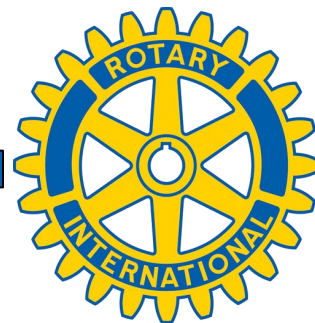


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Membership

Satisfaction Survey Update

John Short distributed this year's Membership Satisfaction Survey form to all who were not at the last meeting and requested they complete and return the form to him by the next meeting. The survey data helps us improve service to the community and the members. We need to hear from you. See President Gary or John.

Rotary Foundation Contributions Due

Projects like the Community Care Clinic and Project Panama do not happen without your Rotary Foundation support. The club will match your \$100 or more contributions dollar for dollar if you contribute before the end of February. The goal is for each Franklin Rotarian to donate at least \$100. Make your check to the Rotary Club of Franklin and give to Lenny or Foundation Director Jim Garner. If you contribute online, **BE SURE YOU MARK THE ANNUAL FUND BLOCK** and please inform Jim that you contributed on-line.

Do it now!! please

Islam and World Peace

Today's program was part of RI President Tanaka's call for Rotarians around the world to try to look at how others see us. Such a view may promote peace through greater understanding and certainly broaden our views. Dr. Dan Boyd, professor of Religion and Philosophy at Western Carolina University, was our speaker. Dr. Boyd is a version of today's Renaissance man – with experience as an archeologist (mostly in Turkey), as an executive with ING and as a professor. He holds degrees from Yale, and Brandeis, and studied abroad extensively.

Dr Boyd reminded us that Christianity, Judaism and Islam all are part of the monotheism of Abraham and share many basic theological beliefs stemming from Hebrew and Greek heritage. Despite the similarities in their heritage, each religion has at one time or another viewed the others as oppressors and themselves as the chosen. In today's world, many Muslims see Christianity and Judaism as hostile to Islam, and vice versa. As Christian and Judaism religious fervor declines around the world, Islam is growing perhaps faster than any of the world's many religions. Islam is currently the second largest religion in the world with over 1.5 billion believers,

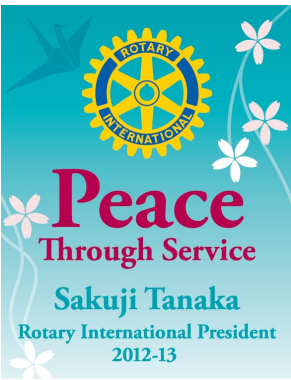
nearly 1 in 4 of every person on the planet. Since the average age of today's Muslim is 17 (a high birth rate especially compared to a much higher median age in Christian and Jewish cultures), demographics tell us that Islam will become the largest religion in the next generation or two.

He dispelled a prevailing image in the west of all Muslims being Arabs. In fact, 82% of Muslims are not of Arab descent and do not live in the Middle East. Indonesia and Pakistan, for example, have much larger Muslim communities. Islam is also growing fast in Europe (e.g. 10% of France's population is Muslim) and in North America, but is probably the most misunderstood religion in those regions. Dr Boyd postulated the view that most Muslims see the west's war on terror as an extension of the Crusades and a continuing war on Islam. At the same time, the Judo-Christian west views Islam through the terrorist prism and generally labels all Muslims as extremists. In Dr Boyd's view, terrorism is rooted in politics not religion.

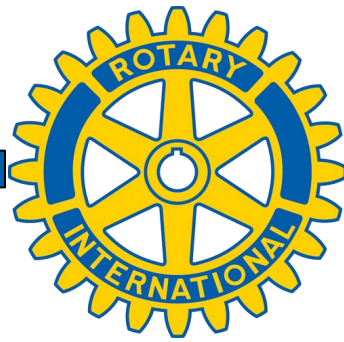
As Rotarians, we should think seriously about our views toward differences and let our humanitarianism rule our hearts as we make choices and friends. Seems we listened since Dr Boyd relayed after the meeting, "I hope that our effort today will make a small difference in the direction of world peace. Already one pastor who was present has asked me about leading a seminar at their church."

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SHADOW PROGRAM UPDATE

Our Club is working with Franklin High School and Macon Early College High School to provide a job shadowing/mentoring opportunity for high school students. This program allows high school students to spend a day or part of a day shadowing a professional in a field of interest for the students. We need a few more willing and interested Rotarians. Please tell Susan or Debbie W. if you have interest in participating in this program. Your only requirement is to share a little time and knowledge with a high school student who has an interest in your field. They will follow up with you to provide more information and answer any questions. Email Rotarians Susan Gibbs at sgibbs@maconbank.com or Debbie Wallace at dwallace@maconbank.com.



Four Way Test at Macon Early College is Underway!



The next sessions of the Four Way at Macon Early College are this Friday morning. Volunteers are to be there around 8:00 AM to help set up the room.

If you are interested in helping to make a difference in a young person's life see New Generations Co-Director Susie Ledford.

Facebook and the Website

For those of you still have not had a chance to check it out, we are on the World Wide Web and in social media. Please visit us on Facebook and encourage your friends to like us. It helps spread the word about what we do and there may be a potential member or two out there who would love to join us. You can also visit us on the

web at www.franklinrotary.com. It's got everything at your fingertips from making up a meeting to liking us on Facebook. There are meeting recaps, history and lots and lots of service project pictures. Coming soon, a link to our Rickman Silent Auction Online.



