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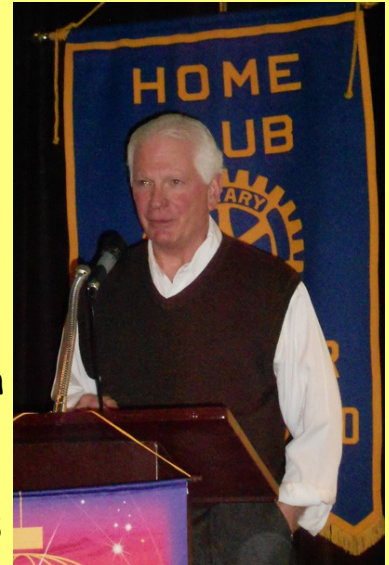
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Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic

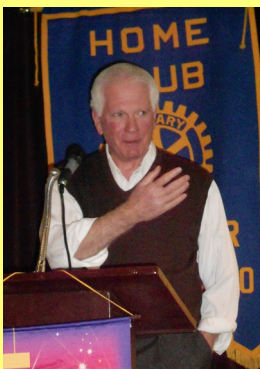


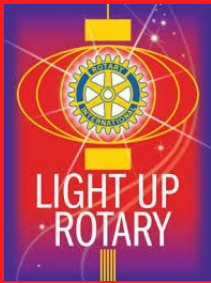
Michael Butler, who is a member of their Board of Directors, introduced Ron Freeman of the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic in Cashiers to give us an update on the clinic's progress this year. The Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic is a non-profit organization, and as such, all donations are entirely tax deductible under the law. The clinic boasts that they restore lives, one tooth at a time. The clinic serves the residents of Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Counties. They provide free dental services to those who are in pain and need to see a dentist but cannot afford it.



The Free Dental Clinic started as a van and one dentist in 2003 and moved into an office in Cashiers in 2005. The clinic is now 3000 square feet with eight operatories and is open 3.5 days a week with 14 dentist as volunteers. In the three county area of service there were 47,700 people who were less than 200% of the poverty level. Thirty-four percent of the patients seen at the clinic are from Macon County. The clinic works on a \$300,000 annual budget so they are always looking for donations to help underwrite the costs since no patient pays for their dental services.

The clinic has a group of "Tooth Fairies" who work with the kids on dental awareness and proper dental hygiene. The "Tooth Fairies" also attend events and parades to get the story of the free dental clinic out in the community.





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Business Integrity Award

Vocational Service Chair Lenny Jordan presented our club's Business Integrity Award to Tony Hernandez of Life's Bounty Restaurant. The award is given to a local business whose business practice exemplifies the Rotary 4-Way Test principles. Tony and his daughter opened Life's Bounty in 2009. Tony retired from Publix's in Florida after 36 years as a baker. Tony and Life's Bounty has supported the Franklin Main Street program and our Rotary Club through the years.

Shirts Are In

President Elect Sean Gibson, announced that if you haven't picked up your Rotary Shirt you can at the December 17th meeting.



Prayer Pledge Schedule

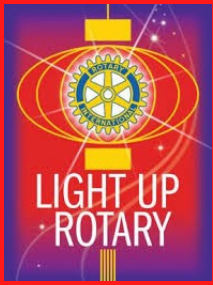
Dec 10—No Meeting
Dec 17— Fred Drexler
Dec 24—No Meeting
Dec 31—No Meeting

Children's Christmas Party On December 17

All Rotarians are encouraged to attend the Children's Christmas Party at our meeting on December 17th. Youth Services Director Larry Hollifield indicates we will be making 40 Macon County elementary students Christmas holiday a little merrier! A picture



from last years event shows how much the children enjoy this program.



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Literacy Program Wins Charity Challenge!

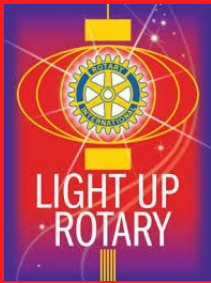
The Read2Me program which is sponsored each year by the Rotary Club of Franklin was named winner of the November Charity Challenge receiving \$1000 dollars that will be used to sponsor 33 children in Macon County in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for one year. Currently the program has over 800 children in Macon County that receive a book a month each year from ages 0 - 5. The program costs \$24,000 to operate each year and donations can be made in the amount of \$30 each year to sponsor a child. Recently a Thankful for Books Night event was held in Franklin and several area restaurants agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds to the Read2Me Program.



