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## **Rotary Couple Reports on 2015 Rotary International Convention**

### Article by Tom Coley

Rotarian Tom Coley and wife Beverly Mason of Franklin Rotary Daybreak shared their experiences from attending the 2015 Rotary International Convention. The convention was held on June 6 – 9th in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The country is approximately equal in size to our lower 48 states and has a vast abundance of natural resources, agricultural enterprise, and industrial development. Brazil is also rich in divergent cultures from the heritage of indigenous natives, European settlers, and African slaves. Sao Paulo is a bustling, sprawling, industrial city with an area population of 19 million people.



Tom and Beverly's concept and commitment to Rotary was deepened on many levels as they experienced the fellowship, shared information, and synergy of thousands of Rotarians from all

over the world coming together and united in purpose. That purpose being international peace and understanding



through humanitarian service.

The plenary and breakout sessions were helpful and informative. Each plenary session opened and closed with great entertainment highlighting Brazil's diverse cultural heritage. They also covered outstanding achievement and service by Rotarians on the world stage. The breakout session themes included youth focus and development of young leaders, how to build strong clubs and districts, enhancing public image and awareness, increasing humanitarian service and focusing on geographic areas in need, and certainly the continued development of the Rotary Foundation.

The closing ceremony was spectacular as awards, accolades, and recognition were bestowed on those who served during the past Rotary year. Past RI

President Gary Haung thanked all Rotarians who worked hard to make the year a success. Banners and the baton of leadership was then passed to incoming President K. R. (Ravi) Ravindran. He introduced his family and leadership administration and outlined his vision and goals for his upcoming Rotary year. President Ravindran encouraged all Rotarians to return to their homes and clubs with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to worldwide Rotary service.

After the convention, Tom and Beverly enjoyed a week of touring Brazil with Howard Tours. They along with 40 fellow Rotarians from around the world experienced an incredible adventure. They were awestruck by the beauty and natural wonder of Iguacu (i wah sue) Falls. They visited the statue of Christ the Redeemer, took a cable car ride to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain to see magnificent views of Rio de Janerio. They walked the beautiful, world famous beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana. They savored the local cuisine and delighted in the eclectic Brazilian culture. A trip high light was a marvelous carnival parade and a live Samba show. Tom and Beverly both agree that their RI Convention experience was a wonderful life memory and encourage all Rotarians to attend a convention if they ever have the opportunity.



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### Spreading the Good Word of Rotary at Parker Meadows



Thanks to all who came out and helped as well as attended the grand opening of the new recreation park in Macon County August 25th. The Rotary Clubs of Franklin and Franklin Daybreak sponsor one of the new ball fields at the park. Several cruise tick-

ets were sold at the event.



## Birthdays

Ryan Finn—Aug 31 Stacy Guffey—Aug 31

## **Rotary Anniversaries**

Jim Garner— 31 years

Candy Pressley - 1 year

Clayton Ramsey—45 years

## Wedding Anniversaries

Karen Kenny—Aug 26—39 years







Cruise Tickets To be Sold This Saturday at Riverfest!

Cindy Rogers reported **that the club sold 75 cruise to date! Great start!** The goal is to sell a total of 200. The cost to the club for the cruise is \$700.00 so if we can sell all 200 at \$20 apiece, than the club will make a nice profit. Cruise tickets will be on sale at Frank-



lin Daybreak's RiverFest this Saturday August 29th and the Macon County Fair next month. Volunteers are needed for the booth at both events.



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### **Rotary Shirts**

Rotary shirts worn by Tom Coley, Sandy Frazier and Wayne Berryhill were made in a program by RI and a youth community train-



ing center in Zambia. Rotarians can buy these shirts and help support the program.

## **Banner Ex**change

The Rotary Club of Franklin's Wayne Berryhill presented the



club with a club banner from the Rotary Club of Holiday, Florida at the August 26th, 2015 meeting. President Sean in turn presented the Florida club with a RC of Franklin banner.

### Rotarv **Rotary Service 9/2** Club Of Franklin



Prayer/Pledge: Fred Drexler Greeter: Robbie Holland

## Clayton's Corner More Musings



- The last time I reached for the stars I pulled a muscle.
- I consider ON TIME when I get there.
- Wine drinkers make grape lovers.
- Meddle not in the affairs of dragons you are • crispy and good with ketchup.
- No way that you can make everyone happy so concentrate on me.

### **Gleaning September 30th and Makeup Op**portunity this Tuesday!

There will be a Gleaning Planning Meeting this Tuesday 3p at the Chamber Conference Room to plan for the project day set for September 30th at Mitchell Farms. If you need a makeup please plan to attend. We will be in need of Rotarians to gather banana boxes from grocery stores along with milk crates. Also the day of the project we will be in need of help trans-

porting the picked vegetables to CareNet. Please see Cindy, Janet or Shaina if you can help. We need you!





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## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Despite rising literacy rates for youth and adults, 897 million people around the world are still illiterate\* and 57 million children of primary school age are not



in school. September is designated as Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month. Let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Frank-

lin continues its work in eliminating literacy locally with the Read2Me project. For more information on Read2Me and how you can get involved, see club champion and vocational chair Karen Ken-

ney.

## **Flywheel Volunteers Needed**

Flywheel Editor Dick Pritts is looking for volunteers to help produce the weekly Flywheel as well as a volunteer to be the main photographer at our meetings. Dick is looking for a couple of volunteers to be trained on the Publisher program used in producing the weekly Flywheel. Dennis Sanders has volunteered and Dick is looking for at least two more volunteers to join him and Dennis in the training. Dick has two volunteers to be back-uip photogra-

phers but is looking for one lead photographer. Please email Dick at:

rdpritts@aol.com or call at: 828-349-9748.





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### The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2015-16

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President: Sean Gibson

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Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: John Barbee

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Community Service: Cindy Rodgers

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Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ... Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts

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Immediate Past President: Susie Ledford

Thanks for all you do in service!

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Next Meeting Wednesday September 2nd -Rotary (M) DGE Gary Dills - Tom Hubbell -host. See You

12 Noon Tartan Hall

## Upcoming

## **Events**



Sept 2—DGE Gary Dills-Youth

Sep 9—Alex Glover—history of local kaolin mining

Sep 16– Canary Coalition

Sep 23 -Club Assembly

**Sept 30**—5th Week Social—place TBD

# 50/50 Drawing

I Ticket —\$1.00

- 10 Tickets-\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00

## 50 50 Drawing



Tom Coley won the \$105 pot and donated it to CART. The pot starts over next week with 13 cards. Perfect time to buy tickets to grow the pot!

