

Rotary



Club of Franklin Daybreak

2020-21 Rotary Citation

By George David Waechter
Friday, September 4, 2020

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Your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club can earn a Rotary Citation for achieving goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community.

Citation for Rotary Clubs

Citation goals can be found in [Rotary Club Central](#). To achieve the Rotary Citation, review the 25 available goals, select at least 13, achieve those goals, then report your achievement in Rotary Club Central.

Citation for Rotaract Clubs

Rotaract clubs that achieve the Rotaract goals by the end of the Rotary year will earn a citation.

Only Rotaract clubs that are listed as active in Rotary International's database can earn the citation. To confirm that a club is active, Rotarians can check the Listing of Club-Sponsored Organizations in [Rotary Club Central](#).

All activities need to be completed by 15 August.

The Rotaract club president or Rotary sponsor club president can nominate a Rotaract club by completing the [online nomination form](#) for the citation by 15 August. Only one nomination should be submitted for any

Yonder, Real Food, and Community

By Angela Dills on Friday, September 18, 2020



Hannah and Alan Edwards joined us at Tasse Shelter this morning to share their story. After Covid and their former landlord curtailed their previous business model(s), Yonder now sells local, organic food at their new location in town. They are passionate about Eating Real Food and its effects on our bodies and local community.

Claire Suminski, Cowee Sam, and mentorship opportunities

By Angela Dills on Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Thank you, Claire Suminski, for all you do for Franklin. Claire shared her children's books today in honor of September's Literacy theme. She also spoke about her work and opportunities to serve as mentors to students at East Franklin and Union Academy.



Upcoming Meeting Schedule

September: Basic Education & Literacy Month

Sept 22: via Zoom: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426> 924

Program: Tiffani Tallent; Greeter: Billi Black; Invocation: Ed Shatley; 50/50: Chuck Sutton

Sept 29: Fifth Tuesday social at Fred Jones's cabin up Wayah. Dinner served at 6 pm. Please plan to stay until at least 7 pm as the road up is one-way. RSVP to Fred. More details to follow via PMail.

October: Economic & Community Development

Beginning in October, we plan to meet at the First Methodist Church. A Zoom option will be provided for those preferring to attend virtually. (<https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426> 924)

Oct 6:

Program: Ronnie Beale; Greeter: Aaron Garrett; Invocation: Jeff Butler; 50/50: Mike Martone

Oct 7: Board meeting. 8 am. Location TBD.

Oct 13

Program: Arthur Phalo; Greeter: Luke Smith; Invocation: Tiffani Tallent

Events

No Events found

given Rotaract club.

Citation for Interact Clubs

Interact clubs that achieve the [Interact goals](#) by the end of the Rotary year will earn a citation.

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All activities need to be completed by 15 August.

The sponsor Rotary club's president completes the [online nomination form](#) for the citation by 15 August. For Interact clubs with more than one sponsor club, only one nomination should be submitted for any given Interact club.

How and why I became a Rotarian - Zach Claxton

By Zach Claxton Friday, September 18, 2020



I took a rather unconventional path into Rotary. Retiring from SunTrust Bank in Atlanta in 2002, my wife and I moved full-time to Highlands in 2004. A longtime friend of mine and former President of the Farmington, Maine Rotary, was concerned that I might not have enough to do in my retirement. In the spring of 1985 he asked me if I had ever considered Rotary. At the time, I knew virtually nothing about the organization. He got my permission to contact our club President to recommend me.

The then President, Selwyn Chalker, asked our Secretary to invite me to a meeting. I went and right away I knew I belonged. That first day I didn't know anyone, but everyone was friendly. As the meeting ended, a Rotarian at my table told me to come back

Birthdays

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Wedding Anniversaries



[Michael Martone](#)
September 22nd



[Luke H. Smith](#)
September 24th



[Kristy Firkins Smith](#)
September 24th



[Vicki Lawrence](#)
October 7th

Years of Service



[Teresa Murray](#)
5 Years



[John Evans](#)
3 Years



[Ward Collins](#)
2 Years



[Bryson A Burt](#)
0 Years



[Dana Murray](#)
0 Years

anytime. Now I'm sure he was just being nice, but at the time I didn't know that. I started coming to every meeting, not knowing that I was supposed to come as the guest of a specific Rotarian, and had no idea that I would need a member to sponsor me into the club.

I simply showed up every Tuesday, paid for my lunch, and felt right at home. When the Sergeant-at-Arms called for guests, I would raise my hand and introduce myself. After about three weeks of this, I guess he got tired of recognizing me. He told me that since I was always present, there was no reason to keep calling myself a guest. I suppose no one had the heart to tell me to stop coming.

The first event needing volunteers was the Fourth of July cookout and I signed up. From that point I volunteered for every service opportunity that came up. I soon became friends with many Rotarians. Ignorance is bliss.

After continuing to come every week through the summer and into the fall, one Tuesday, as I signed in as usual as a visitor and paid my lunch money, the Secretary told me that I had been recommended to become a member, and in October, 2005, I became an official Rotarian. The Past President, who had invited me to the first meeting decided to be my sponsor. I suppose the board figured that since they were not going to get rid of me, they might as well invite me to join.

I never aspired to be President, but in late 2019 I was asked to become President Nominee for the 2021-2022 year. Then, at the last minute, the President Elect for the 2020-2021 year had circumstances arise that prevented him from serving, and I was asked if I could move up to take his year. So here I am, loving every minute.

Rotary will continue to evolve, finding new ways to expand membership and service. I suspect we will continue to expand our reach through technology, and will find innovative ways to be more inclusive.

Club Leaders



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Angela Dills
President-Elect
Club Admin Chair



Dana Murray
Secretary



Vicki Lawrence
Treasurer
Youth Services Chair



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International Service
Chair



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Ronald F. Winecoff
Rotary Foundation
Chair



Tiffani G. Tallent
Youth Services Chair



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Chair



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