



# FLYWHEEL

Weekly Online Newsletter  
of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC



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## The Future of Rotary

Tom Coley and his wife Beverly (Daybreak Rotary) presented Wednesday's program titled "The Future of Rotary" through a series of slides that he captured with his camera from a session at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany in June.

His take-away?—Rotary must CHANGE and the International organization is addressing this effort after a period of surveys, focus groups and conversations. This is not a "top-down" goal statement, but rather one that has come from the "grass roots" of our organization.

Our new Vision Statement is an action plan to make change a reality: Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.

After this slide was projected on the screen, Tom even asked us to read the action statement in unison.

Some of the shifts that we will begin seeing are not radical changes, but gradual changes, always keeping in place our basic values.

· Technology has certainly changed our world; no longer do we need to come together (like over a meal) to connect with another person. Information can be shared over one's smartphone.



**Franklin Rotarian, Tom Coley**

· Demographics are shifting; there is a movement to the more urban areas, our population is aging (as is the average age of a Rotarian); the working population has doubled over the years.

- Our social connections have changed; all service clubs are competing for the same population and people's commitments to social needs are shifting—local to global.
- Rotary's internal structure needs to be less complex; we need to focus on leadership vs. tenure.

We will continue to make things better in our world, but we don't need to wait for the plan to be perfect. We can join efforts with other organizations, we can be more diverse, we can anticipate change and go with it. We can be CHANGE CHAMPIONS.

And as Past DG, Gary Dills pointed out in closing, RYLA, Interact and Rotaract are all part of our Rotary future, so when he asks for money, plan to be generous.

**Article contributed by Lee Berger**



**President Patrick presented  
Mike Watson with the  
Spirit of Service Award.**

**Fundraising Chairs,  
Kyle Ledford (left), and Jacob Reiche (right)  
pictured with Ed Shatley, who won \$8,000  
at the Rickman Fundraiser  
last weekend.**



**It's not too late to get credit for your Rickman Fundraiser  
volunteer hours.**

**Enter them on DACdb or turn them in to President Patrick or Patsy.**

### **Rotary Next Week:**

#### **Greeter:**

Bud Siler

#### **Prayer/Pledge/4WT:**

Mike Norris

### **Upcoming Programs:**

#### **August 14:**

Cory McCall - Outdoor economy

#### **August 21:**

District Governor Tiffany



# Fred's Funnies





