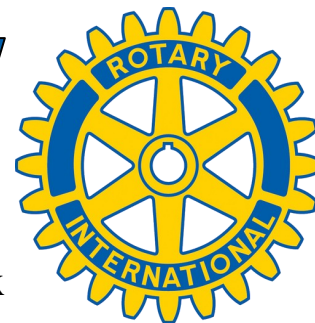


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Learning About the World through Group Study Exchange

By Sean Gibson

Today, Rotary Club of Franklin members got a taste of far away lands as the Group Study Exchange team from Rotary District 3050 visited Western North Carolina. The program exchanges professionals among Rotary countries and The Rotary Club of Franklin participates in the program each year.

Each of the five Rotarians from India shared their culture with members and guests.

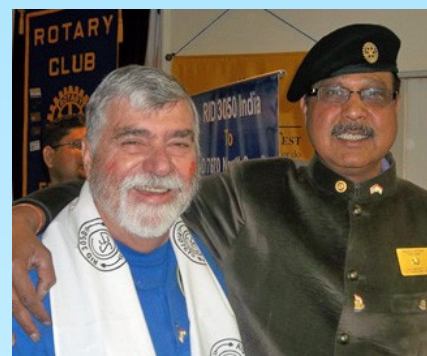


Rotarians got a general overview of the 2nd most populated country in the world, a nation that has a parliamentary government and weddings that last for several days. Among those speaking to the group was team leader, Neeraj Sogani from the Rotary Club of Jaipur Central. Neeraj's is a retired Army officer and currently works in the automobile industry. Over the last twelve years in Rotary, he has been involved in water management for his region. Neeraj is presently an assistant district governor. Neeraj has a passion for wanting to interact with different people

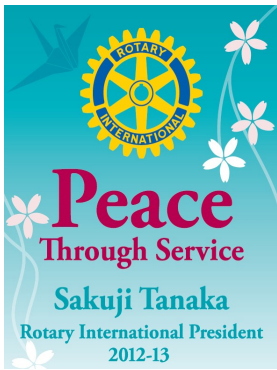
in different cultures. Team member Krishna Mehta, a lawyer from Ahmedabad, shared her daily life with members, she is sponsored by a Rotary Club of 40 members. Krishna is known nationally and regionally in her country as a dynamic public speaker. Team member Vinay Kothari, a lawyer and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jodhpur South, resides in the southern part of the country. Vinay enjoys the great outdoors including hiking.

Mrugesh Trivedi, an educationalist is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bhuj Flamingo. Trivedi studies environmental toxicology and has published 14 international research papers.

Chhavi Rajawat, an elected head of council in Soda and from the Rotary Jaipur South Club shared her passion of helping improve water conditions and a way of life in her region. She is also has been named one of the top twenty young women professionals in India.



The team members honored the RC of Franklin home hosts — Fred Drexler, Sandy Frazier, and Lenny Jordan. Special thanks to GSE Club Champion Larry Hollifield for co-coordinating the visit. If you would like more information on the Group Study Exchange Program, see Larry.



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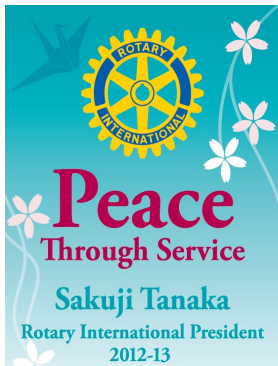
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with Neeraj, Chhavi,
Krishna and Mrugesh at the Rotary
Club of Franklin!!**



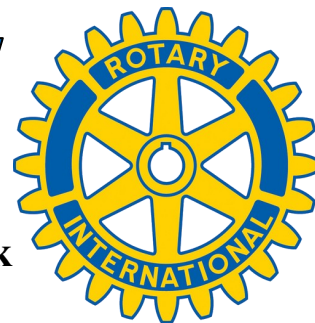


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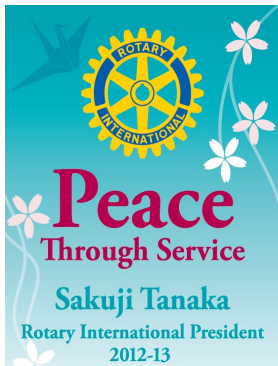
PETs



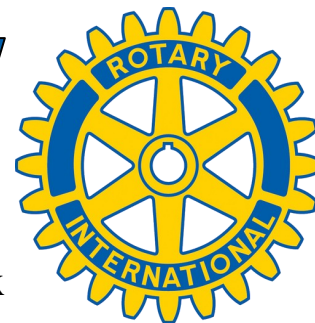
This past weekend President Elect Nancie, President Nominee Susie, John Yermack, and Gary Bray attended Presidents Elect Training (PETs) in Greensboro. They were joined by 635 PEs, PNs, DGs, AGs, from seven Districts including ours. PETs is an important part of a PE's preparation to help their club become the best one it can be. PE Nancie reports that the training was intense and she learned a lot. One question, what is with the Knight in shining armor?

Thanks for all you do..service above self!!





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Panama School Project

Great news! The solar electrical system is now operational at the Tierra Oscura school. This means that for the first time ever the school has electrical lights and the potential to have computers for the students. A small team (6 of us) are leaving in less than a month to visit Panama. This time Elizabeth is going with me, and we will be hopefully "wrapping up" the Rotary International Matching Grant that we received last year.

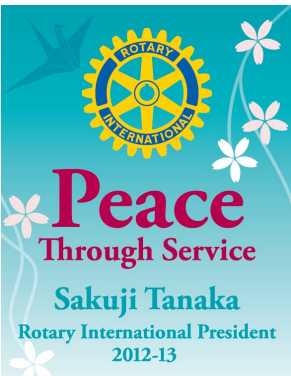
While the school now has electrical power they do not have any computers. **If anyone has an older laptop that they can donate we will transport it to the school and the students. Last year we were able to provide 7 laptops to Kenia and her students. Two or three for Tierra Oscura would be excellent but we can carry six!!!!** If you remember, this is a very remote school that takes 45 minutes to get to by boat (on a clear day). Please let me know ASAP. Sandy Frazier (sandliz222@frontier.com)



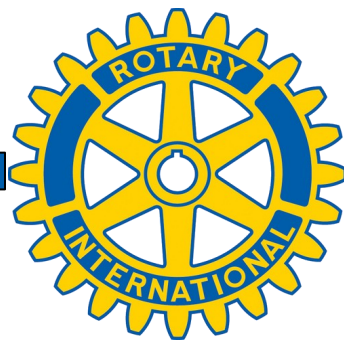
GSE Team Leader Capt Sognai honors one of our longest serving members, Clayton Ramsey!! We were also delighted to have Mathew Wright from Macon Early College join us. Mathew is Sean Gibson's shadow for a day!!!

District Conference

We have 15 RC of Franklin Rotarians registered for the District 7670 Conference on April 5th through the 7th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC. If you are interested in attending this year, please see club Pres Gary for more information. This is a fun event as well as a time to celebrate Rotary and our community efforts. It is not too late!!



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New Member Orientation

Mark your calendars for 18 April at Life's Bounty Event Center beginning at 5:30PM. All members inducted this year and any newer members who may have missed orientation are invited along with their sponsors. Also, if you have a prospective new member who is VERY interested, please bring them. BUT, Tom Harris needs to know who is coming. Please let him know NLT 10 April.

24th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament

Monday, May 6, Highlands CC,
11:00am Shotgun start

See Nancie Wilson to sign up for club team

Awards and beer to follow golf

Players Receive:

Tee Gift- Tervis Tumbler (cup) with HCC logo; Golf Tournament with Prizes, Lunch at the 10th tee

On Course Events: Longest Drive, Closest to the tee, Putting Contest

Sponsors Receive:

Recognition in Program, Recognition in Area Publications,

Recognition at the Awards Banquet

Player Only _\$150.00

Hole Sponsor _100.00

Checks to RC of Highlands

Chair: Joyce Baillargeon,

Phone: (828)526-0501

50/50 INFORMATION

CARDS 11— POT IS \$86

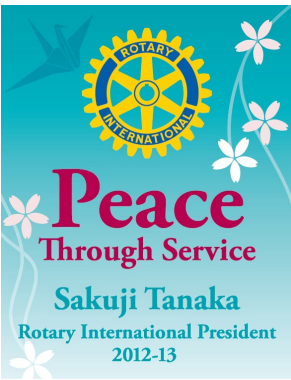


- 1 Ticket —\$1.00**
- 3 Tickets —\$2.00**
- 5 Tickets —\$3.00**
- 10 Tickets—\$5.00**
- 25 Tickets—\$10.00**

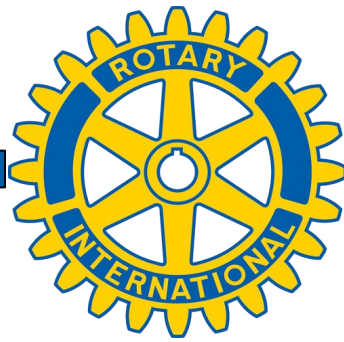
Once again Fr Fred drew the winning number but did not find the Ace of Clubs. But he keeps trying!!! Funds from 50/50 help support administrative costs and keep your dues from rising. So buy those tickets and help yourself and the club.



Greeter next week: Tom James



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DATE	TIME	CLUB	EVENT NAME	LOCATION / COMMENTS
April - Magazine Month				
Wed Apr 03, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Relay For Life: Abigail Roper & Sara Bishop	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Tue Apr 09, 13	05:00P	Franklin	Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Apr 10, 13	12:00P	Franklin		Tartan Hall
Thu Apr 11- 14	08:00A	Franklin	Friendship Team Visit to Franklin (India)	Daybreak has lead
Thu Apr 18, 13	05:30P	Franklin	New Member orientation	Life's Bounty Event Center
Wed Apr 24, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Day in the Life of a Newspaper Publisher, Rachel Hoskins, FP Pub	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
May - Service Above Self				
Wed May 01, 13	12:00P	Franklin	Club meeting- Community Care Clinic, Franklin Ingram Director	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Wed May 01, 13	05:30P	Franklin	Rotary at the Bascom - Open House	The Bascom, Highlands, NC
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				
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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