Christmas Wreaths

Charlie Vargas, Cub Master of Pack 263 and Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop 202, reported that Cub Scout Pack 263 will selling Christmas wreaths again this year as a fundraiser. Their main wreath-selling event is Winter Wonderland in downtown Franklin but they also are taking pre-orders from individuals and local businesses. This year the Pack has partnered with Boy Scout Troop 202 and your purchase will support Scouting activities for both units. The wreaths are hand-made from fresh Frazer fir trees and will last well into January. The wreath has a 14-inch diameter wire frame as a base, The costs are: plain wreath—\$20; wreath with red bow—\$25; wreath with red bow, 2 pine cones and gold ornaments—\$30. Charlie is also looking for volunteers who can make red bows and who are willing to help assemble the wreaths. You can contact Charlie at: 828-421-7386 or vargassca1@frontier.com.





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Franklin Christmas Parade

Several members of RC of Franklin, DGN Gary Dills, Club PE Sean Gibson and Youth Service Director Larry Hollifield along with 7670 DGE Billi Black and Christine Basey from Daybreak participated in the Franklin Christmas Parade on Sunday. \$46 was collected for the CART

Clayton's Corner

Things You'll Never Hear In A Western

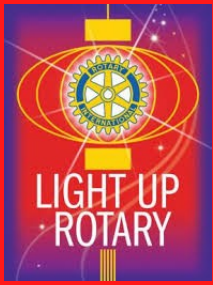


- "Guns? We don't need no stinking guns!"
- "Hey, Buck, do these chaps make my behind look big?"
- "Injuns! Quick, pull the wagons into an irregular dodecagon!"
- "Let's see ... hardtack and pemmican ... that's three grams of fat, seven grams of protein, and two starches."
- "That's him! That's the yella-bellied varmint who shot my therapist!"

December is Rotary Family Month

Family is on the minds of many Rotarians in the month of December. In addition to recognizing the importance of families in Rotary, the month is also a celebration of the family of Rotary. This includes Rotarians and all those involved in Rotary's work from the Rotary Foundation Program to those participating in Rotary Youth Programs around the world. Involve your family in community service and in Rotary by inviting them to a club meeting. Other suggestions in conjunction with Family Month include applying the 4 Way Test and other Rotary Principles to your household in addition to the workplace. The Rotary Club of Franklin is recognizing Family Month in December with the Club Christmas Party Tuesday December 9th at the Dillard House, The Kid's Christmas Party at the December 17th Meeting and continuing efforts in helping with The Macon County Sheriff's Office Shop with a Cop Program.





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Need Flywheel Help!

PR Director Dick Pritts is in need of help writing the meeting article for the first two weeks of the month. If you can help, see Dick or PE Sean

Read 2 Me—Sign Up A Child Today

Read 2 Me program is for the children of Macon County from birth up to their 5th birthday. At the Imagination Library website, you can sign up for the program. Go to ImaginationLibrary.com and you will be linked to the Macon County program by the address you put in. Sign the child you want to receive the book per month with their address, and they will begin to receiving a book each month for a year. Or, please make a donation so that children who cannot afford to sign up can be sponsored. Donations should go to Karen Kenney, Gary Dills or Bill McGaha.



Help Wanted!

We need you for Rotary Service. If you are a new member or existing member and would like to help with one of our many projects and functions like..

*Community Care Clinic

*Boy Scouts

*Hunger Projects

*Project Panama

*Friendship Exchange

*Wheelchairs

*Read2Me

*Shadow Program

*4 Way Test

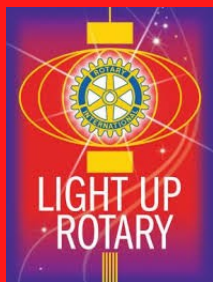
*Youth Exchange

*Rickman Scholarships

*Thanksgiving Dinner

Just to name a few..

See President Susie or President Elect Sean and you can make a difference!



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The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2014-15

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Assistant District Governor: Jodie Cook

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President-nominee: Lenny Jordan

Secretary: Patsy Parker

Treasurer: Fairley Pollock

Vocational Service: Lenny Jordan

Community Service: Judy Chapman and Patti Abel

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield

International Service: Stacy Guffey and Sandy Frazier

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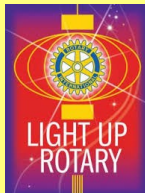
Membership Chair: Tommy and Robin Jenkins

Program Chair: Vic Perry

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent ...Flywheel Editor: Dick Pritts and Sean Gibson

Sgt. At Arms: Dennis Sanders, Sandy Frazier, Cindy Rodgers and Jim Garner

Immediate Past President: Nancie Wilson



Upcoming Events

9 Dec- Christmas Party at Dillard House

10 Dec- No Meeting

17 Dec- Children's Christmas Party



Christmas Party at the Dillard House

President Susie reminded members that our Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 9th at the Dillard House. Social hour will start at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM. Members are encouraged to sign up for this event no later than the December 3rd meeting. If you are interested in attending please contact Susie or Patsy Parker.



50 50 Drawing!

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Ron Freeman of Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic wins the \$45 pot today. New pot and cards start at

the December 17th meeting.



No regular meeting 12/10..Next Meeting 12/17— Children's Christmas Party Program. See you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!