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Proyecto Panama

by John Hubsch



Today's program was presented by Charles Wolfe from the Sylva Rotary Club and our own Sandy Frazier. They discussed Project Panama, which began in 2004 and has become an annual trip since then. Sandy has gone to Panama every year since 2004 and Charles has gone the last 6 years. Accompanying them this year from the Franklin Rotary Club were Lee Berger and Elbie Stiles.

Charles Wolfe spoke first and he gave an inspirational talk about how important it was for Rotary to be involved in world-wide projects like Project Panama, in addition to participating in local projects. He noted that people all over the world have the same fears and dreams. Things like proper health care, good education, clean water and nutrition are the same basic needs everywhere.

There have been 3 primary sponsors of Project Panama since it began: the Sylva Rotary Club; the Franklin Rotary Club; and St. David's Episcopal Church. In 13 years, 13 schools in Panama have been renovated, \$50,000 in cash has been donated and 500 labor hours have been provided by Rotary. Over 1,500 patients have been seen and 120 individuals have gone to Panama at their own cost, about \$1,500 per person per trip.

Sandy Frazier spoke next and he talked about the most recent trip to Panama, which was from March 24, 2017 to April 3, 2017. They were able to see the Panama Canal before their work actually started. They brought with them school and medical supplies, \$4,500 in cash donations, 300 pairs of sunglasses and 300 pairs of reading glasses.

The area that they worked in was very remote and they had to get there by dugout canoes. This year the main project was to start building a high school on a remote island called Salt Creek. Sandy explained that there was no high school nearby for the villagers to attend. All of the construction supplies had to be sent by boat. In addition to this project, Rotary provided medical treatment to all of the local people there. Sandy concluded the presentation by thanking the Franklin Rotary Club for all of the support given to Project Panama.





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CLUB ROTARIO DE BOQUETE
Chiriqui, Republic De Panama, Distrito 4240
22 May, 2017

Mr. Lenny Jordan, President
Franklin Rotary Club
Franklin, North Carolina

Dear President Jordan and members of the Franklin Rotary Club, On behalf of Club Rotario de Boquete, we would like to express our deep and sincere gratitude to the Rotary clubs in western North Carolina, District 7670, and to St. David's Episcopal Church, all of whom have sent members and resources to help with our projects in Panama. I don't know if anyone has ever told you this before, but you are our longest standing and most important partners in helping to improve education, sanitation, and health in some of the most remote, rural schools and communities in Chiriqui and Bocas del Toro Provinces of Panama. We are a relatively small club, and we absolutely depend on the help of partners from outside of Panama to bring needed improvements, resources and remedies to problems that we find here. The former director of the Peace Corps volunteer program in Panama assured our group that the level of poverty and health challenges in rural Panama are as great as anywhere in Central America.

BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...Children at the very rural El Banco one-room school house, now have electricity, computers, and the Internet. They have a safe, healthy place to eat lunch, a security fence around the property, and they now have real bathrooms. This has been an incredible transformation for the children of this small community. And, of course, many of you were able to meet their wonderful former teacher, Kenia Alvarez during her month long visit to North Carolina, an exchange that you helped make possible. BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...through our joint solar project, children in a tiny remote community of Tierra Oscura (dark earth), accessible only by boat, have electric lights for the first time, and even part-time access to Internet, which helps them to be better prepared as they move on to high school. BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...over 1500 children and family members, who would rarely have access to medical attention, have been screened, diagnosed, in some cases treated for a variety of illnesses, and referred for further attention as indicated. BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...together, we have made renovations to 12 area schools, including building their first flush toilets and installing complete water systems with reservoirs, pumps, and filters. Schools used to be closed frequently due to lack of water and poor sanitary conditions. BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...many hundreds of children have received basic school supplies that their parents would not have been able to afford. BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP...together, with you and other partners, we have raised funds to build classrooms in order that students in a large, remote, indigenous village, on an island, will be able to go on to complete high school and graduate with diplomas for the first time this coming year. We want to acknowledge, specifically, the significant cash contributions of the Franklin club in the amounts of \$2000 in 2016 and \$2000 in 2017 toward this important project, plus the \$1000 donation this year that enabled the purchase of the medical "MAPS Packs" that were brought on the trip and used in the medical screenings. To me, one of the highest measures of humanity is when people will sacrifice their time, and their personal resources, to come and help people that they do not even know. And then to think that you came back again and again to help even more...It doesn't get any better than that. Of course I want to sing the praises of your friend and mine, Sandy Frazier, who has been the dynamo at the center of all this, that turned the good wishes and intentions into realities – for a large number of people now. None of this would have been realized without his impetus, organization, good humor, and sometimes being a pest to his fellow Rotarians and church members. God bless you, Sandy! And I also want to invite others among your organization to make this journey, for it is my contention that the people who come here to help are changed and affected as much the people with whom they come into contact. And I believe that is the vision, faith really, that Rotary International holds out...a world-wide organization that still believes that there is hope for peace among all peoples. We also want to acknowledge the contributions of Franklin Rotary Club members Elbie Stiles and Lee Berger, who, along with Sandy, admirably demonstrated service above self!

We are deeply indebted to all of you for your generous help in so many ways.

