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# FLYWHEEL

Weekly Online Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC

April 3, 2019

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

## COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC OF FRANKLIN

by Dick Pritts

**Cathy Stiles**, Executive Director of the Community Care Clinic of Franklin, was introduced by former club president Judy Chapman. Judy said that there are about 30 million people in the United States that are not covered by health insurance. Included in that number are many right here in Macon County. That is why the services of the Community Care Clinic of Franklin are so important. The majority of clinic patients are adults who are employed, but hold jobs where the salaries are not enough for them to afford the cost of health insurance. The clinic serves individuals who are under 150% of the Federal poverty guidelines, but do not qualify for programs such as medicaid.

In addition to serving Macon County residents, the Community Care Clinic provides health care services to many people from neighboring counties who do not have access to healthcare where they live.

The clinic is staffed with a couple of salaried staff but primarily by volunteer doctors, nurses, translators and other community residents. Most of the funding comes from grants, county and town funds and donations from the patients and the greater community. Our club has supported the Community Care Clinic with donations over the last several years. The clinic's annual budget is roughly \$200,000 per year.

The clinic is open on Monday and Wednesdays from 5 to 9 and operates through a collaborative agreement out of the Macon County Public Health Services clinic. They diagnose and treat acute and chronic illnesses; assist with obtaining medications at reduced or no costs; make referrals for lab and x-ray services; provide education about disease management and prevention; provide behavioral health counseling and provide information on other available services in the community. The clinic has set their services up to be similar to those of any medical clinic and are developing a patient portal system.

Cathy indicated that the clinic is always looking for volunteers and those who also can converse in Spanish are especially in demand. At the end of Cathy's presentation President Janet Greene presented the Community Care Clinic of Franklin, NC the club's latest donation in the amount of \$2,000



# Rotary Young Leaders Academy

This past Thursday, Friday, Saturday and most of Sunday, 75 young leaders and 18



Rotarians/Rotaractors from the 22 counties of District 7670 gathered at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mt to share a potential life changing event – RYLA. The location was new, the format was new, and the time of year was different. Happily, attendance was at a seven-year high.

The young leaders experienced team building on the Alpine Towers, the Low Ropes, individual speaking opportunities, Archery, and Disc Golf among other things. One of the most popular sessions was 'The Walk of Courage' where all had an opportunity to discuss events in their lives which they might not have otherwise shared. They learned they were not alone in those experiences. They also made new friends with people from across Western North Carolina.

***Disc Golf was a big hit with the kids. Franklin Rotary Club member, Kyle Ledford served as coach.***

Throughout, Rotarian and RYLA guru John T. Capps provided continual enthusiasm reminding all that Attitude, Commitment and Enthusiasm are



primary characteristics of good leaders. That message was reinforced by world renown motivational speaker Meridith Elliott Powell and Franklin's



# RYLA continued

own, JennieV Sorrells.

The Rotary Club of Franklin's Olivia Swift, Camille Villard from FHS, Alex Mescher and Gracie Spoon from Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School attended. From all indications, they loved it.



*Franklin Rotary  
Welcomes New  
Member  
Joseph Griffith*



**Rotary Next week:**  
**Greeter:**

Dennis Sanders

**Prayer/Pledge/4WT:**  
Everett Stiles

## APRIL 5

FHS Interact

Powder Puff Football

## APRIL 8

New Member Orientation

Rathskellar, 5 PM

## APRIL 10

Shaw Plant Operations

Chad Christman

## 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

## Upcoming Programs:

### April 10:

Shaw Plant Operations

### April 17:

WCU Athletic Director

# Fred's Funnies

**Amazing new lipstick  
that helps you lose  
weight...**



Stick a Turkey leg in a sneaker and let  
your dog patrol your yard.



This little guy told his Dad that he wanted  
to learn how to train his dog and his Dad  
said there were lots of dog training  
videos on YouTube.  
So here he is, showing them to the dog!



**My two hobbies are smoking marijuana  
and rescuing stray cats.**



My grandma talking to my mom about  
her new hearing aid, "it's the most  
expensive one you can buy, it cost me  
\$4,000"

My mom: "What kind is it"

My grandma: "it's 4:15pm"