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# FLYWHEEL

Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC

March 20, 2019

Chartered 10 November 1927 ~ District 7670 ~ Club 6013 ~ Meet Wednesdays at Noon at the First Presbyterian Church

## KEVIN SELLERS

### MACON COUNTY 911 SERVICES

Kevin Sellers has been working in 911 services for almost 28 years. First in Jackson County where he grew up, and later in Macon County when he moved here full time in 1997.

He began his presentation with a little bit of history about the 911 system which was started in the 1960's by the Federal Communications Commission who worked with AT&T. The first 911 call was made by an Alabama senator in 1968.

Currently, Macon County has eight 911 lines with rollover capability, and over 20 additional administrative phone lines. In addition to 911 requests for medical assistance, they also dispatch for agencies such as the Sheriff's Department, Highlands Police Department, NC Highway Patrol, United States Forest Service, North Carolina Forest Service, Duke Energy, Frontier, and more. In 2018 the department dispatched 37,375 calls. 22,372 of those were 911 calls.

Macon County has three EMS bases located in Franklin, Highlands and Nantahala. Three trucks are always on duty in Franklin, while Nantahala and Highlands have one each for those areas. Macon County EMS also has access to seven helicopter services.

EMS employees go through a lot of training. In addition to their medical training, they are trained in the use of Emergency Medical Dispatch Systems, Instant Command Systems, and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) systems, just to name a few. Employees also hold certifications from the SBI and Telecommunications Certificates.

He gave some examples of silly calls they have received over the years, and let us know that during his 27 year tenure, he has delivered two babies.





## PAUL HARRIS +7

**Jim Garner** was recognized for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation. Shown here with Franklin Rotary Foundation Chair, Mike Norris, son and Franklin Rotary member, Paul; and President Janet. For his Paul Harris +7, Jim received a pin with two rubies.

## Students of the

Two students, Olivia Scott, and Maggie Baldwin were recognized this month along with their teacher, Michelle Brooks. Olivia and Maggie are involved with the Franklin High School Future Business Leaders of America, with Ms. Brooks acting as the faculty advisor for the club.

The FHS FBLA has had a very active year, which included raising money for Alzheimer's Disease caregivers.



## Interact

Come out to support the Franklin High School Interact Club by attending the Powder Puff Football game, Friday, April 5

**All Clubs District Conference:**  
**April 26 - 29**  
**Greenville Marriott**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Scholar Banquet**  
**May 4, 2019**  
**Tartan Hall**



# Rotary in the News

Asheville Citizen-Times, March 20, 2019

## Glad to see Rotary Club get kudos

I was really happy to see the article "The chaplain is roughing it with Rotarians" from the chaplain from Auburn, CA. He had a terrific experience in Honduras working with his daughter's charity and seeing the impressive work of the Rotary Club from Central Florida with their partners in the country. The author was surprised, but you can experience this for yourself if you live in Western North Carolina, seek out a Rotary Club in your community.

Rotary International has 1.2 million members around the world, with 2,200 members in WNC that meet to plan good work. We work just as hard on projects in our back yards as in the many parts of our world. If you want to be inspired and put "Service Above Self," visit a Rotary Club for yourself and see just what you are missing. My club meets on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the Country Club of Asheville, join us for breakfast, meet great people, and most importantly have fun.

It was exciting to see our paper print this article; I hope they will cover our local Rotary Clubs too.  
*Cindy Ireland, Weaverville*

Help us Pack  
Backpacks  
for CareNET

Monday  
March 25  
4 PM

NEW MEMBER  
ORIENTATION

MONDAY  
APRIL 8  
5PM  
RATHSKELLER

## Rotary Board & Committee Chairs, 2018-2019

President –Janet Greene  
Immediate Past President –Judy Chapman  
President Elect – Patrick Betancourt  
President Nominee –Bill Swift  
Secretary –Patsy Parker  
Treasurer –Jim Garner  
Public Image –Jimmy Villiard  
Membership –Paul Garner  
Foundation –Mike Norris  
Youth Services –Robin Jenkins  
Vocational –John Hubsch  
International –Tom Coley  
Community Service –Lee Berger



## WORLD WATER DAY

In celebration of World Water Day, Franklin Rotary Member, Paul Garner, demonstrated a water purification system. All members are invited to view a documentary about the work Drake Software is doing in conjunction with Healing Waters. The documentary will be shown Friday at 5:15 PM at Outdoor 76

# Fred's Funnies

We read Thos. Edison  
made light.  
But in SUN. School they said  
you did it.  
So I bet he stoled  
you r I dea.  
sincerely,  
Do N Na

## Quotes from children

Dear God,  
I bet it is  
very hard  
for you to  
love all of  
every body in the  
whole world  
There are only  
4 people in our  
family and I  
can never do it.  
Nan

Dear God  
In bible times  
did they really  
talk that fancy?  
Jennifer

Dear God -  
Please put a -  
nother Holiday  
between Christmas  
and Easter.  
There is nothing good  
in there now.  
Ginny

Dear God,  
I am Amearican  
What are you?  
Robert

Dear God  
Maybe Cain and Abel  
would not kill each so much  
if they had their own rooms.  
It works with my brother  
Larry

Dear God,  
Instead of Letting people die  
and haveing to make new ones  
why don't you just  
Keep the ones you got now?  
Jane

Dear God,  
If you let The dinasor  
not extinct we would  
not have a country.  
You did the right thing.  
Jonathan

### Rotary Next week:

#### Greeter:

John Short

#### Prayer/Pledge/4WT:

Gary Shields

### Upcoming Programs:

#### March 27:

Meals on Wheels Program

#### April 4:

Community Care Clinic