



Rotary Club of Franklin, North Carolina

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## Macon County Library And How It Benefits Our Community

By John Short



Karen Kenney introduced today's speaker, Karen Wallace; Director of Fontana Regional Library and head librarian at Macon County library. Karen, who was raised in the mountains of Western Massachusetts, loves hiking especially sections of the Bartran Trail. Karen has developed library systems at several libraries including here in Macon County.

In 2007 Macon county library, under Karens leadership, received the Outstanding Facility Award from the state of North Carolina. Fontana Regional Library, which is 70 years old, operates 6 libraries in Macon, Jackson and Swain counties. Karen mentioned that libraries are about bringing people together, helping to develop conversations between books and people, between children and parents and between people collectively. Along with providing books for reading the library has meeting rooms where they can put on musicals and set up exhibits. Several exhibits in the past have been a pottery exhibit sponsored by SCC and one on the Appalachian Trail.

The library has a great children's section. They have found that children who are frequent visitors to the library come to love reading and become regular readers as they become older. In the summer they have done a children's program

called "Dig into

Reading" where along with reading the kids have actually planted and tended a garden. This program was a big hit with the kids.

The library also has computers, along with basic computer training. Other services provided include help with tax preparation and with ESL (English as a second language). 70% of individuals associate libraries with books that one can hold in their hand and read. But the library has kept up with technology and has a large selection of ebooks that can be downloaded for up to two weeks and books on tape that can be checked out or downloaded. They also operate the reading rover which goes around to daycare centers taking books to where the children are.

In Macon county 30,000 people have library cards. The total number of visitors to the library last year was 450,000. Surveys have shown that 94% of those surveyed think that public libraries improve the quality of life in a community; 54% of people have used the library; 72% that they or someone in their family had used the library and 95% agree that resources in the library gives everyone a chance to succeed.





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## 25 Years of Service!

On Wednesday John Henning, Sr. father of club International co-director John Henning was recognized for his 25 years of service to the Boy Scouts and as Eagle Board of Review Chairman



on the Daniel Boone Council. Well done John!

## District Conference Alert

Registration for the Rotary District Conference in Greenville, SC is underway. 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. The current District Governor line is not eligible for this drawing. Franklin Rotary will reimburse \$100 of the registration cost for the first 10 members who register. After registering provide Fairley a copy of your registration and she will provide you a rebate check.

## Upcoming Events

6-8 Mar..PETS Greensboro, NC (Incoming President and PE)

11 Mar..Bd Mtg at Life's Bounty 500p/530p

12 Mar..Read2Me

17 March .. St. Patrick's Day Party at Chris & Charlies - 5:30 PM



## Rickman Coming Soon!

Our one and only fundraiser is in the planning stages and we need your help. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the event. We encourage everyone to help because it takes "all hands on

deck" to make it successful. Please see event co-directors John Short and John Yermack. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 26th at MVI. Patsy Parker announced that all should start to put together the silent auction items. We had great success last year and need to plan on topping it this year. She stated that no item is too small to be included. Now's the time to start gathering items!





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## Gold Star for Marvin!

On Wednesday club president Nancie Wilson presented Rotarian Marvin Ramsey with a Rotary Gold Star for his organizational work with his LBJ Job Corps students in helping with Panamanian teacher Kenia Alvarez's visit back in February. Great work, Marvin!



## Board Meeting This Tuesday and St. Patty's Coming!

Reminder this Tuesday's board Meeting is at Life's Bounty 5p fellowship/530p start. If you need a makeup..this is a great way to do it. Also Monday 3/17 is our club St. Patty's event at Chris and Charlie's 530p. See you there!

## 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.

## Special Program Announcement

Bill Barr informed the club today about the program coming on March 26th with Iraqi war hero Major Kent G. Solheim. Solheim, a North Carolina native, is a University of Louisville graduate and a Green Beret. He was in Operation Volcano II and the mission was to capture a senior leader of the infamous Shiite militia, the Mahdi Army. The high-level insurgent was holed up in Karbala, the large Iraqi city located some 60 mile southwest of Baghdad. Thanks to the then Captain Solheim's selfless and heroic actions in that operation, dozens of American lives were saved. His actions demonstrated how he placed the lives of his men over that of his own, earning him the Silver Star.

For the rest of the story about that operation, which wounded him in his leg and back and the how that injury and subsequent recovery affected his military career. He lost his right leg in the process of recovery from being shot in the left shoulder, one through he left knee and two through his right knee. After two years, which included 29 surgeries, he decided to have the right leg below the impaired knee amputated. Major Solheim will talk about his military service including how he overcame the loss of limb and looks to help other soldiers do the same.





