Rotary



Club of Franklin Daybreak

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Club Leaders



Rick VanGilder iPast President President



<u>Dale B. West</u> President -Elect



<u>Audrea</u> <u>Shields-Burch</u> President-Nominee



<u>Katelyn</u> <u>VanderWoude</u> Secretary



<u>Angela Dills</u> Past President Treasurer



Billi J. Black Membership Chair Past President



Benjamin
Joseph
Rodriguez
Past
President
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Ronald F. Winecoff Sergeant-at-Arms



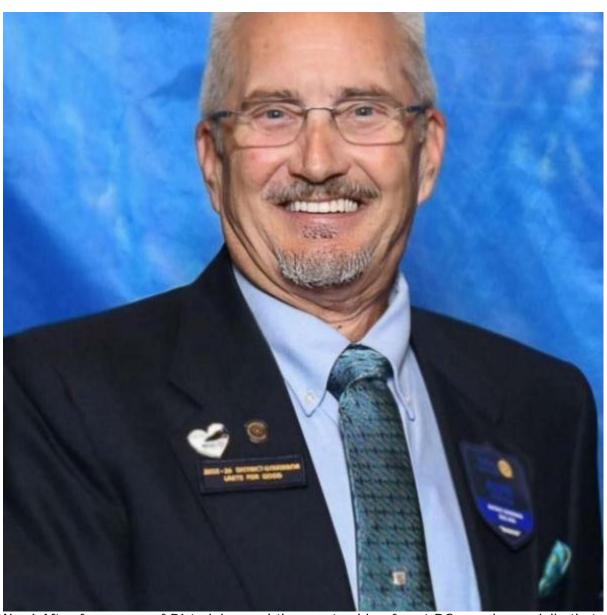
Luke H. Smith Community Service Chair



<u>Lindsay</u> <u>Wright</u> Club Public Image Chair

<u>Fred Jones</u> Diversity Equity &

District Governor to visit Aug. 5



Wow! After four years of RI training and the mentorship of past DGs, and especially that of IPDG Connie Molland, I am already hitting the ground running as the new DG with Club installation invites galore! I won't be able to attend all your installations during this initial flurry of activity, but will be visiting the majority of you between now Sept. 25 as I've front-loaded my "official DG visits." I'll be at the Franklin Daybreak Club meeting on Aug. 5.

We had a very enjoyable District and Club Installation celebration in Marion on Saturday 28 June with close to 90 Rotarians, spouses and friends of Rotary present as we thanked Connie and introduced the Rotary Year '25-'26 District Leadership Team and all our Club Presidents. There will never be enough words to express our gratitude to Connie for her tireless and enduring work in our Hurricane Helene recovery and rebuilding effort. Instead



Past President <u>Lawrence</u> RYLA Point of Contact Interact Club Sponsor **Past** President Youth **Protection** Officer

Inclusion



Kristy Firkins <u>Smith</u> Club Admin Chair Past President

of the traditional "thank you" gavel, we created a custom plague for Connie that substituted the gavel with crossed rakes and shovels to underscore the uniqueness of her tenure as DG, having stewarded over \$5 million in recovery funds and sweat equity into 7670 so far! As IPDG, Connie will remain heavily involved in our recovery efforts.

As we were all affected by Helene, many of the original District goals that Connie set were overcome by events. As the DG line continues our long-term planning, I've rolled many of her goals over into this new Rotary year as those goals remain a part of our overall objectives. We are already well underway in trying to reach the goal of 4 new Clubs and working towards the goal of at least 100 new members this year! Continue to raise funds for your Clubs and RI so we can continue to make an impact locally and globally! You'll hear more about these topics during my club visits, but don't wait - continue to recruit new Rotarians into all of our Clubs!

Here are a few important "save the dates" right away to put on your calendars:

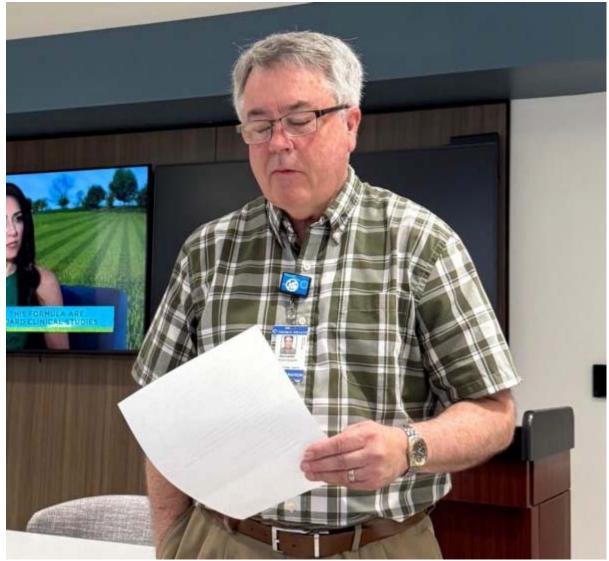
- Saturday, 16 August, is our District Membership & Foundation Summit.
- 11 October is our next iteration of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) courses,
- Friday 1 May 2026 is our one-day District Convention at the Tryon Equestrian
- 13-17 June 2026 marks our next Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan!

Start saving now for RICON in Taipei! Registration is already open, and I hope we can get at least twenty-five 7670 folks to attend! Keep your eyes open for these events and more in our DACDB events calendar!

I am looking forward to meeting so many more of you, - not only during my official Club visits but also to any events you'd like me to attend in support of your Clubs, -- after all, that's what the District Leadership Team and I are all about – supporting you and your Clubs to ensure our continued success! Be LOUD, Be Proud, Be Rotarian!

DG Alpo

Making meetings more fun



Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak President Rick VanGilder led the club in a discussion regarding the things we can do to enhance membership including: expanding communication, engaging new members in activities, and making meetings more lively.

Upcoming programs

Aug. 29 – Program Lindsay Wright (Honduras Missions update); Greeter Vicki Lawrence; 50/50 Dave Jones; Invocation Roger Plemens.

August 5 – Visit from District Governor Alpo Portelli.

Save the Date – Got a Rotary Prospect? August 26 – Discover Rotary with Billi Black

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



<u>Lindsay Wright</u> August 3rd



Roger Plemens August 14th

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Years of Service



Fred Jones 22 Years