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Changes Seen Through 67 Years in Franklin Rotary Club



Janet Greene introduced her father JC Jacobs for his talk about the changes he's seen through his 67 years in The Franklin Rotary Club. But before turning the podium over she gave some background on JC. JC was born in 1018 on a farm in the Iotla community outside of Franklin and was one of six children. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1939 and was working to save money to go to college to become a dentist when World War II broke out. JC served in the Army Air Corp in North Africa. Upon his return to Franklin after the war he decided to move on with his life and start his business career in Franklin. He was working for the Bank of Franklin when his boss suggested he join Rotary. Since his boss was a Rotarian and strict membership rules allowed only one member per pro-

fession to be in a Rotary Club, the club was creative in assigning him a professional status. That was in 1947 and JC has been a member of our club ever since.

In 1957 JC was able to see his dream of owning a department store and opened People's Department store on Main Street. At one time there were three branches of People's in the area. JC became very involved in community service and became a town alderman, a member of the planning board and member of the school board. JC has been married to his wife Frankie for 66 years and they raised two daughters. JC also has developed apartments, condos and single family subdivision.

JC discussed the changes he has seen over his 67 plus years in Rotary and said the biggest change is in himself. As he has aged he said he has lost his sight and cannot hear as well. When he joined our Rotary Club in 1947 there were 38 members and he is the only survivor of that group. He relayed that at that time it was difficult for the club to find a place to hold the meetings so they moved around until Burke Slagle built a place where they held the meeting for several years. JC stated that the Rotary Club was always in-



volved with community and international service projects. JC was president of the club in 1967—68. He said that have been changes in every decade as the club and the town adapted to the changing times. He said the Town of Franklin has come a long way, He related that when he was a teenager his Dad would give him a quarter when he was heading to town and with it he could get a hot dog, coke, ice cream cone and go to the movie.

JC stated he believes Rotary International is the most outstanding service club in the world and he is proud to be a member of Rotary. JC said that when he first joined Rotary the club members at Christmas time were assigned to a needy family with children and they went to the family to get a list of what the kids needed and then the members supplied the needed coats and/or clothing. They also asked the parents permission to bring the children to the club for a Christmas party. JC recognized the need for the changes the way the club celebrates Christmas with the kids but grateful that it is still one of our programs in giving back to the community.



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Latest New Member Inducted

Brenda Munger, manager of the Post and Beam Restaurant at Mill Creek Country Club, was inducted Wednesday as our newest member. Congratulations and welcome Brenda.







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Caribbean Cruise for 2016

PDG Dennis Sanders announced that he has information on a Caribbean Cruise for January 2016. A fellow Rotarian friend of Dennis fro Sarasota, FL has organized the cruise for family and friends. It will be on a Norwegian Cruise liner and will leave



port from Miami, FL. If you place a deposit by the end of March, there are perks added to your cruise package. For more information please see Dennis.

March Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will be on March 10th. 5pm fellowship /530pm start at Post & Beam at Mill Creek. Great way to makeup a meeting!

Rickman Planning Meeting 2015!

We will be having our next Rickman Planning in March..more details to follow! If you are interested in helping to organize our one and only fundraiser please plan to attend. Also it's a make-up opportunity too!

Make-Ups Needed!

Our Rotary year is flying by and we have accomplished a most impressive list of things so far! I am very proud that we have initiated a new hunger project with the packing of back packs at CareNet, brought eight new members into the club, continued with the valuable Community Care Clinic and Read2Me pro-



grams, and had many volunteers participate in the Four Way Test program this year. We had a very successful fund-raiser for our Rickman Scholarships, and continue to succeed in our goals for PolioPlus and CART. That just names a small portion of our accomplishments!

I do want to remind all members that attendance at our meetings is very important. A recent District report shows that The Rotary Club of Franklin had only 56.05% attendance the past month. Please remember that all members are required to attend at least 50% of all meetings. I know you all are very busy and can't attend every meeting, but please be aware that you are expected to do make-ups. There are several ways to do that. Our Rotary make-up website is www.rotaryeclubone.org or you can go to our club website which is www.franklinrotary.com and click on Make-up a Meeting on the left side of the page. Other ways to make-up meetings include attending another meeting (DayBreak meets at 7:30 am on Tuesdays), or participating in a Rotary activity, or Board Meeting. You can also count volunteering at the Community Care Clinic or Care-Net as a make-up.

Together we can achieve our goals and finish strong!



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Clayton's Corner

Irish Blessings



- May there always be work for your hands to do;
- May your purse always hold a coin or two;
- May the sun always shine on your windowpane;
- May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;
- May the hand of a friend always be near you;
- May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.
- and may you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead.

March is Rotary 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. In March, Rotary Literacy Month, let's reaffirm our commitment to meet basic education and literacy needs locally and abroad. The Rotary Club of Franklin 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 Karen Kenney.



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Upcoming Events

05 Mar- RI 110th anniversary celebration



at Post & Beam at Mill Creek at 6 PM

10 Mar- Board Meeting—at Post & Beam at Mill Creek

11 Mar- Member Vocational Talks-Mario LaPoma and Jim Wilson

18 Mar-Read 2 Me

25 Mar- Club Assembly

We're now on Twitter! Franklin Rotary@RotaryFranklin. Check it out and follow us!







- 1 Ticket -\$1.00
- 3 Tickets -\$2.00
- 5 Tickets -\$3.00

10 Tickets-\$5.00

25 Tickets-



Sandy Frazier did not pick the winning card AGAIN so the \$28 pot rolls over to next week with 11 cards in the deck.

Next Meeting 3/4—Member Vocational TalksSee you at 12 noon at Tartan Hall!