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## Nancie's Notes



Our President-elect, Susie Ledford, and President-nominee, Sean Gibson are off to Greensboro this weekend to attend the PETS training. PETS-President Elect Training Seminar-is required by Rotary International for both Club presidents-elect and presidents-nominees. PETS training includes classes on leading a Rotary Club, as well as classes on the many requirements of Rotary International and the local Rotary District. PETS is also an excellent chance to network with presidents-elect and nominees from around the state, and from other states, too. It will be a very busy weekend for both Susie and Sean, and Sean has promised lots of pictures!

Club Foundation Chair Jim Garner is still open to "making a deal" for those who would like to become Paul Harris Fellows by July 1st. There is a PHF award ceremony being planned for later on this Rotary year and President-elect Susie will also have a PHF ceremony during her installation banquet in late June. See Jim if you'd like to get some points together and become a Paul Harris Fellow.

## Sgt. Bill's "THIS DAY IN HISTORY"

from Club Sgt. At Arms Bill McGaha



March 5, 1849—President Zachary Taylor took the oath of office. He was elected on November 7, 1848. Oath of office was supposed to be taken at Noon on March 4th, but that was a Sunday and Taylor refused to take the oath on a Sunday. James K. Polk's presidency ended at Noon on March 4th.

So who was President from Noon March 4 until Noon on March 5th?

Polk's Vice President George Dallas' term ended at Noon on March 4th. Taylor's Vice President Millard Fillmore's oath also was delayed until Noon on March 5th. The President's Succession Act of 1792 provided for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to be the next inline after the vice president. That was Senator David Rice Atchison—who by his own account slept his way through most of his presidency.

The inscription on his statue in Kansas City, MO. Reads—"David Rice Atchison 1807—1886—President of the United States for one day." Atchison would later describe his one day presidency as the "most honest" administration in United States history.

1770 British soldiers fire on colonists in what becomes known as the Boston Massacre.

1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt declares a "bank holiday," closing U.S. banks for four days to keep panicked depositors from withdrawing all their money.

1946 In a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, Winston Churchill declares that an "Iron Curtain" has fallen across Eastern Europe, trapping millions behind it in Communist states.

1963 Country music star Virginia Patterson Hensley, better known as Patsy Cline, dies at age 30 in a plane crash near Camden, Tennessee.





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## Message from Troup 202 Scoutmaster Chuck Williams!

WESTERN NC friends....Earn 50% on your investment. Boy Scouts now have a card, the size of a credit card, with wonderful discounts starting with a \$10 OFF at Lowe's, FREE hotcakes and sausage @ McDonalds (no purchase necessary,) BOGO @ Bojangles and Papa Johns, 25% off @ OUTDOOR 76 + another 15% on a second purchase. Use the card for a Whole year. All for ONLY \$5 buy 4 for \$20 from a Boy Scout, you earn 50% on you investment; use them yourself or they make cheap gifts. Good in five Western NC Counties to Asheville and surround. HELP A SCOUT EARN HIS WAY TO CAMP. Call me at [828-342-1122](tel:828-342-1122). You can purchase a card by mail from me until April 1st.. See Rotarian Mike Norris if you would like a card..cost is \$5.00 per card.

## Suggested School and Medical Supplies for Panama School Project

Sandy Frazier and team members will be heading to Panama for additional work at Kenia Alvarez's school. He will be taking a suitcase of supplies with him for the school and here are the suggested supplies:

### Suggested School Supplies

Lined Paper  
Note Books  
Pencils/Pens/Crayons/Markers  
Construction Paper  
Scissors/Rulers  
Small Calculators

### Suggested Medical Supplies

Band Aids/Gauze  
Antibiotic Crème  
Aspirin/Ibuprofen/Tylenol  
Hydro Cortisone  
Anti-Fungal  
Eye Drops  
Tums/Antacids  
Multivitamins

Money donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to either St. David's Episcopal Church or Franklin Rotary Charitable Foundation for tax deduction purposes. Memo line should denote "Project Panama."



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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

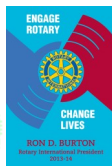
Program Chair: Debbie Tallent

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 3/12..

## Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Cardy White

## Greeter: Cheryl Davids

### 50 50 Drawing!

No winner in the drawing  
held Wednesday March 5th.  
The pot rolls over to the  
march 12th  
regular  
meeting with  
11 cards re-  
maining!



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

## Next Regular Meeting 3/12 on Read 2 Me (Fred Lindstrom is the host). See you at Tartan Hall at Noon.