Sincerely,
Howard Hill
Founding member, past president, and Project Panama Coordinator,
Club Rotario de Boquete
and former resident of Macon County

To view some of the activities in Panama, over the years, use the following link. You should recognize quite a few people. <https://www.flickr.com/photo/98789544@N00/albums/72157681744257671> (Recommend viewing as 'slide show' by pressing gray 'play' button in upper right corner, on the white border.)

In addition, Sandy Frazier has supplied the following statistical summary from our joint venture over the past 12 years:

School & Medical Supplies: Over 5000 Pounds

Cash Donations: Over \$50,000 (\$16,000 in a RI Matching Grant)

Labor Hours; Over 400 Hours

Over 1500 patients Examined & Treated

Over 120 Individuals (several more than once) have given up their spring breaks and paid between \$1200 and \$1800 to participate.

8 Weeks of Cultural & Professional Exchange By
Kenia Alvarez, Panamanian Teacher

Including travel, over **\$300,000** has been invested in this partnership between Club Rotario de Boquete and the people of Western North Carolina.



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We will Meet Next Week!

Normally the 5th Wednesday is a social but we are meeting next week normal time to kickoff our one and only fundraiser. We will not meet June 14th. Please be here next week to receive your tickets!



Judy's Installation 2017-18

Mark your calendars as we induct new offers for the coming year at the 2017-18 RC Of Franklin Installation. It will take place Tuesday Night June 27th at Parker Meadows. Time TBA.



Great 4 Way Rotary Year!

Amy Manshack announced to the club on Wednesday that the club was able to conduct the four way test to roughly 300 Macon County Students during the 2016-17 Rotary Year. Great Work Club!! If you haven't participated yet you will have a chance in the fall when we kick it off again.



Need Volunteers for the BREW Fellowship Tent in Atlanta!

If you are attending the International Convention in June and a BREW member, volunteers are needed to work the BREW Tent at the convention. Please see President Lenny or BREW Chair Nancie and sign up now.



Let's Keep Hoyt in Your Prayers

Please keep Hoyt Massey and his family in your thoughts and prayers with the recent passing of his wife.

Rotary Service

5/31/17

Greeter: TBA

Prayer/Pledge/4 Way: Linda Harbuck





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Fred's Funnies



For Your Amusement


How many boxes of these Thin Mints do I have to eat before I start seeing results?

I finally realized it..
People are prisoners of their phones that's why they are called Cell Phones.



Got tasered picking up my friend from the airport today. Apparently security doesn't like it when you shout, "Hi Jack!"

My bed is a magical place where I can suddenly remember everything I was supposed to do.





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CART Cruise Scheduled

PDGs Bill Shillito and Dennis Sanders announced at the District Conference in Hickory that a CART Cruise has been arranged for District 7670 Rotarians and their friends and families on 24 February, 2018. This weeklong cruise will give cruisers an opportunity to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease research, to share ideas and strategies to support CART, and to raise some funds for CART. In addition, we will be able to enjoy the warm weather of the southern Caribbean during the winter of 2018.

Norwegian Cruise Line has agreed to donate \$100 to CART for each passenger that books a voyage. Each club will receive credit for the \$100 generated by their members and any friends and family going along with them. Norwegian has also added some excellent incentives for this cruise. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Our tentative plans for the cruise include some informational sessions by, hopefully, one of our research scientists. We will also have a couple of receptions just for our group. During one of the sea days we will conduct a 2 K Walk for CART. Our travel agency has approached Norwegian to see if they will allow us to include the entire ship in this walk. The chance to develop new acquaintances and friends is probably one of the most important reasons to join the cruise.

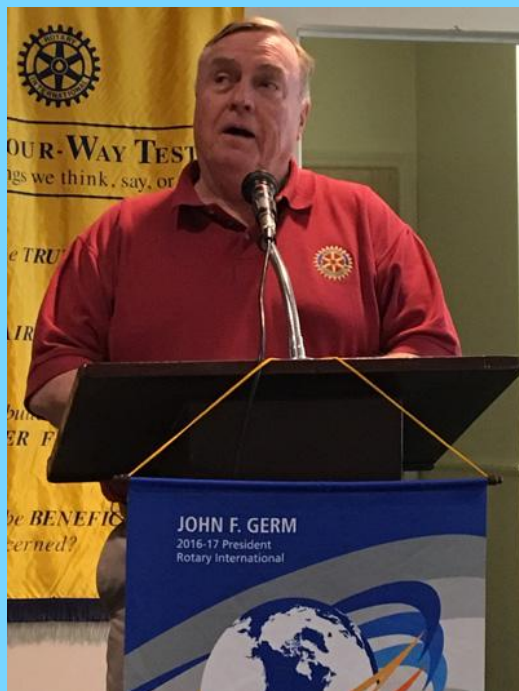
You have three methods to book a cabin:

Print the registration form in the attachment and snail mail it to our travel agency.

Go to the travel agency website at vipworldtravel.travel and click on the CART link. You can then register online

Call the travel agency at (800) 323-7448. Ask for an agent to book the CART Cruise

Please consider joining this cruise for fun, the chance to learn, and the opportunity to raise some funds for CART.





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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



May 31-Fundraiser Kickoff

June 7-Obie Oakley on Vietnam History

June 14-No Meeting RI Convention

June 21-FHS Top 5 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Next Meeting 5/31

Fundraiser Kickoff..see you 12 Noon Tartan Hall!

John

Hubsch did
not win the
5/24 draw-

ing. Pot rolls over to 5/31

