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed with dinner

at 6:45 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of great Rotary fellowship, inspiring messages about the work of the Foundation, and recognition of the strong involvement of Rotarians and our Rotary clubs in that work. The featured speaker for the evening will be *Past Rotary International Vice President, Anne Matthews.* To show our support for her and for the work of The Rotary Foundation, we hope that you have marked **November 8**<sup>th</sup> on your calendar, and are already planning to come with a group of Rotarians from your club.

To register for the banquet go to rotary7670.org and do it through DacDb or send your regrets that you cannot attend. It will connect you to the registration form, where you can register yourself and your guest(s), give your dinner preference, and make payment by credit card (if desired). Payment for the dinner can also be made by sending a check, made out to Rotary District 7670, to the Rotary office at PO Box 1954, Asheville, NC 28802. The cost for the dinner is \$45 per person. Please complete the registration form as soon as possible. The deadline is Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Fill Back Pack this Monday!

Reminder..if you have signed up to help fill back packs please plan to help at CareNet this Monday from 4p to 6p.
Thanks for your service!



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#### Need Flywheel Help!

PR Director Dick Pritts is in need of help writing the meeting article for the first two weeks of the month. If you can help see Dick or PE Sean

No Regular Meeting Next Week..come to El Charro Wednesday October 29th instead for our 5th week social..see you there 5p!

### Rotary Club Gives to First Methodist

On October 22nd, club president Susie Ledford presented First Methodist a check for \$1000 toward the Stop Hun-

ger Now project.





#### Help Wanted!

We need you for Rotary Service.

If you are a new member or existing member and would like to help with one of our many projects and functions like..

\*Community Care Clinic

\*Boy Scouts

\*Hunger Projects

\*Project Panama

\*Friendship Exchange

\*Wheelchairs

\*Read2Me

\*Shadow Program

\*4 Way Test

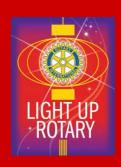
\*Youth Exchange

\*Rickman Scholarships

\*Thanksgiving Dinner

Just to name a few..

See President Susie or President Elect Sean and you can make a difference!



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#### Membership Minute

This is the first posting of proposed members Janet Weigal and John Hubsch proposed by Tommy Jenkins. If anyone has any questions, comments or concerns see President Susie or any board member.

### Mike is Cruisin!

PE Sean presented Mike Nor-



for two in the Caribbean or

Mexico at Wednesday's meeting. Mike's ticket was drawn in
the fundraiser raffle in September! Special thanks to Judy cafeteria.
and Cindy as well as all Rotarians for their work on this. We
netted over \$1600!

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#### Stop Hunger Now

On Saturday November 1 our club will be joining other community volunteers at the First United Methodist Church on Harrison Avenue to help put together 30,000 meals. These meals will be used worldwide for crisis relief and/or school lunches. The training for assembling the packages will start promptly at 12:45 PM and then the meal packaging will start at 1:00 PM. We need Club members to volunteer for this community service event. Volunteers are asked to wear their Rotary shirt at the event. For more information see President Susie Ledford

### Clayton's Corner

Medical Dictionary of the South

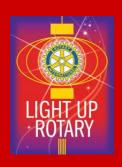
Artery - The study of paint-ings.

Bacteria - The backdoor of a cafeteria.

Barium - What doctors do when patients die.

Bowel - a letter like a. e. i. o.

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### The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2014-15

District Governor: Gary Bray

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Susie Ledford

President-elect: Sean Gibson

President-nominee: Lenny Jordan

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman and Patti Abel

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: Stacy Guffey and Sandy Frazier

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Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ... Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts and Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Dennis Sanders, Sandy Frazier, Cindy Rodgers and Jim Garner

Immediate Past President: Nancie Wilson



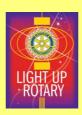
1 Ticket -\$1.00

3 Tickets -\$2.00

5 Tickets -\$3.00

10 Tickets-\$5.00

25 Tickets-\$10.00

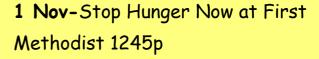


### Upcoming Events

29 Oct- Fifth

Wednesday Social at El

Charro 5p



5 Nov-Foundation

8 Nov-Foundation Banquet (Asheville)

11 Nov- Bd Mtg at Life's Bounty

### 50 50 Drawing!

No winner in this week's

50 50 drawing as The pot

rolls over

Nov. 5th

with 11 cards

left.



NO REGULAR MEETING NEXT WEEK.come to El Charro 5p! Next Meeting 11/5—Foundation Program. See you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!