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Dance Arts Co-op teaches students the art of dance

By Keith E. Bowers on Wednesday, July 26, 2023



Analese Vaughn (Left) and Kelly Penland (Right) of the Dance Arts Co-op visited Rotary Club of Franklin-Daybreak to explain the benefits of children and young adults getting involved in Dance. The Dance Arts Co-op operates out of the Cowee School and currently has approximately 60 current students. Kelly Penland started her dance teaching career at Betsey's School of Dance here in Franklin, and still maintains contact and relationships with her earliest students. Now located at the Cowee School, Kelly set a goal of expanding dance education in Macon County. Kelly informed attendees about how dance education teaches confidence, respect, and a healthy lifestyle, while decreasing depression rates in its participants. Analese began her dance education at a very early age, while Kelly was teaching at Betsey's School of Dance. She has maintained her love of the art, continuing her education in ballet as a rising-senior at Rabun Gap Nagooshee School. Analese is working to further the dance education in Macon County by helping to establish a scholarship fund for less-fortunate children in Macon County to still be able to attend dance classes. Each year, the Dance Arts Co-op hosts summer dance camps for students 3-19 years old, and even puts on staged performances. Last year the dance troupe showed The Nutcracker Suite and this year will be presenting A Midsummer Night's Dream. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about the Dance Arts Co-op, please contact DANCEARTSNC@gmail.com.

NC Senator Kevin Corbin talks about the need for broadband

By Keith E. Bowers on Wednesday, July 26, 2023

North Carolina State Senator Kevin Corbin met with members of The Rotary Club of Franklin-Daybreak on the morning of 7/25/23 to discuss a myriad of issues impacting his constituents. Senator Corbin currently represents the 8 western most counties in North Carolina and has been a State Senator since January 2021. He previously served our area for two terms in the North Carolina State House of Representatives, and prior to that served as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners in Macon County and as Chair of the Region A Council of NC



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Senator Corbin strives to improve the lives of those he serves. In his current role, Senator Corbin worked to gain bi-partisan support for Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina, leading to insurance coverage for those who could previously not afford or qualify for coverage. Now, Senator Corbin is working to improve broad-band internet coverage for our area.

Senator Corbin explained how he is working to secure grants and additional funding to make high-speed internet available to all in Western North Carolina, while also describing how there is not a one-size fits all approach to ensuring internet availability. Working hard to ensure funding on both state and federal levels, Senator Corbin has helped to secure funding and provider buy-in to help realize this goal.

We wish to thank Senator Corbin for taking time out of his schedule to meet with our Club. Senator Corbin can be contacted at his offices at: KEVIN.CORBIN@NCLEG.GOV or by phone at his District Office in Franklin at 828-524-7799.

Events

Save the date:

Spaghetti Dinner will be Sept. 11 at First United Methodist Church. This a great opportunity to fellowship with fellow Rotarians while raising funds for our annual projects. See Kristy Smith to sign up.

Birthdays



[Roger Plemens](#)
August 14th



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