

Journalistic Ethics and Accountability in Franklin Article by Tom Coley

Fellow Rotarian Rachel Hoskins, Community Newspapers Inc.'s Franklin Regional Publisher addressed some of the issues that a newspaper deals with in a community such as Franklin. Rachel said, "When I was in the fifth grade I knew that I was going to be a journalist." Since then she has developed an outstanding career with Community Newspapers Incorporated. Of the 29 publications owned by the Athens, Georgia based conglomerate, she currently supervises the publishing operations for the six Western North Carolina newspapers in her region and has her office at the Franklin Press on Depot Street. The Franklin Region has a significant economic impact in the community providing 70 area jobs and a 2.7 million dollar payroll.

Rachel gave us a better understanding of our First Amendment US Constitutional Rights by quizzing the club on everyday situations as to whether they would be guaranteed under the First Amendment. Although the First Amendment simply states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.", when it is applied in our high tech, internet, social media world, it can sometimes get complicated.



She also spoke of "community accountability" and the struggle of her staff to report news and opinions in an accurate and unbiased manner. She shared that the staff will discuss sensitive news issues and they always try to approach reporting those issues thoughtfully. Although sometimes she and her staff strongly disagree with someone's opinion, they recognize and respect that individual's right to express that opinion in a proper format.

The program was in conjunction with April's Rotary theme of "Magazine Month". For more information about Community Newspapers, Inc., you can go on line to <u>www.cninewsspapers.com</u>, or <u>www.thefranklinpress.com</u>.



Academic Excellence Banquet

A banquet celebrating and announcing the newest recipients of the Rickover Scholarships and the Carpenter Nursing Scholarships will be on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 PM in Tartan Hall. Please advise Susie Ledford if you will be attending. We would like to have a good showing at this event. There will be no meeting on Wednesday May 8th.



Free Books for those to Read!

World book night was Tuesday, 23 April, and many in the community are giving away books to encourage reading among those who do not actively read. We still have a few of the first of the series 'Lightning Thief' for young readers (4th and 5th graders mostly) who may not be aware of the book. Rotarian Larry Hollifield has several James Patterson books (for middle schoolers) which are available as well – both are free. Contact President Gary or Larry if you know someone who is not actively reading and one of these books would encourage them to read.



Senior Health Fair May 2nd!

WFSC Radio and the Macon County Senior Games invite you to attend the Senior Expo and Health Fair 2013 Thursday May 2nd. Its free admission and there will be lots of great information from exhibiters there. The hours are 9am to 1pm. There will be free snacks and drinks and you have an opportunity to win door prizes. WFSC will be giving away Braves Tix. The rotary Club of Franklin is also one of the attendees. If you would like to help man the table please contact Rotarian Sean at 524-4418. The event is at the Macon County Community Facilities Building. See you there!

DaCdb Training Available!

Past District Governor Dennis Sanders and club secretary Fairley Pollock are offering a training session on the use of DaCdb on Monday, May 13, at 5:30 pm at the Southwestern Community College Macon County Center. If you are interested in attending this training, please let Fairley know no later than Sunday, May 12th. We will need to have your name prior to the training in order to get the DaCdb website set up for your use.

One More Reporter Needed!

We are looking forward to another great Rotary year and each year the Rotary Flywheel has been vital tool in keeping members informed on what's going on. The PR committee is in need of one more Flywheel reporter for 2013-14. The job basically entails writing a short story on the meeting program one week out of each month. The New Year starts July 1st. John Short, Tom Coley and DG Elect First Lady Demi Bray have agreed to handle a meeting each month. If you would be interested in helping please see P.R. Director Dick Pritts or Co-Director Sean Gibson. Thank you for your service!



Jane Jerry and the Board of Directors cordially invite you to spend an evening at The Bascom Private tour of our two current exhibitions

Landscape Photography in a Changing World

Organized by Jane Jackson, former director of Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta and The Sir Elton John Photography Collection Support provided by: The Koski Family Foundation <u>A Never Ending Stream: The Art of Linda</u>

<u>Anderson</u>

Featuring iconic works from a number of private collections and many new works being shown for the very first time Support provided by: Linda and Dick Cravey, Sara and Bill Mann, and Mary Virginia and Jarrett Davis Followed by a ceramics demonstration by Frank Vickery Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Wine and cheese The Bascom, 323 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741 RSVP to gddills@gmail.com

District Assembly

Rotary Pavilion on the Greenway

We need your help to clean up and mulch Rotary's Pavilion on the Greenway!!! This pavilion was constructed as a joint project by the Rotary Club of Franklin and the Franklin Daybreak Rotary Club as part of the bi-centennial celebrations. It is in need of mulching and general clean up. Larry



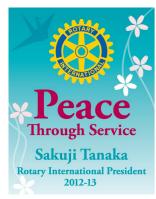
Stenger of Daybreak is leading the project and <u>Larry Holli-</u> field and Vic Perry are our leads. Call, email, talk

to or send a smoke signal but volunteer your service to this project. We need volunteers



for Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 AM.

There is a District Assembly on May 11th at 9:00 AM at A-B Tech in Asheville and all are welcome. P, PE, Tres, Sec, Membership Chair expected to attend; Directors should find this assembly useful. Register on Dacdb and let Gary and Margret know you are going.





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New Members Orientation

There was a good turnout for the new members of Franklin Rotary Club orientation meeting conducted by the club's officers and directors on April 18th. They shared a great deal of background on the long, illustrious history of the club and it's outstanding performance in starting new clubs in the region, participating in district leadership roles and members garnering Rotary International and District awards. For those new members who did not attend please advise President Gary as to when someone can meet with you one-on-one.



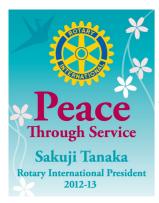
1 Ticket —\$1.00 3 Tickets —\$2.00 5 Tickets —\$3.00 10 Tickets —\$5.00 25 Tickets —\$10.00

50/50 INFORMATION CARDS 10— POT IS \$33

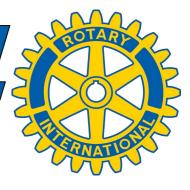
Fred drew the winning number but did not find the Ace of hearts. Funds from 50/50 help support administrative costs and keep your dues from rising. So buy those tickets and help yourself and the club.



Greeter next week: Lenny Jordan Sean Gibson is 50/50 Guru



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DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
May - Service Above Self				
Wed May 01, 13	12:00P	Franklin	READ2ME essay and poetry winners	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Wed May 01, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Rotary at the Bascom - Open House	The Bascom, Highlands, NC
Sat, 4 May	0900	Franklin	Clean up Rotary Pavilion	
Tue May 07, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Academic Achievement Banquet	Tartan Hall
Wed May 08, 13	12:00P	Franklin	NO MEETING THIS WEEK- Go to Banquet	Tartan Hall
Tue May 14, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed May 29, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Club Assembly with PE Nancie	Tartan Hall
June - Rotary Fellowships Month				
Wed, 5 June	1200	Franklin	Club meeting- Community Care Clinic, Frank- lin Ingram Director	
Tue Jun 11, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Jun 12, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Rotary Club Charitable Foundation	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
Wed Jun 26, 13	12:00P	Franklin	No meeting on 26 June, go to Installation event on 1 July	
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 District Governor Ronnie Thompson	Tartan hall
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, Dinner	Mountain View Intermediate School
August - Membership & Extension Month				
Fri Aug 16-17	09:00A	Franklin	Daybreak Rotary Golf Tournament	{enter event location here}



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