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WCU NURSING

by Lee Berger

Dennis Sanders introduced Cheryl Clark, a professor of nursing at WCU. She then introduced two of her students, Andie Ervay and Abby Franks, sophomores at Western, who made the trip to Jamaica recently. Using slides taken during the trip, the students shared highlights of their trip.

This is the seventh year for this program, and 19 students have already signed up for this year's upcoming trip. While in Jamaica, the students get their first day at a resort and at the end of the trip, a half day for swimming and zip lining, but the remainder of the time is spent organizing health fairs or visiting private homes offering medical supplies, as well as health information.

Prior to leaving the United States, the students are engaged in fund raising projects to defray the expense of the trip. They also spend time gathering medical supplies and school supplies to take with them on the trip. Last year the group took nearly 20 suitcases of supplies. Unfortunately, customs confiscated some of the supplies including glucometers which are needed by persons with diabetes.

As the students discussed each slide, one could feel their excitement and hear the joy in their voices as they remembered their trip. They shared a picture of 'The Fruit Lady', a Jamaican woman who sold fruit outside their hostel. The group stayed in Southfield, a community near Montego Bay, but they traveled the southern area of the island by van. Dr. Clark mentioned the high cost of just the gasoline, nearly \$2,500 that is needed for this travel in the area.



The Health Fairs and school visits offer eye screenings,

blood pressure checks, blood glucose testing, dental and basic hygiene information. Many of the residents will walk miles to come to the clinics and remember the groups from previous years; something that was surprising to both Andie and Abby.

In the Infirmary, the students noted the lack of air conditioning and the number of beds "crammed together in one area—maybe 50-80." Then at one of the preschools visited, the students had the opportunity to engage in some baby care as well as meeting a competition dance team. They also distributed the school supplies, which they brought from the states as well as medical supplies needed in schools.

Closing their talk, the students noted how well the group bonded even though the group pulls students from both the Asheville campus as well as the Cullowhee campus. It was obvious that this experience made an impact on each student who goes each year.



FRANKLIN ROTARY RECOGNIZES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Shanlee Angel organized the March Madness Special Needs Ballgame.

Sydney Giaquinto, student body president, organized the Christmas Talent Show.



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"Reading Matters in Macon"

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sign up to read a book to a
classroom.



**Thanks Rotarians for the
end of the year CART push**

**Remember,
No Meeting
Next Week.**

**See you at
the Banquet.**

Fred's Funnies

A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get the hell out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "And I hope you die a long, slow, and very painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

