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- When you have completed your 30 minutes, click on Request Makeup (also at top) and donate if so inclined (recommended amount is what you might normally pay for lunch at your club and simply helps to maintain the site)
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Rotary Spoke

Hickory Rotary Club

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Can you believe that one-half of our Rotary year is already over? Today's program is our mid-year club assembly with a couple of twists. Of course, your board will spend a little time reviewing what we have done, where we are and where we are headed. For instance, did you know that our club succeeded in obtaining a District Simplified Matching Grant? Today we will present Patrick Daily of the Hickory Landmarks Society a check for our contribution to the historical restoration of the Boy Scout Cabin that was originally built by this club about 70 years ago.



John Rambo, as the "chair," will formally kick off "Rotarian Idol 2012," as we are just three months away from

our big event and only fund raiser. I am sure that part of his comments will center on each and every one of us contributing in some way to the success of this event.

Finally, we will get to hear stories of a Rotarian, who recently passed away, allowing us to get to know "up close and personal" a truly unique personality that made a difference to this club and to the city of Hickory. (Hint, one of our members recently wrote a letter to the editor calling this person a real "cheerleader" for our city.)

So come early and fasten your seatbelts; this is not going to be just another club assembly!

Hickory Rotary Club 2012 Fundraiser

3rd Annual Rotarian Idol Auditions, January 26 & 29, 2012

Hickory, NC - January 4, 2012 - Hickory Rotary club has announced dates for its musical fundraiser, *Rotarian Idol*. The event will be held on Saturday, March 17, at 7 pm in PE Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Auditions will be held at The SALT Block auditorium on January 26, 6-9 pm, and January 29, 2-5 pm. There is no limit to age or place of residence, but professional singers will not be allowed to audition. A \$5 fee is required. One hundred percent of the money raised will be used to benefit education throughout Catawba County.

The Title Sponsor will be Lenoir-Rhyne University, and the successful fundraiser will be chaired by Rotarian John Rambo. Ticket Sales will be chaired by Past-Presidents Allen Finley and Guy Guarino; Advertising Sales chair will be Past-President Steve Mull. "Education is very important to our club and has been for decades," *Rotarian Idol* committee member Lamar Mitchell said. Rambo expects this year's event to raise between \$50,000 and \$60,000. In past years the Hickory Rotary Club has raised nearly \$1 million through live TV and silent auctions. To reach this goal, the Rotary Club will sell 1,450 tickets at \$20 each. Advertising for the show program will be sold in \$500, \$250 and \$125 increments.

A total of 20 contestants will be chosen to compete for the \$2,500 First Place prize and a \$1,000 Second Place prize. A new addition to this year's event will be an "Audience Favorite" vote for a \$500 prize. In addition, ticketholders in attendance will be eligible to win several door prizes. The contestants will be judged by a panel of three music industry professionals. *Rotarian Idol* replaces the popular *Education Alive* television auction, which the Hickory Rotary Club used to raise funds for education for five years. Students continue to utilize monies raised from the successful event. "It's exciting to know that we've already made a \$100,000 impact on education for everyone in the county," Finley said.

Photo: Rose Mary Cheek



Addison Fox

When I was asked to write an article for the Spoke back in November, I said "No Problem!" At the time there was a lot going on in the world, and the holiday season was upon us. My, how times change!

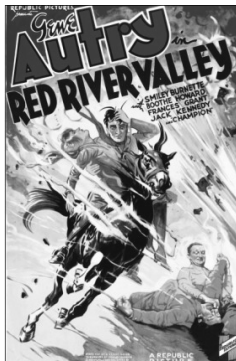
As I sit here typing this letter, the only things on my mind are how crazy work is and how excited I am about the upcoming birth of my son. I guess that is the trick, when you are a part of a organization such as Rotary. As a Rotarian we have to prioritize what is important in our local area as well as the world. With our big fund raiser event right around the corner, as a club, we need to focus on how we can achieve our goals for the upcoming year. We all have a lot going on in our lives that can distract us from the goals we strive to achieve. I am so excited about this year with this club and about what we are going to do.

I apologize for the shortness of the letter, but I think my wife and I both have a case of baby brain!

Dear Rotarian,
This is a reminder that your dues of \$100.00 are payable by January 20, 2012.
If your balance is not paid in full by that date, the Hickory Rotary Club will not pay your dues to Rotary International and your membership in Hickory Rotary will be terminated.
Sincerely,
The Board of Directors

We all have ability. The difference is how we use it. — Stevie Wonder

Song of the Day



From this valley they say you are going,
We will miss your bright eyes and sweet smile,
For they say you are taking the sunshine
That has brightened our pathway awhile.



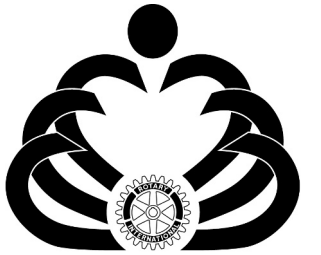
Rotary Leadership

All Rotary clubs are members of the global association Rotary International, which is overseen by an elected RI president and Board of Directors. The RI Board is responsible for establishing policy for Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation is a charitable organization supported solely by voluntary contributions. Managed by a Board of Trustees and trustee chair, the Foundation provides financial support to help Rotary clubs and districts work together on meaningful, sustainable service.

Rotary's general secretary, who is the chief executive officer, manages the 800-member Rotary staff who serve Rotarians from RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, and several international offices. The general secretary is a member of both the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

Every Rotary club and every district (groups of clubs) selects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2011-2012 Rotary Theme

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The Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Last week...

Our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Bryan Beckler (left), spoke to the club about his experiences in Cape Town, South Africa. Shown here with father, Eric Beckler.

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Club Assignments

Date	Today	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb
Program	Club Assembly	Wallace Johnson	Ann Stalnaker	Dean Proctor
Rotary Moment	John Millholland	David Millholland	Michael Stumpff	Andrea Surratt
Raffle	Anthony Alderman	Jeff Butler	Steven Walker	Sandi Fothering-
Visitors	Ed Nesbitt	Jan Bohmuller	Dan Duke	Addison Fox
Greeter	Susan Vincent	Scott Anderson	Jennifer Clark	Rich Duncan
Music	Larry Robinson	Larry Robinson	Larry Robinson	John Ross
Message	Addison Fox	Clarence Pugh	Rose Mary Cheek	???