



# FLYWHEEL

Weekly Online Newsletter  
of The Rotary Club of Franklin, NC



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by John Hubsch

**Gary Dills** presented today's program regarding the RYLA, which is held annually in the spring each year. Next year it will be held from 26-29 March 2020. In 2019, 87 young people of high school age signed up and 75 graduated. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary Clubs and districts. Attendees must each be sponsored by a Rotary Club and the cost to each attendee is \$300. Gary stated that it costs \$30,000 to run this program annually. This past year he was joined by fellow club members Dennis Sanders, Paul Garner and Kyle Ledford. Gary opined that this year's event was very successful and the only complaint that he heard was that there was a lot of walking!



Activities included Alpine Tower, Rock Climb, low rope/team building and several excellent guest speakers. The hope is that when the weekend is over, participants will go back to their communities and connect with other local leaders and also build communication and problem-solving skills.

Gary stated that what each Rotary Club can do is help identify future leaders, through places like schools, church and job sites and then try to get them involved. Rotary

members can also find sponsors, help provide funding sources and volunteer to become mentors. Mentors are expected to stay thru the weekend and help lead the discussion groups. Paul Garner and Kyle Ledford spoke briefly about their great experience at RYLA this past year and how it impacted their lives. Jimmy Villiard also spoke briefly on behalf of his daughter, who attended in 2019 and enjoyed it immensely.

Gary noted that the Interact club (ages 12-18) is going very strong this year at Franklin High School and Janet Greene is starting up a new club at Macon Middle School. He ended his presentation by saying that anyone in the club who is interested in mentoring will get as much out of this experience as the young people attending.



## RICKMAN WINNER

**Richard Rhodes** was co-winner at the Rickman Fundraiser this year. This is not his first win. He has been a Rickman winner before.

Jacob Reiche, and Kyle Ledford are shown here presenting a check for \$8,000 to Rhodes (center). Rhodes shared this year's \$16,000 prize with co-winner, Ed Shatley.

**We will have a CART-Drop parade soon. See Don to get a blue jar if you don't have one.**

## *Rotary Has Homework?*

**Homework for next week:**

Do you know why Polio Plus is still important?

Rise Against Hunger  
November 2, Noon



## The Four-Way Test

*of the things we think, say or do.*

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- 1 Is it the truth?
- 2 Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- 4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**Franklin Rotary Club** brings the Four-Way Test to all 7th graders at Macon Middle School. Our club has sponsored this project for years. Rotarians meet with a small group of students and read scenarios that are based on real-life for what that age group is going through. In each scenario the Rotarian guides the students through how to handle difficult situations using the Rotary Four-Way Test.

4WT sign-ups will start soon. Please volunteer your time to help with this very valuable program.



Rotary Club of Franklin  
President, Patrick  
Betancourt, installing  
the Satellite Rotary  
Club Officers.

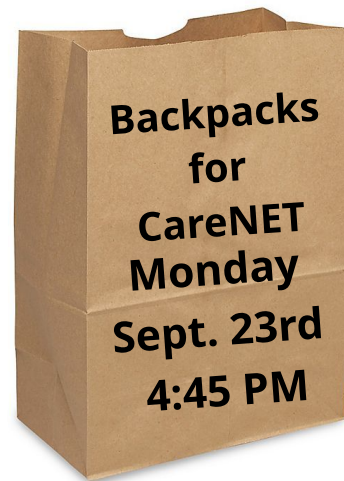
From left to right, Chad Williams, Secretary, Doug Houston, Vice-Chair, Alicia Gooder, Treasurer, and Guy Gooder, Chairman.



# Mark your calendars



**BREW Club will meet  
Thursday, August 29,  
at the Lazy Hiker  
at 5:30 PM**



**District Conference:  
April 24 - 26  
Columbia Convention Center, SC**

**PUMPKIN RUN 5K** **SATURDAY OCT. 19**  
**8:30AM REGISTER 9AM START**  
**5K/RUN OR WALK \$25**  
**1 MI. FUN RUN/WALK \$10**  
**BIG BEAR SHELTER @LITTLE T GREENWAY**



**Run or Walk in your Pumpkinfest Costume!!**  
**Preregister @ [RaceEntry.com](http://RaceEntry.com)**

**Rotary**  
Club of Franklin  
Satellite



**Little Tennessee River Cleanup**  
sponsored by Franklin Rotary  
Satellite and Mainspring  
September 7, 9 AM

# Fred's Funnies



**Rotary Next Week:**

**Greeter:**

Jim Garner

**Prayer/Pledge/4WT:**

Wayne Berryhill

**Upcoming Programs:**

**September 4:**

Polio Plus

**September 11:**

International Lighting Project