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Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC

April 10, 2019

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

SHAW OPERATIONS IN FRANKLIN

by Sean Gibson

Rotarians got an insight into the recent acquisition of Shaw Industries hardwood plant in Franklin and Bryson City. Chad Christman the local plant manager informed Rotarians of what Shaw does with its primary focus of manufacturing hardwood. There are three different types of wood used in hardwood production to include red oak, white oak and hickory. Lumber is air dried in Franklin then



put in a kiln for 15 to 27 hours. The wood is then pulled and processed upon order and is finished at the Bryson City plant. Chad informed

Rotarians that 60 to 70 trucks leave the facilities each week and more than 10 million feet of lumber is processed. There are roughly 180 employees over both locations.

Shaw purchased Zickgraf Industries ten years ago and late last month the Franklin and Bryson locations were purchased by Beasley Flooring. Beasley operates out of middle Georgia and is a family owned business. The company experienced a billion dollars' worth of annual sales last year with strong growth over

the last 15 years. Jason Dells, CEO of Beasley told Rotarians that there are very community involved and plan to be full throttle for years to come.



Congratulations President Janet



President Janet was recognized by Franklin Rotary's Foundation Chairman, Mike Norris, and pinned by fellow Rotarian and spouse, Vic Greene.

Janet has achieved Paul Harris +7



Attend
Pay your dues
Participate
Learn
Enjoy!

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation was a huge success. There was a great turn-out and Rotarians, young and old, learned a lot about our club and district.

Past President Sanders used an apple to illustrate how to get the most from Rotary Membership.





Franklin Rotary Club will be supporting the **Read2Me** program this year by donating and reading books to kindergarten classes in Macon County Schools. Contact Lee Berger to sign up and read a book to a classroom.

Thank you, Joe Alvarez at **Countryside Chevrolet**, for donating \$1,000 toward Franklin Rotary Scholarships.



SCHOLAR BANQUET

The Scholar Banquet is May 4th at Tartan Hall at 5:30. Spouses are welcome, but you **must sign up**.

*The Rotary
Foundation is
your way to have
in International
Impact!*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ROTARY

APRIL 17

Randy Eaton
WCU Athletic Director

APRIL 24

WCU Nursing Students

APRIL 26-29

All Clubs District Conference
Greenville, SC

MAY 1

No Meeting

MAY 4

Scholar Banquet
Tartan Hall

MAY 8

Exchange Student from
France

MAY 15

Russell Bowling
Elder Care Issues

Rotary Next week:

Greeter:

Fred Alexander

Prayer/Pledge/4WT:

Judy Chapman

Upcoming Programs:

April 17:

WCU Athletic Director

April 24:

WCU Nursing Students

Fred's Funnies

I Ordered a Chicken
And An Egg From
Amazon.

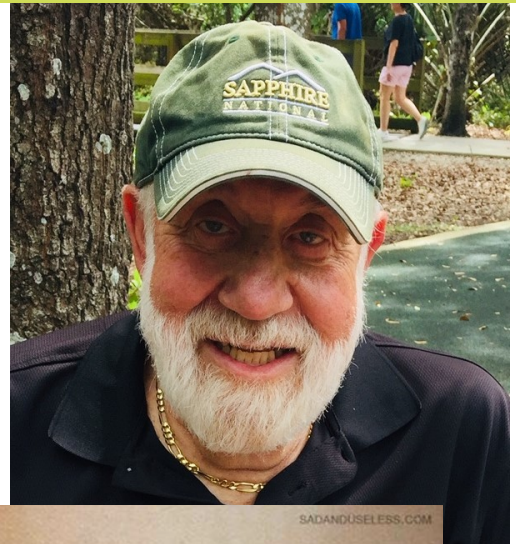
I'll Let You Know.

Dear Donovan,
I tried to come in
and get your tooth
but there were so many
toys on your floor, I
tripped and fell. 
I am going to come
back tonight. Please
Make sure your room
is clean so I won't hurt
myself again
- tooth fairy



Dad get the kids ready for school.

Oh dads...



Since I have started packaging my trash like
this, my neighbors respect me.
They say "good morning" with a smile and
keep the music volume real low.



Why science teachers
should not be given
playground duty.