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NC Superintendent of Schools—Mark Johnson

Superintendent of Public Instruction State of North Carolina, Mark Johnson, spoke at our club this week. Personally, it was very refreshing to hear the direction our NC Education system is heading. Mark John began his education career in West Charlotte with Teach for America between 2006 & 2008. This area is very economically depressed and it was hard to be a teacher and even harder to be a student. This experience lead Johnson to feel a sense of anger towards an education system that can let children slip through the cracks!

Johnson did an excellent job illuminating the direction our education system is taking. Our current system of one teacher teaching a standard curriculum tailored for students to pass a standard End of Year test leaves some students either behind, or bored. Through Johnson's young vision, he hopes that the education system will rely on technology to cater to an individual student's pace. For instance, the class can all be focused on the same "lesson" and progress either quickly or have individual attention from the teacher if they are facing a difficulty in understanding the topic at hand.

NC READS is our North Carolina state wide reading initiative. This initiative focuses on building a literacy support network for parents. A parent can click on their county to be immediately connected to literacy support in their area. Johnson stated that 15-20 minutes a day of reading to your child can put them on track to complete literacy by the third grade. NC has also invested in \$200 of supplies per classroom in each NC classroom for literacy supplies.

The biggest announcement that Superintendent Johnson unveiled was that students do not need to go to a four year college to see success. One of the reasons for this movement is the lack of skilled tradesman in the market. Also, our country is trying to head off the impending student debt crisis that has the potential to create another, larger recession than 2008. Johnson said they are trying to negate the stigma that is associated with trade positions by incorporating more collaboration with tech-colleges, trade programs in high schools, and trade tracks.

Mark Johnson did a fabulous job highlighting the educational future for our youth. Thank you Chris Baldwin for getting Superintendent Johnson to our club, it was truly wonderful to have him with us!



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As this year winds down I wanted to thank you for your service through Franklin Rotary. We have had a great Rotary year. We've been very engaged locally and abroad. Some of our accomplishments are listed below. *Thank you for making Franklin Rotary great.*

Locally:

- ◆ Donated over 100 new books and a lot of volunteer hours to Read2Me for children in Macon County
- ◆ Donated \$5,000 to the SCC Foundation for student scholarships
- ◆ Supported Community Care Clinic with \$3,000, and hundreds of volunteer hours
- ◆ Raised over \$8,000 for CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust)
- ◆ Provided financial assistance and service hours for the CareNet Backpack Program
- ◆ Provided \$1,000 financial support and volunteer hours for Boy Scout Troop 202
- ◆ Provided service hours to clean the Greenway
- ◆ Provided signage for civic clubs in front of Town Hall, Franklin
- ◆ Contributed over \$7,500 for Hurricane Harvey Relief in Texas
- ◆ Recognized Teacher of the Year, Support Person of the Year and Principal of the Year in Macon County
- ◆ Monthly student recognition during the school year
- ◆ Conducted the Four-Way-Test Training for 7th graders in Macon County
- ◆ Contributed \$600 to the Thanksgiving Community Dinner
- ◆ Helped with pre-deployment meal for the National Guard 210 MP Unit and their families
- ◆ 7th Annual Read2Me Essay & Speaking Contest for grades 3 – 8 in Macon County with prize money for students and matching \$ for classroom supplies
- ◆ Rickman Scholarship, \$3,750 renewable for 4 years, totaling \$15,000
- ◆ Four \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships
- ◆ \$1,500 Nursing Scholarship
- ◆ Sponsored Benefit Concert which raised \$5,000 for Shop-With-A-Cop
- ◆ Scholastic Banquet honoring top ten FHS students in grades 10 - 12

Our Global Involvement:

- ◆ Contributed over \$2,600 to Polio Plus to eradicate Polio World-wide
- ◆ Received approval for RI Grant to create 100 Sanitation Latrines in Peru
- ◆ Contributed \$2,100 to purchase an ambulance in Kenya
- ◆ Contributed \$1,000 and volunteer service hours for Rise-Against-Hunger
- ◆ Contributed over \$3,000 for Hurricane Relief in the Puerto Rico
- ◆ Contributed \$2,000, supplies and volunteer hours to complete a school room in Panama
- ◆ Sponsored WCU nursing students humanitarian service trip to Jamaica

Through our Satellite Club:

- ◆ Cut brush and pulled weeds around Wesley's Playground
- ◆ Painted the picnic tables at the Big Bear Shelter on the Greenway
- ◆ Collected items for REACH
- ◆ Installed a baby changing station at Franklin Memorial Park

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Fred's Funnies

New Walmart Wine!!!



Walmart announced that sometime in 2018 it will begin offering customers a new discount item..Walmart's own brand of wine.

The world's largest retail chain is rumored to be teaming up with Ernest & Julio Gallo Winery of California to produce the spirits at an affordable price in the \$2 to \$5 range.

Wine connoisseurs may not be inclined to put a bottle of the Walmart brand into their shopping carts, but 'There is a market for inexpensive wine,' said Kathy Micken, professor of marketing at University of Arkansas, Bentonville, 'However, branding will be very important.'

Customer surveys were conducted to determine the most attractive name for the Walmart wine brands and varieties. The top surveyed names in order of popularity were:

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| 1. Chef Boyardeaux | 6. Chateau Traileur Parc |
| 2. Peanut Noir | 7. White Trashfindel |
| 3. I Can't Believe it's not Vinegar | 8. Big Red Gulp |
| 4. Grape Expectations | 9. World Championship Riesling |
| 5. Nasti Spumante | 10. NASCARbernet |



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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



April 27th-29th—

**District Conference in
Kingsport, TN**

May 12th—

**Centennial Park Clean-
up**



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50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Meeting next Week

*Mary McCarthy and
Larry Newton with
Elizabeth Program*



No One Won
50/50—
Maybe next
week!