



# FLYWHEEL

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## Top 10 News Stories from 2018

By John Hubsch

**10.** The B-17 exhibit at the Macon County Airport. This historic WW II - era aircraft attracted a huge crowd, especially amongst military veterans.

**9.** Downtown Franklin Parking. The trial period whereby one side of Main Street had to utilize parallel parking proved to be a success and became a permanent fixture, helping to solve a long-time problem that downtown merchants complained about.

**8.** Bodies found in pick-up. Two brothers were found dead in the back of a pick-up truck. It was ruled a homicide but no arrests have been made. The prime suspect is believed to have fled the country.

**7.** Two local town legends turned 100 years of age. Dorothy Crawford was a pioneer in the field of social services for decades and the senior center is named after her. And our own JC Jacobs was a Business Owner, Entrepreneur and Property Developer for many decades and incidently has been a Rotarian for 70 years.

**6.** School Security. Because of all of the national school shooting tragedies, this became a hot topic. And two incidents here in Franklin made this an even bigger issue. It was discovered that several young teenagers had developed a hit list to include fellow students and school staff members. And an individual tried unsuccessfully to enter Union Academy before the police arrived. Both situations were thankfully resolved before any violence occurred.

**5.** Roadwork. The new Town Bridge was finally completed after some delays. And the decision to start building four roundabouts created some controversy here in Franklin. It was also announced that there will be some major road construction in the near future on the Georgia Road in the vicinity of the new Ingles store,

**4.** Incumbents Rule the Midterms. The midterm elections in November resulted in every incumbent seeking re-election winning the majority of votes. There was a large turnout of 58% eligible voters that voted and 56% of the voters chose to vote early. These were high numbers for a mid-term election.

**3.** Opiod Epidemic. The use, sale and distribution of opioids became a major concern here in Franklin, as it has all over the country. It has dramatically increased the crime rate, led to over-crowding in the jails and caused homelessness and broken apart families.

**2.** Shooting Death of Scott Knibbs. Scott Knibbs, a local citizen, was shot and killed in his home by a Macon County Sheriff's Deputy who was responding to a call about a neighborhood disturbance. The deputy claimed that he fired in self-defense after he spotted Knibbs pointing a shotgun at him. An independent investigation was conducted and the deputy was cleared of any wrongdoing. This conclusion was not accepted by many in the community.

**1.** Mission Health. After it was announced in 2017 that our local hospital, Angel Medical Center was dropping it's Labor and Delivery service, it was announced that the hospital's owner, Mission Health, a non-profit company, was being sold to a for-profit company, HCA. This created a great amount of concern for the quality of health care in the future for our community.



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## A Tribute to Rich Peoples

Despite his illness Rich always had an upbeat attitude. He enjoyed each God given day to the fullest. His faith was truly an inspiration.

Rich's positive attitude and brave inspiration has made a lasting impression on me. I will always remember Rich, he was a wonderful person and a great Rotarian

Rich truly did inspire me to appreciate each day and to live with faith and courage. May God sustain Renee and all of their family with comfort and strength in coming days.

A truly sad day for Rotary. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

He was a great guy! He will be missed, thoughts with his family.



Death does not have to be understood, it is a reality with no time given for its appearance. Rich Peoples had lived his life in preparation for this time. Not knowing Mr. Peoples for long, his words of courage and wisdom allowed each of us time to evaluate our own strengths and build upon our weaknesses. Thank you Mr Peoples, you will live on by living within many of us!

A very good man who will be missed by his family including his Rotary family.

Such a great loss! He will be missed!!  
Thoughts with his family!!





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## Polio Plus Recognition for 2017-18



## Paul Harris Fellow

Julia Langley  
was honored  
with a PH + 1

Thank you,  
Julia for com-  
mitting to the  
Rotary Foun-  
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## Students of the Month!



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## Rotary Board of Directors for 2018-2019

**President** –Janet Greene  
**President Nominee** – Patrick Betancourt  
**Immediate Past President** – Judy Chapman  
**Secretary** – Patsy Parker  
**Treasurer** – Jim Garner  
**Club Administration** – Rich Peoples  
**Public Image Committee Chair** – Jimmy Villiard  
**Membership Committee Chair** – Paul Garner  
**Foundation Chair** – Mike Norris  
**New Generation Services** – Robin Jenkins  
  
**Vocational** – John Hubsch  
**International** – Tom Coley  
**Community Service** – Lee Berger  
*Thanks for all you do in service!*

## Program Next Meeting

*Duke Power Operations—Lisa Leatherman*

## Upcoming Events

- January 30th—  
**CART Coin Drop—Bring your Jars PLEASE :)**
- April 26-28—  
**District Conference in Greenville, SC**



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DIFFERENCE

### 50 50 Drawing

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



No-One won  
50/50!!!

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