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## Gilliam's Promise

By PE Susie Ledford

Rotarian John Short introduced our guest speaker Rachel Marshall who is the fundraiser director of Gilliam's Promise. Gilliam's Promise is an organization dedicated to protecting students from exposure to, use and abuse of hazardous substances.

This organization, which began in Highlands, NC after Bill and Eleanor Cheney lost their grandson from drug abuse, operates on the philosophy that the only way to wage a war against drugs is to intervene in the lives of young people at an early age. The Cheney's were

able to turn tragedy into a passion for teaching and steering young students in the right direction-away from drugs.

Gilliam's Promise sponsors a student-led club in the community for students in grades 6-12. The criteria for membership is 1) submitting to random drug testing, 2) no more than 3 unexcused absences per year, 3) involvement in extracurricular activities, 4) maintaining C+ average, and 5) attend all club meetings. Any student that meets the criteria and tests negative for substance use will be awarded a scholarship at the end of the school



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year to be placed in an escrow account until the student graduates. The goals of Gilliam's Promise as outlined by Matt Kolodzik, Director of Development, are to show students how to cope with peer pressure, and to provide families in our community with an innovative, comprehensive and rewarding program focusing on a drug-free community. The successful accomplishment of their goals comes through positive reinforcement, self-esteem development and education. The

program encourages good citizenship and teaches the positive outcomes and benefits of living a drug-free life. For more information or to volunteer please contact: Gilliam's Promise PO Box 592 Highlands, NC 28741 or email gilliamspromise@gmail.com







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## New Members Inducted

At today's meeting President Nancie inducted our latest two new members.

David Notestine is sponsored by Tom James and Michael Butler by Lenny Jordan. Michael is a

new local attorney and was accompanied for the

induction by his wife and young daughter. David owns a clock and watch repair business and was accompanied by his wife. We've had 14 new members inducted since July 1. keep up the great work!!





Happy Birthday!!

A couple of our distinguished members attended the Marion Rotary Club's 75th anniversary this

past weekend as over 125 Rotarians and community leaders were present. Among those DGE Gary Bray and DGND Dills!



### Flywheel Volunteer Needed

PR Chair Dick Pritts is looking for someone to work with him in publishing the weekly Flywheel. The volunteer needs to have Publisher software on their computer. Dick and Sean will train the volunteer on putting the newsletter together. Please see Dick at the meeting on Wednesday of call him at 828-349-9748.





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The month of May is almost here, and that's Service Above Self month. Community Service Director, Judy Chapman already has plans to get us outside and serving! Judy has scheduled Saturday, May 17th as Clean Up the Greenway Day. As you may know, Rotary has "adopted" a section of the Greenway and we will invite our Boy Scout Troop 202 and the FHS Interact Club to work with us as we clean up that area and make it ready for the Greenway visitors. Mark your calendar, and plan to come out that Saturday morning.

Due to scheduling conflicts, we've had to change the date of our Academic Awards banquet to Tuesday, May 20th. We will be honoring the rising Seniors at Franklin High School, and our own Chris Baldwin, who's also Macon County School Superintendent, will give the address. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. Thanks to President-elect Susie Ledford and her helpers for putting this important event together

#### Commiseration for PDG Dennis Sanders

PDG Dennis Sanders missed today's meeting to have a procedure to become a card-carrying member of an elite club. It is a challenge to get in. It has strict and physically challenging rules that you must follow in order to join. It is expensive and the initiation rites are as torturous as a fraternity rush. In the end though, it is totally worth the torture and even makes you feel thinner. Katie Couric is in it and she has made this club famous. It is not an exaggeration to say that this club prevents cancer. Dennis will now be able to proudly say that he is in the exclusive colonoscopy club.

# Clayton's Corner



### Today's Chuckle....

Husband's Message (by cellphone):

Honey, a car hit me right outside of the office. Paula brought me to the hospital. They have been doing tests and taking Xrays. The blow to my head has been very strong. Fortunately it seems that did not cause any serious injury, but I have three broken ribs, a compound fracture in the left leg, and they may have to amputate the right foot.

Wife's Response: Who is Paula?





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### Motorcycle Event

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians will be in our District beginning on Sunday, April 27th. If you have any Rotarians that motorcycle, this is a fun event. The IFMR will be in Waynesville, Maggie Valley, Robbinsville, the Biltmore Estate, and Cherokee. Spread the word!!!



#### April is Rotary Magazine Month

The month of April is a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, including The Rotarian which among the other

publications provides valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide. According to RI Bylaws, all club members are required to subscribe to The Rotarian or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, district governors, and club presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or region by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts. Each issue of The Rotarian contains feature articles, columns, and departments about, or of interest to, Rotarians

## Upcoming Events

16 April..Child Hunger Awareness

23 April..Read2Me Awards Program

26 April..District Assembly/ Membership Seminar A-B Tech Asheville Campus 9a

30 April...5th Week Social .. El Charro—time to be announced later.

Silent Auction Items Coming In! We are pleased to announce that the first few items for our upcoming silent auction have come in. We had great success last year and need to plan on topping it this year. See Patsy on the silent auction. We will also 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.



#### Crowd Funding Opportunity

Cullowhee Mountain Arts - local non-profit organization supporting the arts communities has created a crowd funding project to raise support for a scholarship fund for Macon and Jackson County High School Art and English Teachers. Power2Give is supported by the North Carolina Council for the Arts and the Charlotte Arts and Humanities Council.

We are part of a special matching fund campaign. For every \$1.00 we raise it will be matched with \$.50, up to \$1500. The total goal is \$3000. which will allow us to give out FIVE scholarships to MACON and JACKSON County Teachers.

Any amount is accepted and is matched .50 to the dollar! Thank you for helping enrich our hard working teachers!

Please follow this link to see how you can make a huge difference in the lives of teachers and their students: http://www.power2give.org/NorthCarolina/Project/Detail?projectId=5068





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

Rotary Service for 4/16. Pledge, Prayer, 4 Way Test: Vic Greene Greeter: Karen Kenney 50 50 Drawing!

Fred Lindstrom did not pull the winning card from the deck so the \$124 pot will roll over to next week. It is a good time to buy tickets wit eight cards left in the deck.

Next Regular Meeting 4/16 Child Hunger Awareness (Judy Chapman host). See you at Tartan Hall at Noon.