

Rotary



Club of Johnson City

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Birthdays

David Brown
November 23rd

Benny Carringer
November 24th

Kip Parks
November 25th

Jacob's Nature Park at Sinking Creek-Bill Francisco

By David Strickland on Tuesday, November 22, 2022



During his second year of service in Peace Corps Ecuador, community leaders asked Bill to help develop a sanitary system that could prevent illnesses in the isolated river community where he had been introducing beekeeping and community gardening to the local youth. Bill garnered support from the Ecuadorian Ministries of Health and Agriculture to convince families that compost latrines were the most practical sanitary development for the time in that region. By the end of Bill's Peace Corps service in 1991, over 200 individuals and the Chimbo River benefitted from a sanitary system of compost latrines. Bill befriended a hardware store owner in the nearby city of Milagro, who was a Rotarian and instrumental in procuring material and municipal support for the latrine project.

In 2004, Bill was enjoying a successful law practice and his family that had grown with two sons, Jacob and Joshua. Life drastically changed that summer when Jacob, who was six-years old, died from an unknown source of *E. coli* 0157:H7 bacteria. The irony of this tragedy is that Jacob's Ecuadorian family could unfortunately understand this happening in their country, but it couldn't be possible in the United States of America.

Shortly before Jacob got sick, he declared that he would be famous, but he couldn't say what his fame would be. Bill and his family worked with many friends to fulfill Jacob's declaration – now believed to be famous for inspiring and saving lives. For many years, Bill spoke to students throughout the Johnson City school system, ETSU and Milligan students, and social clubs to raise awareness of *E. coli* dangers and risk prevention. In 2009, Bill began working with the local, non-profit organization, Boone Watershed Partnership, when he learned of the dangerous levels of *E. coli* bacteria in Sinking Creek and BWP's efforts to restore the stream to safe water quality. Certain events led to the Johnson City Morning Rotary Club becoming a significant partner with Boone Watershed Partnership, the City of Johnson City, and hundreds of volunteers for fundraisers and awareness campaigns. Those collaborations led to the development of the municipal environmental education park known as *Jacob's Nature Park at Sinking Creek*.

Ben T. Siler
November 27th
Kevin Cole
November 27th
Andrew
Darlington
November 29th
William Joe
Grandy III
November 29th
Lori Bishop
December 2nd
Brackton Smith
December 2nd
Brent Welch
December 4th
Michael Hensley
December 7th
Adam
Haselsteiner
December 19th

Wedding Anniversaries

Judith Camak
November 24th
James Shupe
November 30th
Heather Cash
December 3rd
David Brown
December 11th
Richard Scott
Jeffress
December 11th

In 1990, Bill worked with the community to address a public health concern and water quality along the Chimbo River in Ecuador. Ironically, decades later, he found himself working with the community to address a public health concern and water quality along Sinking Creek in Johnson City. Now, Jacob's Nature Park at Sinking Creek serves Johnson City and guests from around the world to address public health and environmental concerns in a peaceful, diverse setting where people experience "Jacob's Magic."

New Member Spotlight-Patrick Ennis

By David Strickland on Tuesday, November 22, 2022



Boyd Sports, LLC announced Patrick Ennis as the general manager of the Johnson City Doughboys, effective Oct. 3. Ennis takes over the reins from Kiva Fuller after spending the 2022 season as the Doughboys' assistant general manager.

Ennis will be entering his 12th year in baseball, four of them in the Coastal Plain League with the Fayetteville SwampDogs, where he served as the director of ballpark operations, and six of them in the Carolina League with the Carolina Mudcats, where Ennis served as the director of promotions and fan experience.

"First off, I am humbled and want to thank both Chris Allen and Jeremy Boler for this opportunity to lead the Doughboys organization moving forward," Ennis said. "The future is bright here in Johnson City and all it has to offer. I look forward to continuing Kiva's hard work over the past two seasons in making TVA Credit Union Ballpark a beacon of fun in the area!"

Ennis is originally from Fayetteville, N.C. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke after playing baseball for two years at Rockingham Community College.

"I am very excited to announce Patrick as our new general manager of the Doughboys," added Boyd Sports vice president Jeremy Boler. "Patrick has done a remarkable job in his short tenure with the team. What Patrick has been able to accomplish in such a short amount of time, makes perfect sense for us to promote him to general manager. We are looking forward to him leading the franchise."

ZOOM Login Information



Rotary Club of Johnson City Zoom meeting information.

12:00 PM Eastern every Tuesday

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87262952174?pwd=Z25UM0V1UGRWaitmdVIURVB2ckJhUT09>

One tap mobile: +16465588656,,87262952174#,,,,*783335# US (New York)

Other telephone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 872 6295 2174

Passcode: 783335

5th Tuesday Social Tiebreakers Johnson City, Tn

By David Strickland on Monday, October 17, 2022



Mark your calendars for the 5th Tuesday Rotary Social November 29th at Tiebreakers in Johnson City! Loads of games, food and a perfect time to build Rotary relationships. Please sign up at the table!

Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed!

By David Strickland on Monday, November 7, 2022



**Bell Ringers
Needed!**

History of the Red Kettle

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking,

praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

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Speakers

Events

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Club Meeting

Johnson City
Meets at Johnson City Country Club
1901 E Unaka Ave
Johnson City, TN 37601
Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM