



Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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GOLD STAR TEEN ADVENTURES

DEDICATED TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR FALLEN HEROS

ARTICLE BY TOM COLEY



Bill Barr began our program by introducing guest Dan and Cheryl Rogers, owners of DuoTech Services, Inc. located in Franklin. Dan then introduced our program speaker, Major Kent Solheim, founder of Gold Star Teen Adventures. Dan shared how he and Cheryl became dear friends with Major Solheim through their volunteer flight missions with the Veterans Airlift Command. Major Solheim began his outstanding 20 year U.S. Army career as an enlisted soldier but soon moved up through the ranks to graduate from Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an Armor Second Lieutenant. He then obtained a Master of Education degree from the University of Louisville. Next he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course and served in command positions through six deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was severely wounded in Iraq in 2007 resulting in the loss of his right leg. From that near death experience and his two year recovery, Major Solheim was inspired to create Gold Star Teen Adventures.



Gold Star Teen Adventures (GSTA) is a 501 (c) (3) entity that has a mission to provide adventure camps to the surviving youth of Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps special operations personnel that have lost their lives in the line of duty. Its vision is to enable emotional healing, foster relationships, and develop character and leadership skills. GSTA will strive to achieve these noble goals in 2014 by implementing four major activities consisting of two scuba diving camps, a sailing camp, and an outdoor camp. The outdoor camp will host 15 kids and take place July 18-24th in Franklin under the leadership of Dan and Cheryl. With the help of many volunteers, including Franklin Rotarians, the camp will have a white water rafting adventure, a rock climbing- repelling component, and survival training by Special Forces instructors. The estimated cost of this event is \$29,000. Also, a lot of logistical support from the community is needed to make this event a success.



It is obvious to see Major Solheim's passion as he talks of these kids who have lost a loved one in battle and the emotional person loss he feels about his fallen comrades. He and his volunteers hope to create a relationship of mentoring for these young people, an opportunity for healing, and remembrance of just who their fallen loved were and their heroism and dedication. The Major was very proud to share that 90% of the kids in his program go on to college and many have earned scholarships. We can all thank Major Kent Solheim, a true American hero, for his service to our country and his efforts to make a difference in the lives of these surviving children. For more information about the Gold Star Teen Adventure Program and how you can be involved, visit www.GSTAventure.org.



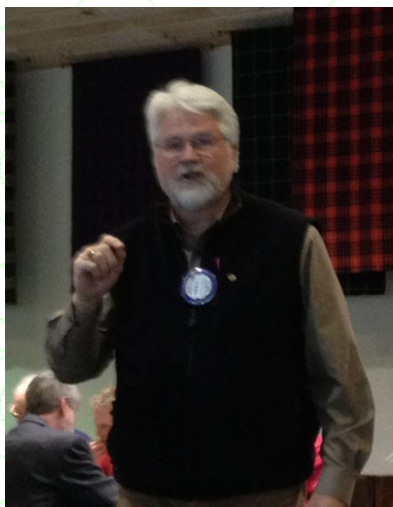
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Troop 202 News

The BSA Troop 202 is having a reunion Monday March 31st 6p at the Slagle Building. All former scouts and leaders of Troop 202 are invited to attend. Meet the current troop leaders and members. RSVP Mike Norris if you, or know a

former member or leader that would like to attend. You also still have a little time to buy your Boy Scout Discount Card. They are ONLY \$5 (buy 4 for \$20) from a Boy Scout. You earn 50% on your investment; use them yourself or they make cheap gifts. Good in five Western NC Counties to Asheville and surround. HELP A SCOUT EARN HIS WAY TO CAMP. Call me at [828-342-1122](tel:828-342-1122).

You can purchase a card by mail from me until April 1st.. See Rotarian Mike Norris..cost is \$5.00 per card.

Membership Minute

This is the second posting for new membership for David Notestine and the first posting for Michael Butler. David is being sponsored by Tom James and Michael by Lenny Jordan. If anyone has any questions or concerns please direct them to any board member or President Nancie!

Motorcycle Event

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians will be in our District beginning on Sunday, April 27th. If you have any Rotarians that motorcycle, this is a fun event. The IFMR will be in Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Robbinsville, the Biltmore Estate, and Cherokee. Spread the word!!!

Message from District 7670

DGE Gary Bray announces, with great pleasure, that the Keynote Speaker at our District Foundation Banquet and Celebration will be 2013-2014 Rotary International Vice President, Anne Matthews. As many of you know, Anne is Rotary's first female Vice President and her passion is The Rotary Foundation. The banquet will be on November 8, 2014, at the Asheville Renaissance Hotel. Please note that this is a change in the date in order to accommodate Anne's schedule. Gary asks that you plan to attend the banquet and join him in welcoming Anne to District 7670.



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District Conference Alert

Registration for the Rotary District Conference in Greenville, SC is under-way. The conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC, from June 20-22, 2014. To reserve your hotel, you will need to contact the hotel directly and ask for the Rotary discounted rate. The link is on the District data base. **The first 50 Rotarians to register and pay the registration fee will be entered into a drawing and the winner will receive a refund for his/her registration on Friday night at the Conference.** The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. Franklin Rotary will reimburse \$100 of the registration cost for the first 10 members who register. After registering provide Fairley a copy of your registration and she will provide you a rebate check.

Upcoming Events



- 29 March..Grants Management Seminar at A-B Tech Enka Campus
- 2 April..Blue Ridge Dental
- 8 April..Board Meeting at Life's Bounty 5p/530p
- 9 April..Gilliam's Promise

Rickman Coming Soon!

Our one and only fundraiser is in the planning stages and we need your help. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the event. We encourage everyone to help because it takes "all hands on deck" to make it successful. Please see event co-directors John Short and John Yermack. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 26th at MVI. Patsy Parker announced that all should start to put together the silent auction items. We had great success last year and need to plan on topping it this year. She stated that no item is too small to be included. Now's the time to start gathering items!

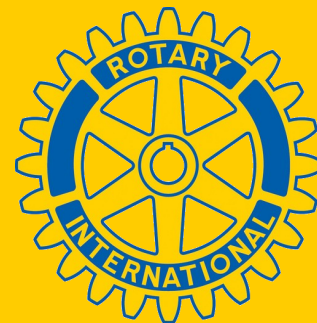


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Nancie's Notes



Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



RYLA Camp, set for June 16-20, is a wonderful opportunity for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to spend a fun-filled week at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, NC. Campers stay in simple cabins and make use of the Camp's dining hall, swimming lake, sports facilities and other amenities. During camp, participants will also travel to other sites for outdoor learning activities such as the ropes course. RYLA camp emphasizes active, experience-based learning, but there's plenty of time for fun, too!

Our Club has set aside funding for two participants to go to RYLA camp this year, and I want our members' children or grandchildren to have the first opportunity before we offer it to the community. If you have a child or grandchild who meets the age criteria and would like to attend RYLA camp, contact our Club's Youth Services Director, Larry Hollifield.

Fred Rogers was born on this day in 1928. He was an American educator, Presbyterian minister, songwriter and television host. Mr. Rogers' hosted Mister Rogers' Neighborhood on PBS from 1968 to 2001 and welcomed millions of kids -and adults- to his neighborhood. Here is a quote from Fred Rogers:

"Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now."

Flywheel Volunteer Needed

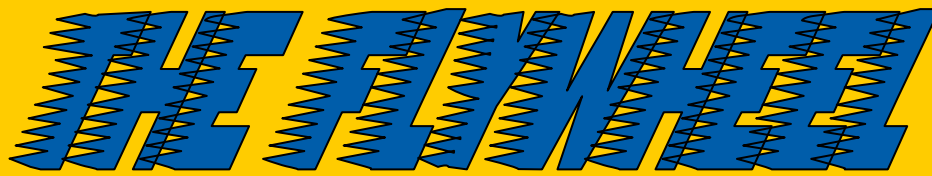
PR Chair Dick Pritts is looking for someone to work with him in publishing the weekly Flywheel. The volunteer needs to have Publisher software on their computer. Dick and Sean will train the volunteer on putting the newsletter together.

Clayton's Corner

On My Life.....

SOMETIMES I pretend to be NORMAL...But it gets boring..So I go back to being ME.





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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2013-14

District Governor: Ronnie Thompson

Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

President: Nancie Wilson

President-elect: Susie Ledford

President-nominee: Sean Gibson

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: John Henning and Sandy Frazier

Foundations Chair: Jim Garner

Membership Chair: Linda Harbuck

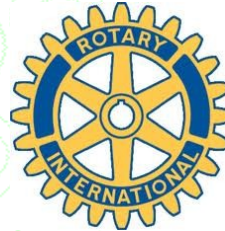
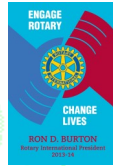
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

Public Relations Chair: Dick Pritts/Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Bill McGaha

Immediate Past President: Gary Dills

Thanks for all you do in service!



Rotary Service for 4/2...

Pledge, Prayer,

4 Way Test: Lenny Jordan

Greeter: John Short

50 50 Drawing!



Robin Jenkins did not pull the winning ticket. The \$94 pot rolls

over until next week so now is a good time to start buying tickets.



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

Next Regular Meeting 4/2 Blue Ridge Dental (Susan Gibbs as host). See you at Tartan Hall at Noon.