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Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC

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

Dr. Baldwin Gives School Update

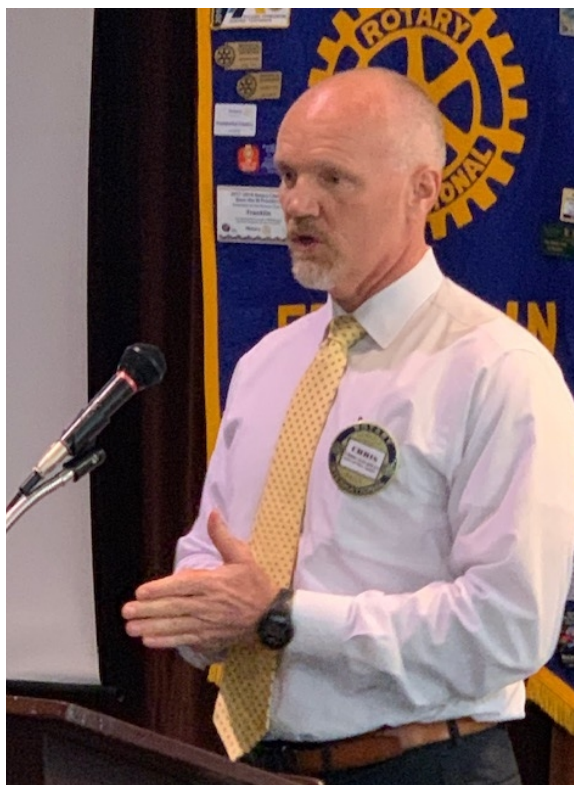
Dr. Chris Baldwin, Macon County School Superintendent and fellow Rotarian, gave an update on our school system. Dr. Baldwin received his B.A. in Biology, M.A. in secondary science and went on to receive his PHD in Education curriculum. He served as principal of Macon county High School from 2010 to 2013 and in 2013 was selected to serve as Macon county school superintendent, a position he has held to this day. In 2008 Chris was honored by being selected as principal of the year.

Macon county has 11 schools, two of which are K-12. We learned that there are only 3 K-12, schools in the state, two of which are in Macon county. Total enrollment for all 11 schools is 4502 students. That breaks down to 420 K-12, 1706 K-4, 705 5-6, and 1320 9-12.

The demographic breakdown consists of 18.6-% Hispanic, 2.35% multi racial and 77% white. 61.3% are economical disadvantaged equaling (2774) students.

The total school budget is \$45,798,310, which breaks down \$56.51 cost per student per day.

One thing I realized was how school has changed from when I attended many years ago. Today they offer robotics, through the STEM program, auto mechanics, as well as



carpentry. The schools offer services to the disabled as well as the hearing impaired.

Our schools have also increased their security measures by adding school resource officers, perimeter

fencing, controlled access, security cameras as well as mental health support.

Chris also mentioned strong community support, by such organizations as Rotary and other community organizations.

Macon county schools rank 47 out of 115 for end of course test scores and are above average in math and reading scores.

Macon county report cards average a B and are continuously striving to improve on that. Our schools are in excellent shape thanks to a dedicated staff of administrators and teachers.

Congratulations Sam!

Sam Blasingame was recognized Thursday night at the **BREW** Meeting for his contribution to The Rotary Foundation. He was pinned by wife Marvilyn, and recognized by the Franklin Rotary Foundation Chair, Mike Norris.



CART Cruise

Leadership from the Rotary Clubs of Road Town, Tortola, and British Virgin Islands hosted Franklin Rotary Club members Dennis Sanders and wife Carolyn, and John Short for a wonderful luncheon aboard the CART Cruise where they shared ideas about the prevention of and the cure for Alzheimer's Disease. Their District Governor Elect also attended.

Bea Had A Birthday!

Dennis Sanders and Bea recently shared emails about their birthdays. Bea is a leap year baby. Below are her words describing her birthday celebration

I know, this year I can't celebrate my birthday on February 29th, but I will be celebrating it almost all week.

good I wish all the Americans could try them, they taste like heaven.

So my family will get together because February the 29th is also my cousin's birthday he is going to be 31 and i will turn 19.

After that I will spend March the 1st with some of my friend and we will go out but I can't come home late because on March the 2nd I'm leaving to go to

will go dancing together.

Yes, This upcoming week is going to be super busy but I'm so exited,

I've never been to Amsterdam so I'm very happy about this new experience.

I was hoping to see Hendrik my german Friend who lived in Charlotte while I was in Franklin, he was a rotary exchange student too.

Unfortunately, he says he can't come visit me because he needs to study, well hopefully we will see each other again sometime in the future.

I really like going to college, I love what i study so I guess it's perfect. Not all my friends are satisfied with what they are studying so I feel very lucky. Also I'm studying a looot because I'm trying to be selected to spend a semester at the GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY in Washington DC to study communication, but only



Firstly I will have a dinner with my whole family and we will be eating Panzerotti, it's a family tradition. They are like very small calzones but fried, they are so so so

Amsterdam with my best friend Elena, we will stay there three days and then last but not least I will celebrate on March the 9th with all my friends and we

two people out of 250 get chosen so I'm not sure I can make it but I surely can try, who knows maybe I will be the one.

Yes I spent New Year's Eve in Rome, it was awesome, I've had such a great time, I stayed with my 4 best friends. We needed a trip like that, and Rome is so beautiful I'm so happy I got a chance to visit it because you know I always look up to see other countries and new cities but Italian cities are also very beautiful and sometimes it's easy to forget that, maybe because they are so close and I know

I can see them everytime I want without many difficulties.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA® Troop 202 (Franklin, NC)

Boy Scout Troop 202, chartered by the Rotary Club of Franklin, would like to invite Rotary members to join them for a Court of Honor celebration March 25 at 6:30 pm, at the Slagle Memorial Building..

Rotary Next week:

Greeter:

Jacob Reiche

Prayer/Pledge/4WT:

Mike Watson

Upcoming Programs:

April 4:

Community Care Clinic

April 10

Shaw Plant Operations

Fred's Funnies

Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.

It was the bathroom, but still....

**They're Not Dangerous
If You Raise Them Right**



**And Neither
Are The Dogs**

EVERY REFRIGERATOR HAS A
CRISPER DRAWER

WHICH IS A GREAT PLACE TO HIDE
YOUR VEGETABLES WHILE THEY
ROT

**When I finish
eating something
I have to show
my hands
to the dog
like I'm a blackjack
dealer...**

**The older you get the
more you appreciate
canceled plans, early
nights,
thunderstorms and
alcohol that is on
sale.**

**WHEN A WOMAN
STARTS LAUGHING
DURING AN ARGUMENT,
SHE'S FLIPPED HER
PSYCHO SWITCH...
AND YOU SHOULD RUN.**