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Next Week's Meeting...



Carver



Higgins



Roe

Harry Carver, Jane Higgins, and Paola Roe will speak next week on the Franklin County Community Fund, a permanent charitable resource that supports local causes and organizations which is celebrating 10 years of impact in Frankfort.

A local advisory board puts donations of all sizes to good use by making grants to meet the needs and vision of the community. They partner with individuals, businesses and nonprofits to make Franklin County a better place to live, learn, work and play. In the past, they have contributed to, and collaborated with, the following projects:

- Parks and Recreation Christmas Tree
- Wanda Joyce Robinson Scholarship Program
- Kings Center in collaboration with Franklin County Rotary Foundation
- Franklin County Council on Aging
- Franklin County Humane Society
- Mission Frankfort Clinic
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Frankfort - 3 year pledge
- Give Me Shelter
- Save the Grand Theatre - Voices from the Balcony
- Family Circle - Fast Track Program
- Grant to the Wanda Joyce Robinson Foundation

Opening Exercise and Greeter Mar. 5, 2025

Opening exercise will be Chris Helvey
Greeter will be Grant Smith.

Board Action Feb. 26, 2025

Attending: Gary Stratton, Dudley Ellis, John Avent, George Gill, Nancy Kirkwood, Tish Shade, Lee Troutwine, Andrew Kent, Bill Scott, Bill Miller, Sherrill Smith, Rick Harned, and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the January 15, 2025 board meeting. Tish Shade made the motion, second by Nancy Kirkwood.
- Membership Director Tish Shade reported that she has some new member application she will be sending out. Tish also reported that she has \$1,800 in Sponsorship money for the Mardi Gras Ball event on March 4. The Spaghetti Dinner will be 4/8/25 and the Froggatta will be 5/29/25.
- Listened to the finance report from January 2025 presented by John Avent.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Dudley Ellis reported that there is \$1,315 in the weekly raffle at this time.
- International Service Director Bill Miller noted that the International Dinner committee needs to meet and pin down a date for the dinner.
- Youth Service Director Andrew Kent reported that he has one contestant so far for the Speech Contest, and hopes there should be more to sign up. He also noted that our club will sponsor the Regional Speech Contest this year but didn't have the date at board meeting time.
- Rotary Youth Fund President Bill Scott reported that they have around \$10,000 for the "Queen of Hearts" raffle.
- Public Relation Nancy Kirkwood reported that she has been advertising the Mardi Gras on the radio.
- President Gary reported that PETS/SETS will be coming up for those attending this year, also he will be working with John Avent to fill out papers for the club a 501(c)(3) status.
- Approved new member Anthony Cox contingent upon no negative response after publication in the weekly newsletter.
- Scheduled next board meeting for March 19, 2025.

Information on the Mardi Gras fundraiser is on the next page!



We thank Rick Harned for speaking at today's club meeting.

The Rotary Club of
Frankfort Presents

MARDI GRAS BALL

Who will be
crowned Mardi
Gras King &
Queen?? Wear
your best Mardi
Gras attire and
you could be
the royalty of
the night!



Make reservations!

Please join us for our First Annual
Rotary Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball
held at Memories Event Venue
811 Louisville Road (next to DaVinci's)
Fat Tuesday, March 4th from 6-9 pm.

Tickets are \$65 for 1, \$120 for 2 and \$350 for a table of 6.

Purchase tickets [here](https://givebutter.com/RotaryMardiGras): <https://givebutter.com/RotaryMardiGras>

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John Avent +1	Dudley Ellis	Don Nunnelly +1	Maree Barney-Sutley
Pat Badgett	Charles Geveden	Wayne Onkst	Stephen Sutley
Karen Bearden	George Gill +3	Tim Pennington	Richard Taylor
RB Brown +2	Polly Green +2	Paula Rarden	Mary Thomas
Angela Bullock +4	Teresa Hockensmith	Brenda Rice	Christopher Thompson +2
Bob Bullock +8*	Barry Holder, Jr. +1	Christine Richards	Lee Troutwine +2
Kristin Cantrell +*8	Barry Holder, Sr. +8*	Jim Richardson +1	Tom Utterback
Ron Christopher	Joyce Honaker +8*	Bill Scott	Dennis Van Horn +1
Dustin Cole	Joe Johnson	Michael Scrivner +1	Dick Watkins +3
Don Dampier +1	Arthur Kelly +1	Tish Shade	Dave Weller +8*
Ed Dance +2	Harry Kirch +2	Len Sherrill +8*	Presley Winner
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