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Next Week's Meeting...

Barbara Mathis has served as the Backpack Snack Program point of contact for Franklin County since the 2023-24 school year. She also serves as the Family Resource Center (FRC) Coordinator at Bridgeport Elementary since 2015. Having grown up in a low-income family, living on welfare, and living with food insecurity and later becoming a foster child, the Backpack Snack Program is something she holds dear to her heart.



See next page to find out how to help!

Opening Exercise and Greeter September 23, 2026

Opening exercise will be Angela Bullock
Greeter will be Micka Beckman

Board Action Sept. 16, 2026

Attending: Grant Smith, John Avent, Andrew Kent, Miranda Marston, Dudley Ellis, Bill Scott, (Proxy votes for Gary Stratton, Tish Shade, Steve Dooley) and Paula Rarden.

- Approved the minutes of the August 19, 2026 meeting, with correction to the spelling in bullet point 6 for Gran to Grant. Bill Scott made the motion, second by John Avent.
- Acknowledge resignation of Chris Thompson due to relocation of his job.
- Listened to the August 2026 financial report from John Avent.
- President Grant Smith discussed the Ghana water, sanitation and hygiene project that fellow Rotarian Patience Edziah is proposing that a Rotary Club get a grant for our club help with it. No action taken.
- Youth Service Director Andrew Kent reported that our club will have two students from Franklin County High school attend the RYLA Conference on September 26.
- Andrew also reported that one of our deceased Rotarians has left money to the FRYF and will receive it once the Youth Fund has updated their Corporate Resolution.
- FRYF president Bill Scott noted that Steve Dooley has sent out the Capital Fundraiser letters asking for donations for the scholarships.
- President Grant discussed possibilities for fundraising.
- President Grant noted that the Rok-n-for- Kids Chili lunch will be October 21, 2026. The cost will be \$7.00.
- Scheduled the next board meeting for October 28, 2026.

RI 2027 Convention Registration Opens Sept. 17

The 2027 Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain is set for June 26-30. Early bird registration opens September 17, 2026 at 12:01 am Evanston time. You can find the registration links on convention.rotary.org. Be sure to register by 11:59 pm Evanston time on September 21! After that prices increase by nearly 40% and then go up again on April 1, so DON'T WAIT. You have FIVE DAYS to get the best possible rates. You can also book your hotels beginning September 17. We look forward to welcoming you in Barcelona!



Rotary Shirts

We're going to try and put together an order for Rotary shirts. If anyone is interested please go to the Russell Hampton website ([HERE](#)) under Rotary items and look at what shirts they have to offer. If you find one please write the item number down the amount and the size then let Paula Rarden know. If we can get enough shirts to order then shipping won't be as expensive.



World Polio Day is October 24

Since launching the PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary and our partners have made incredible progress toward eradicating polio. We've celebrated vaccination milestones, cheered as regions of the world were certified polio-free, and contained wild poliovirus to just two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

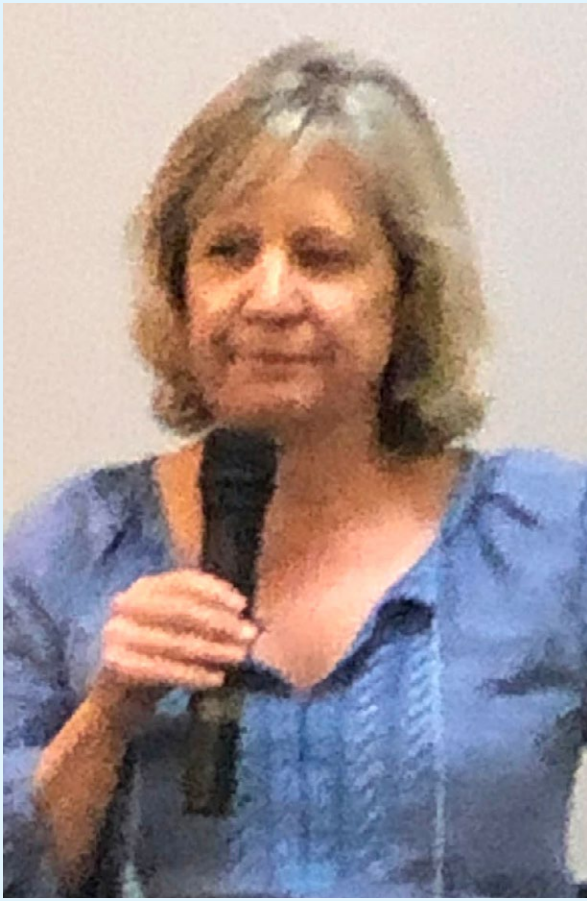
But polio anywhere will always be a threat to children everywhere. We made a promise to the children of the world: One day, they won't have to fear being paralyzed by polio.

This is why it's so important for Rotary and Rotaract clubs to use World Polio Day on 24 October as an opportunity to raise awareness and funds. Explore the resources [HERE](#) and use them to inform your community about the incredible progress we've made toward eradicating this disease.

World Polio Day is only a few weeks away, and we want to know what your club is doing. Whether you're hosting your own activity or participating in a district or zone event, tell us about it! To eradicate polio, we need everyone's support.

Together, we end polio.

We
thank
Laura
Hagg for
speaking
to our
club
today.



Rotary Dues Reminder

Just a reminder about the current Rotary Club dues being sent via email to members. The Rotary dues notices were emailed to our members for the 7/1/26 to 12/31/26 period with several option to pay: Cash, Check, Money Order, and now Venmo (scan the QR code below)



Backpack Snacks Program of Frankfort and Franklin County donations needed!



Serving 200+ students weekly
*Bluegrass Headstart
*Frankfort Independent Schools
*Franklin County Schools

Donations can be dropped off at
Fit Time For Women or
Bridgeport Elementary School.

Need someone to pickup your donation?
Please Email:
Barbara.Mathis@franklin.kyschools.us
or call (502) 237-4865

What To Donate:

- Ramen Noodles
- Microwavable Soups or Meals
(Chef Boyardee)
- Cracker Sandwich Packs
- Pudding (non-refrigerated)
- Applesauce (plastic cups or
squeeze packs)
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Granola/Fruit Grain Bars
- Mac & Cheese Cups
- Other individually packaged
snacks or meals

Monetary Donations can be sent to:
Backpack Snacks Program
c/o Barbara Mathis
10 Doctors Dr.
Frankfort, KY 40601

Rotary's Four-Way Test

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings.

Of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?