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Project Panama

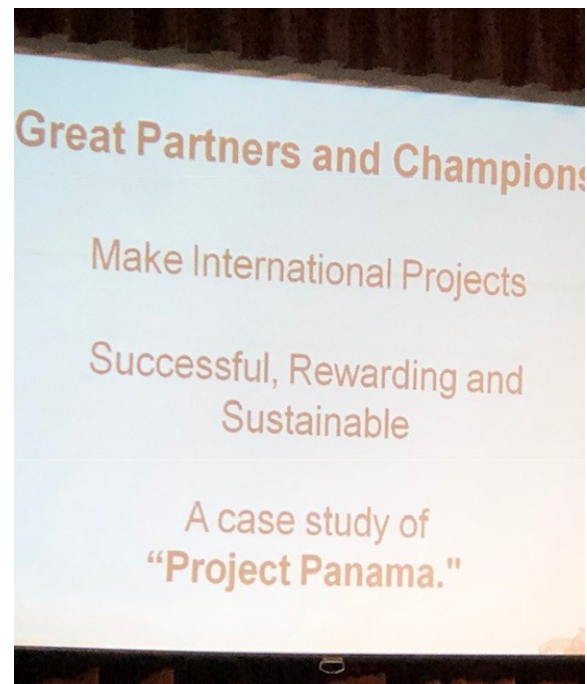
By John Hubsch

Mike Watson introduced today's program speakers, Charles Wolfe of the Sylva Rotary Club, and our own Sandy Frazier. Charles spoke briefly about his great experiences while accompanying Sandy on many of his annual visits to Panama. Sandy started Project Panama in 2005 after a friend, Howard Hill, had recently moved to Panama and started a Rotary Club there. He invited Sandy to Panama and they decided to start a project that would improve the rural school system there.

Since 2005, Sandy has travelled annually to Panama, sometimes alone but usually with a group of volunteers from Rotary. In the 13 years that he has been going, Project Panama has helped renovate 15 schools, conducted 18 medical clinics, provided medical care to thousands of people, delivered 5,000 pounds of school and medical supplies and donated \$50,000.00 to the rural communities there. Their work began in Boquete, a small village in the remote section of western Panama. One hundred and twenty individuals have volunteered their time and effort to accompany Sandy on his trips.

Other great projects have involved improving the water supply and water quality to remote villages, building schools and classrooms, installing lighting and security fences and a lot of painting. As a result of this hard work, Sandy stated that Rotary has received very favorable publicity in the local and national media in Panama. Sandy is very proud that recently the first group of high school students graduated from a school that they helped to build.

Sandy added that their motto was to "Have Fun While Serving." Unfortunately Sandy is retiring from Project Panama this year and it is his and Charles' hope that someone younger will come along and take this over. Sandy reminded everyone that Project Panama would not have existed without monies from the Rotary Foundation and the upcoming Annual Fundraiser. He thanked the Franklin Rotary Club for all of its support over the last 13 years. And the Franklin Rotary Club thanked him in return for the amazing work that he has done over that same time frame! Be an Inspiration, like Sandy has been.



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The Gift of Giving

Our Rotary Club is giving \$3000 to Polio Plus...

With a matching grant from Bill Gates Foundation this will bring the total donation to \$6000!



**END
POLIO
NOW**

Ashlie's Announcements

July 27—Fundraiser Meeting

BRING IN ALL AUCTION ITEMS.

July 28—Rickman Fundraiser

August 8—District Gov. Isaac Owolabi Visit

It's That Time of Year Again!!!

Calling all Rotary Club of Franklin Rotarians!

We need to sell **49** more tickets to reach our goal this year... Let's all do our best to get out and sell. It is our duty.

We saw some beautiful items brought in for our silent auction. Get your item(s) **THIS WEDNESDAY.**

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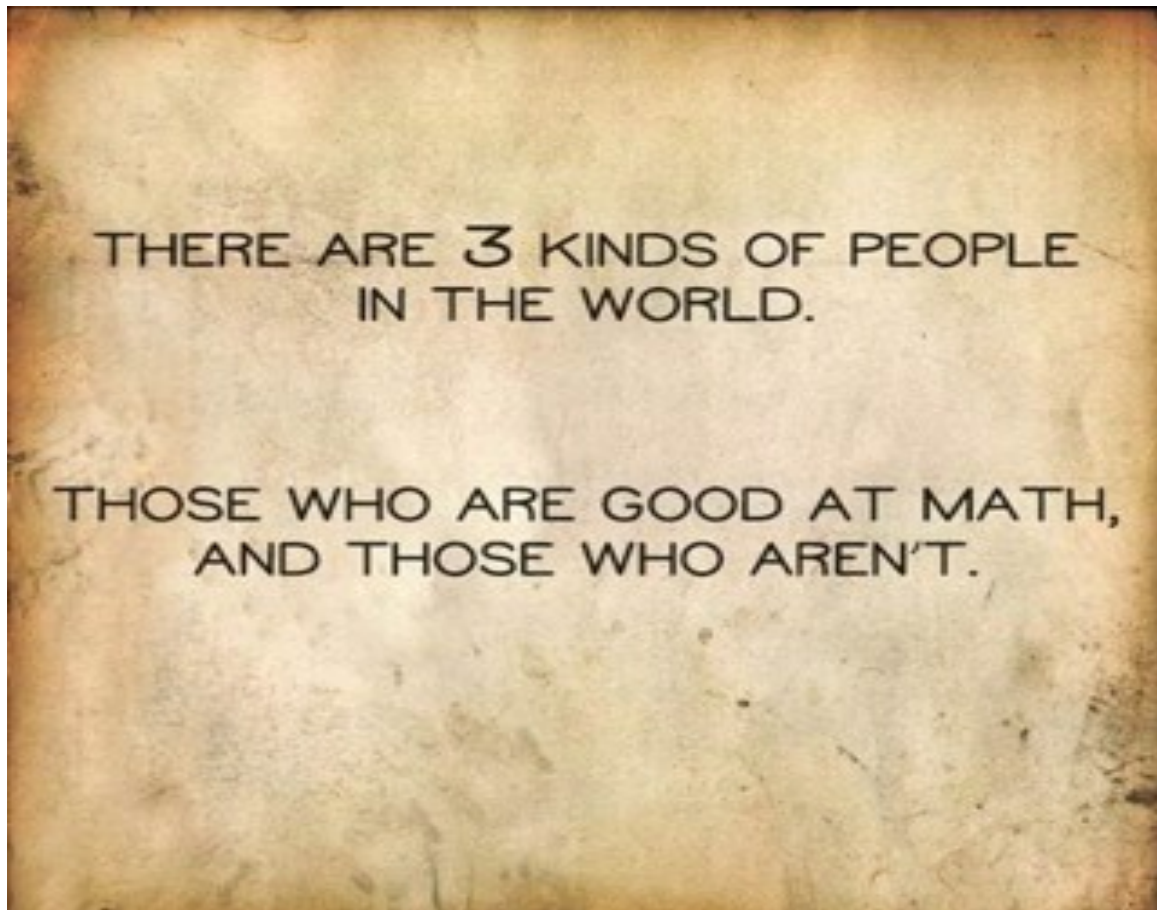
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Fred's Funnies Get It?



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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events

July 27—Fundraiser Meeting

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MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



Program Next

Meeting

Rickman Fundraiser

Meeting



No One won 50/50. Maybe Next Week!