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TODAY'S SCHEDULE, DECEMBER 17th, 2018

- 11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
- 12:15 President Jim Ferguson Presiding
Team 1 Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:30 Year in Review & Outlook (Ferguson) / Christmas Carols (Griesser)
- 1:00 Meeting Adjourned

PROGRAMS

DECEMBER	TEAM
24 Christmas Eve - No Meeting	
31 New Year's Eve - No Meeting	
JANUARY 2019	TEAM
7 The Boone Conservancy - Exe. Director <u>Dave Geohegan (Froelicher)</u>	2
14 Club Assembly / New Member Pinning Ceremony (<u>Schneider</u>)	3
21 Martin Luther King Day - No Meeting	
28 History of Boone County Government. Judge <u>Tony Frohlich (Howard)</u>	4
FEBRUARY 2019	TEAM
4 Cincinnati Art Museum. <u>Carrie Atkins Maras (Steffen)</u>	5
11 President's Day / U.S Grant Historical Society. <u>Patrick McGlade (Froelicher)</u>	6
18 Presidents Day - No Meeting	
25 Art Wave. <u>Jodi Perry, (Froelicher)</u>	7
March 2019	TEAM
4 Living with Purpose. <u>Tony Aloise, (Froelicher)</u>	8

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD MEETING THIS MONDAY: 1:10 P.M. will be our last board meeting and of the year.
THIS MONDAY: Last regular meeting of the year.
VOLUNTEER HOURS FROM JULY 1ST TO NOW: Give to [Carrie Herrmann](#), 859-628-7796.
SEEKING 8 NON-PROFIT CSP (Community Service Partners) **FOR NEXT YEAR.**
STEINFORD TOY FOUNDATION: Any cash donation for STF should be made payable to the Florence Rotary Foundation and noted for STF and given to Billy Santos or Greg Palmer. The foundation will match gifts up to \$500 from our members.
5/18/19 NKY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. This is a Rotary Signature event coordinated by the Covington Club. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars.
6/1/19 RI CONVENTION. [Click](#) to register. Location is Hamburg, Germany.
THANK YOU JULIA PILE! Our Rotary Facebook page is making an impact. Between 11/15 - 12/12 our Facebook Posts reached 4.1K with 690 Post Engagements.
REWARDS POINTS SIGN UP: Kroger [click](#) here. Amazon [click](#) here.
ROB'S KIDS: Thank you to all who donated the 186 bags of games, blankets, and toys. They were delivered last week to Cincinnati Children's Psychiatric Hospital College Hill .

Rotary Clubs Come to Rescue in Gatlinburg Fire

Written By: Patrick Moynahan (Florence, Kentucky – December 3)

In the wake of devastating natural disasters, someone has to do something immediately, says Pigeon Forge (Tenn.) Rotarian Jerry Wear.

That, someone, were the five Rotary clubs in Sevier County following the Chimney Tops 2 Fire that killed 14 people, injured 134 and damaged or destroyed more than 2,500 buildings around Gatlinburg, Tenn., in November 2016.

Volunteers from the five Rotary clubs took the lead in providing emergency assistance as soon as the fire was contained.



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Kelly, Louis	20-Dec

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They converted a 125,000 square foot warehouse into a disaster relief center that ultimately distributed \$4.6 million in food, clothing and household goods, according to Wear.

“Committees are not what you need when people don’t have a place to go, they’ve lost their homes, they’ve lost their cars and they’ve lost family members,” he said.

Wear described how Sevier County Rotarians quickly mounted a massive relief effort at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Florence on Monday, Dec. 4. He said the fire, which started near a remote hiking trail in the Great Smoky Mountains, spread out of control when winds reaching 87 mph hit the area four days after the fire began.

“Embers were blowing two miles ahead of the fire line,” Wear said. “When it hit a roof, the home burst into flames.”

Emergency response personnel quickly evacuated 14,000 residents and tourists. All but three hotels opened rooms for people driven out of their homes by the fires, according to Wear.

That took care one of the first priorities: a place to stay. Rotarians went to work to take care of the other immediate needs: food and clothing. Donations of clothing poured in but only 20 percent of it was “new, gently used and appropriate,” Wear said.

“It’s not appropriate to wear bikinis and sandals in winter,” he joked.

The Rotarians put 450 people to work sorting the clothing. They baled unusable items and raised \$43,000 by selling them. They bought additional food items, clothing, and medical supplies and Rotarian pharmacists set up a drug store.

In the first two weeks, the Rotarians received four tractor-trailer loads of Pop Tarts, but “people cannot live on Pop-Tarts alone,”

Wear said. Then came canned meats and 48,000 pounds of beans. When supplies ran low, the Rotarians called the district governor who would line up a donor.

An average of 3,500 people a day came to the distribution center, according to Wear. A volunteer walked each person through the center to ensure they received everything they needed and didn’t take things they didn’t need.

“We even had more staff than Wal Mart,” Wear joked.

Then came an angel, he said. Dolly Parton, the country music legend who operates Dollywood in Pigeon Forge. She arranged a benefit that raised \$17 million. She also gave every person who lost their home \$1,000 a month for five months and \$5,000 the sixth month, according to Wear.

“But if it weren’t for Rotary, the disaster would have been worse,” he said.

