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ROTARIANS HONORED



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Hickory Rotary Club honored two members during its June 19 meeting. Linda Lutz was named Rotarian of the Year for her efforts serving on many club service committees and her leadership in member services. Dan Kirby received the Heart of Rotary Award for his many years of service as treasurer, assistant treasurer and sergeant at arms.

Chapter honored at state convention

Nu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, received a Superior Award for chapter achievement at the recent Eta State Convention in Greenville. A Superior Chapter Achievement Award is the highest award possible with only eight chapters out of 106 earning that distinction. In recognition of the honor, Nu Chapter was presented with an engraved crystal vase to commemorate this Presidential Achievement Award.

Nu Chapter members attending the 80th annual Eta State Convention included chapter president **Donna Rudisill, Amanda Moose, Carol Bostian and Sonia Foster**. Eta State (NC) is a part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honor society that promotes personal and professional growth of women educators and excellence in education



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Shown (from left) are Sonia Foster, Donna Rudisill, Amanda Moose and Carol Bostian.

globally. Rudisill and Bostian presented a workshop session, "Informing Your Members with Google," with Foster serving as their facilitator. In addition Foster, Moose and Bostian participated in the convention chorus, which provided music during convention sessions and the Ceremony of Remembrance. Nu Chapter members **Angie Blalock** and Bostian also received recog-

tion at the convention. Blalock, webmaster, was awarded an Excellence Award for the Nu Chapter website. Bostian, editor of Nu News, received an Excellence Award for the chapter newsletter.

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Graduate receives President's Volunteer Service Award

Nicole Taylor, a recent graduate of Hibriten High School, was honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award. The national award, granted by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognizes Americans of all ages who volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country.



Nicole Taylor

Taylor was nominated by administration and support personnel at Hibriten High School. During the last five years, she made significant volunteer contributions at school and throughout her community:

- » Summers of 2009-11 — Assisted with vacation Bible school at Lower Creek Baptist Church.
- » 2010-12 — Volunteered for Optimist Club during youth football and baseball seasons; duties included collecting gate money, working conces-

sions and assisting cheer coach for youth cheer team.

» August 2013-present — Serves as Sunday school teacher for youngsters at Waterlife Church.

» 2013 Youth Football Season — Collected gate money and worked concessions for Lenoir Moose Lodge.

» 2013 — Volunteered at Spring Special Olympics in the Caldwell County Schools.

» Mission Trips — Involved in two trips

to Atlanta with youth group, where she went to apartment complexes and helped teach children about Jesus in a "back-yard-type" vacation Bible school.

» Lower Creek Elementary School — Volunteered at five school festivals.

"The most meaningful to me is teaching a Sunday school class with 4- and 5-year-olds each Sunday," Taylor said. "Seeing them learn about Jesus is so rewarding."

Taylor, who is the daughter of the late **Charles**

Brown and Donna Taylor, graduated from Hibriten High School and will attend UNC-Greensboro in the fall and plans to pursue a degree in biology. "Her willingness to give back to her school and to her community exemplifies what this award encompasses. She is genuine example of a true student leader," Hibriten High principal **David Colwell** said.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS TRAINED



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Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care trained 17 teenagers to serve as VolunTEENs during its recent workshops. Shown standing (from left) are Jenna Doll, Sydni Hall, Sarah Laity, Noah Smith, Dylan Moore, Bren Woods, Ahna Robbins, Glenna Walsh, Tianna Picklesimer, Lily Stamper, Caroline Burch, Irza Jan, Tynsley Gilchrist, Madeline Mesa and Jessica Joplin. Seated are Cayley Wilson and Kelly Gomez. To learn more about the VolunTEEN program, call Crystal Burch at 828-754-0101.

Department head receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Thomas Frost, department head of mathematics in the Western Piedmont Community College science, engineering and mathematics division, received the annual Excellence in Teaching Award.

Each year, Western Piedmont Foundation honors a member of the college's full-time curriculum faculty, nominated by his or her peers and students, for dedication to the teaching profession.

Selection criteria recognize extraordinary efforts as a teacher; service to the profession, the college and the community; involvement with present and former students; and evidence of innovative or special efforts in teaching.

Frost has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Clarion University in Pennsylvania and a master's degree for mathematics teaching degree from

the University of New Hampshire.

In addition to his instructional duties, Frost also recently served on the North Carolina Community College System Curriculum Improvement Project for Mathematics and as the vice chairman of the steering committee for WPCC's 2014 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Reaffirmation.



Jim W. Burnett (left), WPCC president, presents award to Thomas Frost.

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