

# Rotary



## Club of Franklin Daybreak

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Teresa Murray  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Benjamin Joseph Rodriguez  
iPast President  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Rachel Hoskins  
Club Public Image Chair  
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## It's all about the kids



Members from the Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak and First United Methodist Church teamed up for a workday at KIDS Place in Franklin on Saturday, Feb. 22. Volunteers from both groups assembled bookshelves and unpacked dozens of boxes that had been stored in the basement of KIDS Place new offices on Georgia Road.

Both organizations have been donors to KIDS Place – FUMC Franklin sponsored the new children's waiting room and interview room at the Georgia Road location, while Rotary Daybreak will be installing an outdoor meditation area for staff and clients.

KIDS Place executive director Alisa Ashe said the Saturday morning workday was a "labor of love" from the organizations involved.

KIDS Place is a private, non-profit agency, where a multidisciplinary team made up of representatives from the Department of Social Services, law enforcement, District Attorney's Office, medical providers, child therapists, and others can interview children about reports of abuse, perform medical exams and provide counseling in a home-like environment.

## Donation buys books for Owen



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Chair  
Club  
Service  
Chair



Kristy Firkins Smith  
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Raising  
Chair  
Club Admin  
Chair



Fred Jones  
Diversity  
Equity &  
Inclusion



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Officer  
Youth  
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Beverly Mason  
Club  
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Chair



Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak president Rick VanGilder presented a check for \$2,000 to Alicia Rogers, Media Specialist at Owen Middle School in Swannanoa. The community surrounding Owen Middle School was hard hit by Hurricane Helene which destroyed the school's athletic fields and flooded several campus buildings. The school's library is dependent on Fall book fairs to raise funds to purchase new books for the library. In the wake of the storm and the damage to the community, those book fairs were canceled. The funds donated by Rotary Daybreak will be used to add new books to the library shelves.

## Are you Cyber safe?



Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak member Nathan LiBasci presented a program on 5 simple cybersecurity practices every small business should follow during a meeting of the Daybreak Club on Feb. 25.

1. Use strong passwords and multifactor authentication.
2. Backup data regularly
3. Keep software updated
4. Beware of phishing
5. Protect your workstation and wi-fi equipment.

LiBasci said that small businesses in small towns are prime target for cyberattacks because they're perceived as easier to exploit. His advice, follow these five easy steps to protect your business, your customers, and your reputation.

LiBasci is the owner of Wired in Franklin, NC.

The Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak meets every Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Angel Medical Center Cafeteria.

## Rotary Leadership Institute set for March 29

Rotary District 7670 is excited to announce a **District RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)** event on **March 29** at **Crossroads Church in Asheville**. This is a fantastic opportunity for Rotarians looking to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their understanding of Rotary's impact.

## Event Details:

- **Date:** March 29th
- **Location:** Crossroads Church, Asheville
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM
- **Cost:** \$95(includes lunch)

We are offering **all three parts** of the RLI program, designed to provide Rotarians with the tools and knowledge to become stronger leaders within their clubs and communities. Whether you're a new Rotarian or a seasoned leader, this event will help you build on your leadership capabilities and make a bigger impact in Rotary.

The **\$95 registration fee** covers all three parts of the program as well as lunch, so you can focus on learning and connecting with fellow Rotarians throughout the day. Visit Rotary District 7670 to register or for more information.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow as a leader, connect with fellow Rotarians, and strengthen your understanding of Rotary's vital work. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Events

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## Birthdays



[Dave Jones](#)  
March 8th



[Fred Jones](#)  
March 22nd



[Beverly Mason](#)  
March 28th



[Rick VanGilder](#)  
March 31st

## Wedding Anniversaries

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## Years of Service



[Dale B. West](#)  
15 Years



[Benjamin Joseph Rodriguez](#)  
3 Years



[Eugene Anderson Hancock Jr.](#)  
3 Years

