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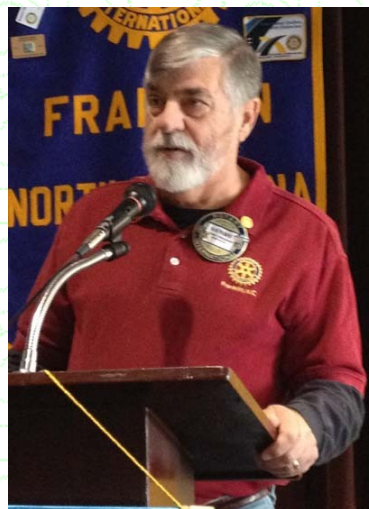
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Project Panama Update

By DGE First Lady Demi Bray



Rotary Club of Franklin International Co-Director Sandy Frazier introduced our February 4th program, educator Kenia Alvarez. Kenia is the teacher at the elementary school in El Banco de Palmira, a very poor, isolated area in central Panama. She is responsible for 23 students in grades 1 through 6. Every Sunday she leaves her home in Los Remedios to take two buses

and then walk 1-1/2 hours to her school where she stays until the following Saturday. When she first started teaching at El Banco, there were no toilets and no electricity; she had to camp



out in the one-room school during the week. Since 2005 a partnership between the Western North Carolina Rotary clubs in Franklin, Sylva and Cashiers and the Club Rotario de Boquete Panama has provided over \$250,000 in cash, labor and materials to improve her school. Her students now have electricity, internet, 2 new bathrooms, a dining and meeting area, a kitchen building, a water purification system, laptop computers, and lots of school supplies the government couldn't provide her, as well as a remodeled sleeping room with shower for herself.

The Panama Ministry of Education rates Panamanian students on a scale of 1 to 5. Her students now earn ratings between 3.9 and 5 and have participated in poetry, oratory, debate and reading comprehension competitions.

She has become an advocate for her students and their families within the community of El Banco. Visiting Sylva Rotarian Charles Wolfe pointed out that by acting as translator during the 2012 Rotary Project Panama trip to the school at even more remote Tierra Oscura, she was of great assistance in determining the needs of that school.

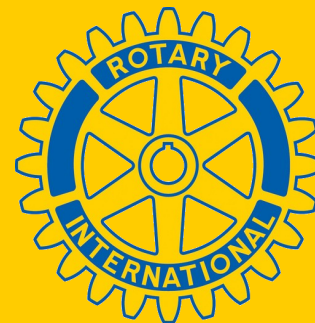




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Our Next 4 Way Test...

Has been rescheduled for Friday February 7th at Macon Early College. Please arrive between 8 and 830. We are in need of additional Rotarians to volunteer—see PE Susie!



Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Membership Minute

This is the 2nd official posting for Bill Swift being proposed for membership by Fred Lindstrom and Derek Roland sponsored by Club Secretary Patsy Parker. If anyone has any questions or concerns see President Nancie or any board member.

District Conference Alert

Registration for the Rotary District Conference in Greenville, SC will begin at 8:00 a.m. on January 23. 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.

District 7670 Mid-Year Report

District 7670 has, in the past, had a special meeting of Rotary Club Presidents to receive news about the District concerning the first six months of the Rotary year. I have decided to give you a report, rather than have you spend a Saturday morning in Asheville.

1 - Membership. We have made some great strides in recruiting, but as of December 31, we are at a net loss of 4. We have had some new members join in early January, but we need to continue the message about Rotary.

2 - Polio. I am impressed with the contributions sent to support our Polio campaign. As you know, the Gates Foundation will give \$2.00 for every \$1.00 that Rotarians raise. Our Purple Pinkie campaign has gotten young people involved and I hope that will help motivate them to join Rotary.

3 - CART. Our mission to cure the Alzheimer's is off to a good start. Several clubs have been very active and we are setting new records for CART collections. Please attend the District Conference in June to hear our latest research efforts.

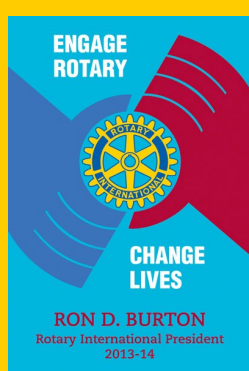
4 - Rotaract. Several clubs have been revived and at least one is scheduled to receive a Presidential Citation for their efforts.

5 - District Grants. You will be amazed at the number of projects that our 51 clubs have accomplished. We are Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives.

6 - Club projects. Pancake breakfast, Rotary Bingo, Rotary Idol, Bike Challenge, Auctions - the list goes on and on. We are raising money locally and spending the money locally.

7 - District Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Greenville, SC, on June 20-22. Topics include social media, membership, and the CART research programs. We are offering fun and education for all attendees. DGE Gary Bray will be installed on Saturday night, along with the other District officers.

I encourage each of you to renew your interest in Rotary and spread the good message that Rotary does change lives. Together, we can make a difference as we Engage Rotary and Change Lives.