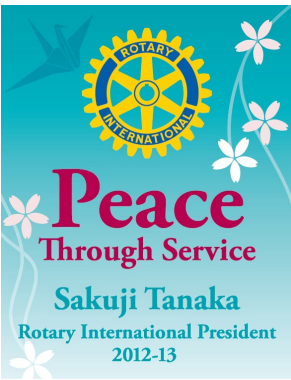
Planning for Rickman 2013

Folks, our one and only fundraiser will be here before you know it. We are having a planning meeting at Frog Town Market on Monday, February 18th. If you are interested in helping with this year's event please attend this meeting. We need you. The meeting starts at 5:30pm. We need everyone to make it a huge success.

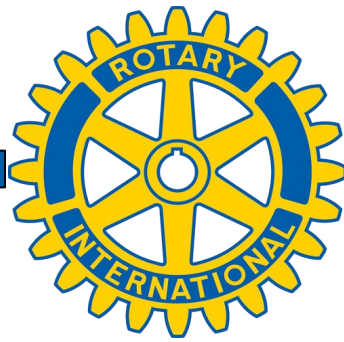
Proceeds from the Silent Auction and Fundraiser are the only funds we

use to support our service projects. Any questions see Rickman Fundraiser Co-Chairs John Yermack or John Short.





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February is World Peace and Understanding Month

February is significant to Rotary as it honors the first Rotary Meeting that took place on February 23rd, 1905. Rotary International has designated this month as World Peace and Understanding Month. As Rotarians we emphasize 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 to Montero 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 champion Fred Berger.

Family of Rotary

Please remember Bud and Theresa in your thoughts and prayers. Theresa is in hospital. Drop them a note, email or call.

Belinda Jones and Pastor Paul of Hickory Knoll Methodist Church send thank you to the Club for your contribution in memory of Norm Jones.

Rotarian and Dr. Charles Candler McConnell Jr. passed away January 31, 2013, He was a teacher, coach, and administrator for over 30 years. He also was an active member and past President of the Sylva Rotary Club. As a Rotarian, he was the recipient of the Paul Harris Fellows Award, served on the Board of Directors and was chief fundraiser for Jackson Neighbors in Need. He was co-founder of the New Century Scholars program at Southwestern Community College.

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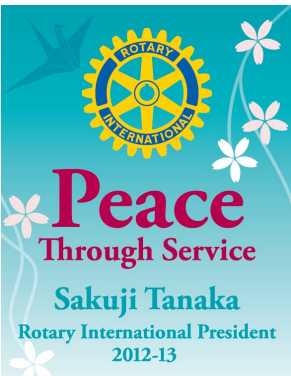


**1 Ticket —\$1.00
3 Tickets —\$2.00
5 Tickets —\$3.00
10 Tickets—\$5.00
25 Tickets—\$10.00**

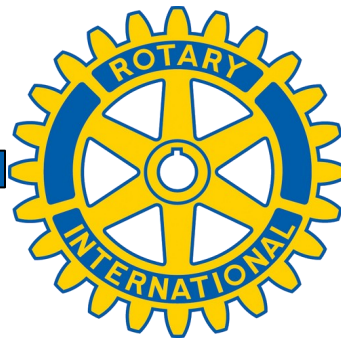
Today was all Fred Lindstrom. He did the opening, hosted the speaker, had his lucky number drawn AND he found the ACE !!!! But the real winner was the Foundation. Thank you Fr. Fred.

Tom James was the master of the 50/50 this week.





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February - World Understanding Month				
Feb 07, 13	05:00P		Wine and Cheese for Prospective Members	Blue Ridge RoadHouse (once Cody's)
Feb 12	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Feb 13	12:00P		Ella Kliger with Manna food bank	
Wed Feb 20	12:00P		Jill Gottesman and The Wilderness Society	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church .
Wed Feb 27	12:00P		Club Assemby with Pres and Directors	
March - Literacy Month				
Wed Mar 06	12:00P		Autumn Weil, Barium Springs	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
Tue Mar 12	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Mar	12:00P		Fontana Library & Read 2 Me	Tartan Hall
Wed Mar 20	12:00P		Gerry Camelo has program	
Wed Mar 27	12:00P		GSE team from India visit -- Stacy and Larry with program	Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church
April - Magazine Month				
Tue Apr 09	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Apr 10	05:30P		Rotary Club of Franklin Charitable Foundation	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
May				
Tue May 14	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
June - Rotary Fellowships Month				
Tue Jun 11	05:00P		Board Meeting	Fat Buddie's Restaurant
Wed Jun 12	05:30P		Franklin Charitable Foundation	Blue Ridge Roadhouse
July - Peace Through Service				
Mon Jul 01	05:30A		Installation Banquet	Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, GA
August - Membership & Extension Month				
Aug 16 - Aug 17	09:00A		Daybread Rotary Golf Tournament	

District Conference

District 7670 Conference will be held April 5th through the 7th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC. If you are interested in attending this year, please see club President Gary for more information. It is fun as well as a time to celebrate Rotary and our community efforts.