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The Mushroom Man

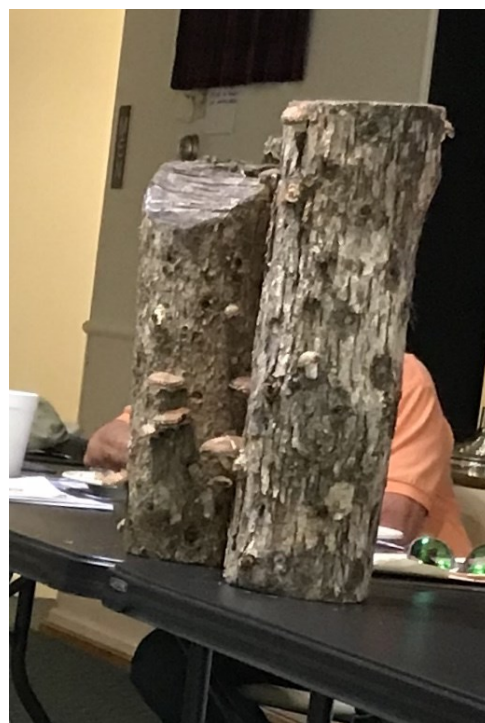
Ron Cabe joined us this week to present on his success and understanding of mushroom propagation and harvest. For 40 years Ron worked as a project manager building golf courses around the World. When he retired he sold his home and business and moved to Franklin, NC. Ron now resides in Cowee on a large piece of land that is perfect for growing mushrooms!

While trying to figure out what he wanted to do with his new found time – Ron began taking classes with the Macon County Extension Agency to learn different farming techniques. He fell in love with the challenge of successfully growing mushrooms and really dove in head first! Ron started out with just ten logs – he then grew to having over 7,000 logs and producing over 100 pounds of mushrooms a week!!!

Ron began selling his mushrooms to local restaurants and catering to their interests, needs, and wants. He was also actively selling at The Bryson City Farmers Market, and The Franklin Farmers Market. After five years of keeping this incredibly hectic pace and moving hundreds of logs by hand every day, Ron decided to downsize. He now has 5,000 logs and has decreased his footprint to a few local restaurants. He is still selling at both Farmer's Markets and is now teaching with NC State.

Ron says he plans to continue to do this for at least four more years – then he will go back to only producing enough to keep himself in mushrooms. Ron loves to teach, so if anyone is interested he would love you to stop by the Farmers Market any Saturday in Franklin to pick his brain!

Thank you Ron for such a great program – we appreciate your time and that you shared your expertise on such an interesting topic!



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Project Panama

Sandy Frazier presented Everett Stiles with a gift from the Rotary club that our Rotary club recently helped in Panama. The group gave Everett a beautiful handmade bag and a lb. of coffee worth \$600!!!

What a gift, and kind way to say thank you to a volunteer who came to help their town with medical and educational needs! Thank you Sandy and Everett for volunteering on this much needed trip!



Ashlie's Announcements

- ◆ May 12th—Cleanup at Centennial Park: 9:00am
- ◆ May is Foundation Month; you will get a call since Mike wants us to be an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club for this year.

Paul Harris Recognition

Today we honored Janet Green with a pin to commemorate her **PH + 6!!!**

Thank you Janet for giving of yourself to our Rotary International Foundation!



Volunteer Opportunities

Community service clean-up at the Rotary Centennial Park on the Greenway--behind the Shops of Franklin--on May 12 starting at 9 am.

They need hard rakes, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, pinchers to pick up litter, and gas powered weed eaters.

- Saturday May 12th, 2018

New Member Introduction

Today we welcomed new member: Reverend Johnathan Stapp! Welcome Reverend, we are so happy to have you join our club!



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Fred's Funnies

The Moral of The Story...



After 10 years, the wife starts to think their kid looks kinda strange so she decides to do a DNA test.

She finds out that the kid is actually from completely different parents.

Wife: Honey, I have something very serious to tell you.

Husband: What's up?

Wife: According to DNA test results, this is not our kid..

Husband: Well you don't remember, do you??

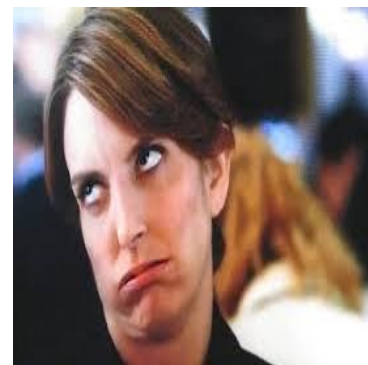
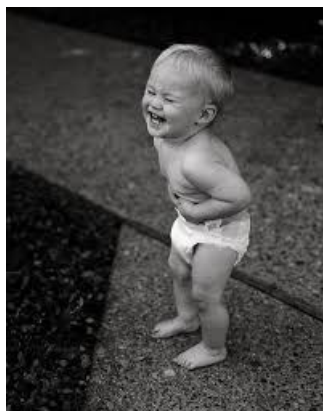
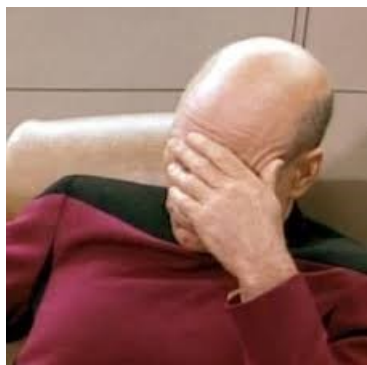
When we were leaving the hospital, we noticed that our baby had pooped.

Then you said:

Please go change the baby, I'll wait for you here.

So I went inside, got a clean one and left the dirty one there.

Moral: Never give a man a job that doesn't belong to him.



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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



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50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Meeting next Week
Habitat for Humanity



No One Won
50/50—
Maybe next
week!