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## Club Assembly

By John Hubsch

President Lenny Jordan addressed the Franklin Rotary Club today and discussed all of the great programs that our club is involved with. He opened with the Foreign Student Exchange program and he noted how it provides benefits mutually to the student, to the club and to the community itself. This year's exchange student, Bea, is a perfect example as she has participated in many activities at the high school and in the community. Lenny cited Dennis Sanders, Bill Baker, Susie Ledford and Amy Manshack for helping Bea this school year.



Another activity that the club promotes is the Student of the Month and Lenny thanked Gary Shields for taking on this effort by himself. The Four-Way Test program is run by Paul Garner and Amy Manshack and it has had a great impact on many seventh graders. President Lenny also thanked Tom Coley for representing the club when he traveled to Gatlinburg to deliver supplies after the terrible fires there. This is another example of the many great things that club members do while volunteering their time and money.

Care Net Backpacks is a program that the club participates in on a monthly basis during the school year and Patrick Betancourt does a great job managing and participating in this activity. The Rickman Fundraiser was run successfully last year by John Yermack and John Short. Bill Baker has taken on this task this year. The club sponsors a Boy Scouts troop and Mike Norris makes sure that all of their needs are met.

Other programs are the Community Care Clinic, Global Grants, and the Brew Fellowship. Lenny pointed out that most of our programs are to benefit young people. The club then had a Special Recognition ceremony for Sean Gibson, Susie Ledford, Patsy Parker, Patrick Betancourt, Kyle Ledford, Debbie Tallent and Robin Jenkins for all of the hard work that they did on behalf of the club last year.

President Lenny closed by discussing the 2017 Initiatives, starting out with Sustainability. He stressed the importance of attracting new and younger members and continuing on with all of our current programs. Mike Norris, Foundation Chairman, went over a handout that he had prepared which showed how the club was performing statistically in regards to the Foundation. He also reminded everyone to consider signing up for Rotary Direct. Applications forms were provided at each table.



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## Gold Stars for Great Work!

President Lenny recognized several Rotarians that have helped him and the club so far this year. Those recognized include IPP Sean for helping with Flywheel, PP Susie for helping with in-bound student Bea, Patrick Betancourt for backpack fill, Patsy Parker for her work as club secretary and special events and Kyle Ledford for his great work on 50 50. Thanks to all!



## Board Meeting Moved

President Lenny has moved the January board meeting to Tuesday January 17th Lazy Hiker. Great way to makeup!

## Foundation Contributions

Mike Norris-foundation chair stressed the importance of making your foundation contributions. He gave the club an update on where it was so far for the year and that you have an opportunity to make it very easy through Rotary Direct. See Mike and he'll get you started!!



## Thoughts and Prayers for Nancie

Rotarians please keep your thoughts and prayers for PP Nancie who recently lost her long time partner Alice Mason. Also keep thoughts for Alice's family and Nancie's family.

## Rotary Service

1/11/17

Greeter: Tom Coley

Prayer/Pledge: TBA





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## Volunteers Now Needed to Work restoring Sevier County After Fire!

Our own Tom Coley recently took a truck load of items and approximately \$2,000 in donations over to the Sevier County area as the residents continue their cleanup efforts. Many are displaced and living in hotels or other temporary quarters but they do not have any of the basic necessities. **Local residents can go to the Rotary Distribution Center at Boyd's Bear to get for free whatever they need.** The five local Rotary clubs and District 6780 have taken over management of the distribution centers in Sevier County. This is your daily update of the situation. **We are serving between 2500 – 3000 people per day. This need is massive. We need your help. Don't plan to supervise, plan to WORK, WORK, WORK!** We have established a daycare for victims with counselors and dogs. It was opened yesterday and we have a group from UT heading that project for us.

The distribution centers are now being managed by the local Rotary clubs. This is a massive operation. They need between 150-200 volunteers per day at the distribution centers! If you can volunteer any time please contact **Past District Governor Jerry Wear at 865-228-1670** to schedule the times that you can help. **ROTARIANS PLEASE REPORT DIRECTLY TO PDG JERRY AT THE BOYD'S BEAR SITE** We need monetary donations to pay for medicines that are desperately needed by people who lost their medications in the fire.

You can still make a tax-deductible contribution can be made here:

<https://portal.icheckgateway.com/RotaryCommunityFund/>

## Notes from the Top

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a safe and healthy New Year. This time of year is one that can be stressful or enjoyable, I hope it was the latter.

Normally, this is the time of year to make resolutions. I have to admit, I have done so a number of years and somehow few of them stick around until the next year. Of course they all sound reasonable and doable when I make them.

When it comes to Rotary Resolutions, I plan to make a few. Since I am among friends, I will share them with you. All I ask is that you HELP me make them!