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Nancie's Notes



Earlier this week DG Ronnie Thompson sent club presidents a mid-year summary of the activities around the district. I've asked Dick to publish that summary in the Flywheel. With that in mind, here are some of the activities within our Club during the past 6 months, in no particular order:

-We had a very successful Rickman Scholarship Auction and Raffle with over \$30,000 raised for scholarships.

-Sponsored two booths at the Macon County Fair; our educational booth won a red ribbon. The Interact students worked our commercial booth and raised \$220 for Polio Plus with their "Purple Pinky" project.

-Rotarian Demi Bray hand made and sold to Club members Rotary-themed jewelry and donated her proceeds of \$552 to Polio Plus.

-Our Club nominated IPP Gary Dills for District Governor; Gary was selected by the Nominating Committee of the District to be the 2016-17 District Governor.

-Our Club was awarded two District Grants: one for the Community Care Clinic, one for Read2Me.

-Your board approved and the Club began our 5th week socials. The first social was held at Fatz Cafe, the second at Outdoor 76, and the third one was snowed out!

-Held Four Way Test programs at Macon Middle School and Macon Early College.

-Awarded Student of the Month plaques each month except December.

-The Club had an informational booth downtown at the annual "Pumpkin Fest."

-The Club awarded its first "Business Integrity Award"

-The FHS Interact Club won a Presidential Citation For Excellence.

-Our Club rechartered Boy Scout Troop 202 and became actively involved in its leadership.

-Seven Paul Harris Fellows were awarded at our Club's annual Christmas party.

-Several Club members assisted with the First Presbyterian Church's annual Thanksgiving Day meal.

-The Club agreed to sponsor Sarah Darcy Blackburn, a student at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee as a Rotary Exchange Student.

-Inducted 10 new members into the Club, and we currently have 3 awaiting induction!

As you can see, we've had a busy first half of this Rotary year. If you haven't already done so, I urge you to get involved with any of our five avenues of service. Also, remember that if you need a makeup, you can attend our Board meeting, set for Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 5 p.m. at Life's Bounty on Main Street.

Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



1846 The Oregon Spectator, the first newspaper on the Pacific Coast of the United States, is published in Oregon City.

1883 The Southern Pacific Railroad opens a transcontinental "Sunset Route" from New Orleans to San Francisco.

1918 First Lieutenant Stephen W. Thompson of the 1st Aero Squadron becomes the first U.S. Military to win a victory over an enemy aircraft when he shoots down a German plane over Saarbrücken during World War I.

1937 President Franklin Roosevelt proposes increasing the number of Supreme Court justices, lead critics to charge that he is trying to "pack" the court with justices to his liking.

Clayton's Corner

More From Will Rogers...



"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven."

"The budget is a mythical bean bag. Congress votes mythical beans into it, and then tries to reach in and pull real beans out."

"If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics."



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February is World Peace and Understanding Month

The month of February is significant to Rotary as it honors the first Rotary Meeting that took place on February 23rd, 1905. Rotary International has designated that day as World Peace and Understanding Month. As Rotarians we emphasize the understanding and goodwill as essentials for world peace. We should invite youth exchange students and or international scholars from nearby schools and universities to a meeting. Our annual Polio Plus drive also concludes during the month of February and it's a good time to talk about international community service projects, and even make a contact with a Rotary Club in another country. Some of the international projects that the Rotary Club of Franklin is involved in include Project Panama, Shelter box, Wheelchairs and the Group Study Exchange. If you have any questions about these projects please see club International co-directors Sandy Frazier or John Henning. Any questions about Polio Plus see club chair Fred Berger.

If You're Close..Lets Make a Deal



Foundation Chair Jim Garner has Paul Harris points from several members that the Club will use to help a member obtain their Paul Harris Fellow or to help a member reach the next Paul Harris level. See Jim if you are interested in getting points to use towards your Paul Harris Fellow goal.

Upcoming Events



7 Feb..4 Way Test at MEC (Rotarians arrive 8a-830)

11 Feb..Board Meeting Life's Bounty(5p fellowship/530p start)

12 Feb..Don Capaforte AF

15 Feb..Grant Management Seminar A-B tech Asheville 9a

19 Feb..Jeff Meo Veterans Employment

Good to Hear about Roger!

Members, please continue to pray for Roger Collar. Last report from Fred Lindstrom is he is doing better and but is continuing to recover. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Troup 202 Needs Help!

Scouting Troup 202 will be needing a permanent scout master after Chuck Williams completes the 3 months leading scout troop 202. The Troop is being re-chartered with 8 members and the club will be increasing their involvement and assistance to the troop in this and upcoming years and are looking for members to volunteer. See Mike Norris. The troop will hold their meetings at the Slagle Building and are planning a Reunion and Work Day to take care of some of the facility repairs that are needed. Volunteers will also be needed. If you are interested or know of someone interested see Past President Mike Norris.



THE FLWHEEL

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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

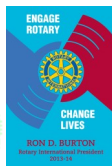
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

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 2/12..

Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Fred Alexander

Greeter: Bud Siler

50 50 Winner

Our speaker Kenia Alvarez pulled the winning card and won \$25. Next week there will be a new set of cards and a new pot so it 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 2/12 Don Capaforte with Angel Foundation (Amy Manshack Host) See you at 12 noon Tartan Hall!