

# Rotary



## Club of Franklin Daybreak

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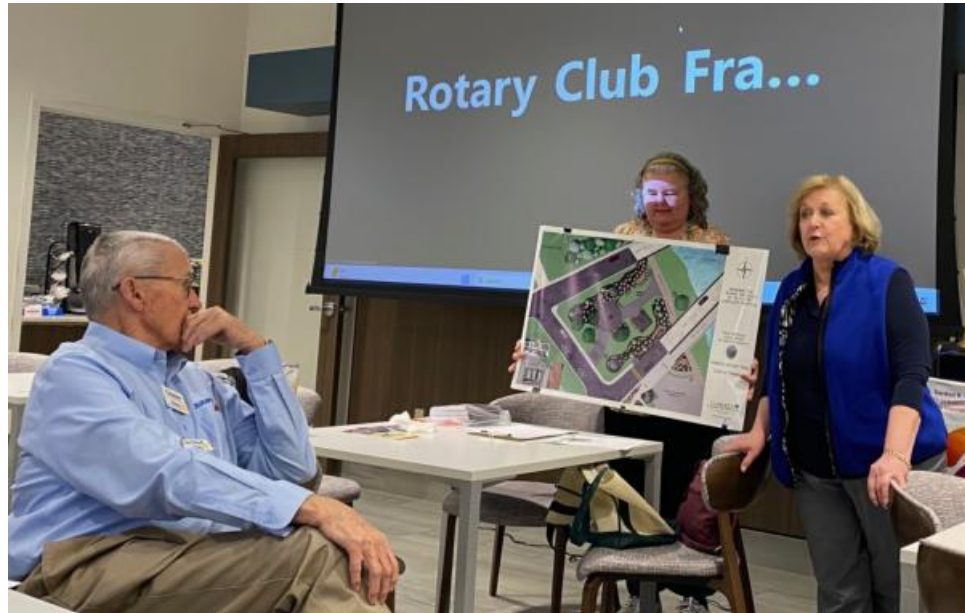


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Emily West  
Youth Services Chair

## Sowing the Seeds of the Future - The trailhead for Franklin's Women's History Trail



Anne Hyder and Claire Suminski of the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County (FHAMC) presented to our club on the morning of Feb. 6 regarding Franklin's newest sculpture project "Sowing the Seeds of the Future". This project began to take root more than 5 years ago as the brain-child of Barbara McRae, and has been brought to life by the nationally known, and Highlands - based, sculptor Wesley Wofford. The sculpture features three women, each with a distinct history and tie to our area. Through 5 years of planning and hard work, FHAMC is proud to announce the unveiling scheduled for March 23, at 11 a.m. The sculpture will be placed in a newly formed "Pocket Park" in downtown Franklin at the intersection of E. Main Street and Big Bear Lane. The Town of Franklin recently approved the appropriate name for the park as "Women's History Park" and it will serve as the Trailhead for Franklin's own Women's History Trail. As we move closer towards the unveiling of the statue, work is being done to prepare the new park. Richard Clark of Clark and Co. Landscape Services has taken on the project (with rendering of proposal below). Although there have been many generous donations, in order to fulfill the long term vision of the project, more is needed. To learn more about the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, the Women's History Trail, or to donate to this incredible cause please visit: <https://www.folkheritageassociation.org/womens-history-trail-franklin-nc.html> [Read More](#)



Keith E.  
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## Rotary named Best Civic Organization



The Rotary Club of Franklin and the Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak was voted the Best Civic Organization in Macon County by the Readers of the Franklin Press in the 2023 Reader's Choice Awards!

## Meetings & Events



### Upcoming meetings & events

We've got some exciting Rotary Programs scheduled for the next month and we'd love to see your faces. Remember we meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Angel Medical Center Cafeteria.

**Feb. 10: Save the Date:** Mint to Be, Feb. 10, 6 p.m., @ Discover Church. Food tasting, live auction, music. Benefits Together We Can. Tickets available at the door!

**Feb 13: Check presentation.** The Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak will be presenting a check to the Macon Bots STEM club at 3:30 pm at the Industrial Park. Our board voted to fund the program in the amount of \$3,600. Join us for the presentation and see what the Macon Bots Club is creating in their lab.

**Rise Against Hunger:** 9 a.m., March 23, Sylva First United Methodist Church. Our club donated \$500 toward this project. Join the Sylva club in packing meals during this event. This a Rotary International Project! Industrial Park Feb 13 at 3:30

**Save the Date:** District Conference April 19-20, Greenville, SC

### Events

No Events found

### Birthdays



[Ward Collins](#)  
February 8th



[Dave Jones](#)  
March 8th

### Wedding Anniversaries



[Fred Jones](#)  
February 10th

### Years of Service



[Roger Plemens](#)  
26 Years



[Charles Sutton](#)  
26 Years



[Teresa Murray](#)  
9 Years



[Ward Collins](#)  
6 Years



[Gregory L. Mullins](#)  
3 Years



[Keith E. Bowers](#)  
1 Year



[Robert W. Cook](#)  
1 Year