1. Promise to keep meetings running on time and halfway interesting! (Help Janet & Vic!)
2. Raise more money for CART than our club as ever raised! (Help EVERYONE)
3. Have more members attend District AND RI Conference! (Help EVERYONE)
4. Get our Peru Grant off and running...! (Help EVERYONE)
5. Meet our Foundation Goals! (Help Everyone)
6. Have FUN! (Yes, I need everyone's help on this too)
7. Promise to only tell a few bad jokes! (I think I can do this one by myself!)

Ok, so maybe I need your help making these...but then again, all of y'all have helped me get this far through the year, so you are used to helping!

Thanks for your HELP...I think we can do these.

Lenny





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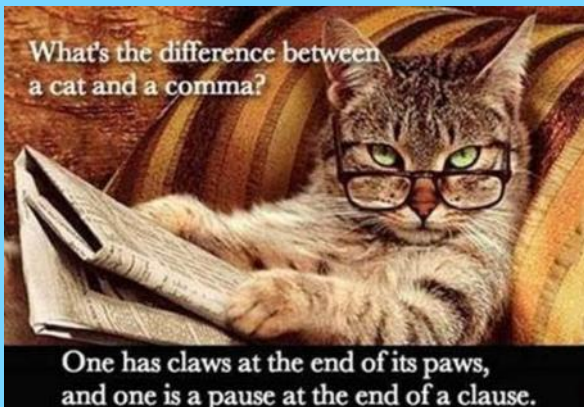
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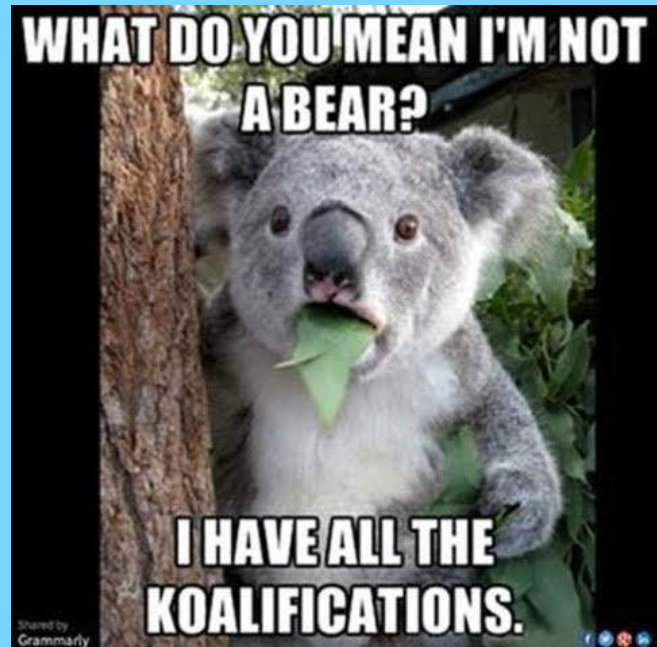
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## IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED for the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta...HERE'S THE NEW FEE

You have till April 1st to register for **ONLY \$415**. Here's the link for registering for the convention...[www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta](http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta) Also you need to hurry because hotel rooms in Atlanta are booking Fast!!!! Here is some additional incentives for registering NOW!... AND earn a PHF for your club by registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the International Convention in Atlanta June 10-14, 2017 AND a PHF for registering the highest percentage of Rotarians in your club category size for the Young Leaders and District Conference in Hickory April 28-30, 2017!!



## Fred's Funnies





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## The Rotary Club of Franklin Officers and Board Members 2016-17

District Governor: Gary Dills

Assistant District Governor: Sean Gibson

President: Lenny Jordan

President-elect: Judy Chapman

President-nominee: Janet Greene

Secretary: Patsy Parker/Debbie Tallant

Treasurer: Jim Garner

Vocational Service: Karen Kenney/Rich Peoples

Community Service: Patrick Betancourt/Jim Wilson

Youth Service: Larry Hollifield/Belinda Petricek

International Service: Stacy Guffey /Susie Ledford

Foundation Chair: Mike Norris/Vic Perry

Membership Chair: Amy Manshack/Paul Garner

Program Chair: Janet Greene/Vic Greene

Public Image Chair: Debbie Tallent/Bill Baker

Flywheel Editor: Barbara Lawrence/Dennis Sanders/Lee Berger

Sgt. At Arms: John Hubsch/Sam Blasingame/Hoyt Massey

Immediate Past President: Sean Gibson

*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Upcoming Events



**Jan 11-Fitness in the  
New Year**

**Jan 17-Board Meeting**

**Jan 18-Truth is  
Stranger than Fiction**

**Jan 25-Vocational Talk**

## 50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



No winner on  
January 4th as  
Dennis Sand-  
ers did not  
draw the win-  
ning card. 50 50 rolls over to 1/11



**Next Meeting 1/11  
Fitness in the New  
Year. See you 12 noon  
Tartan Hall**

