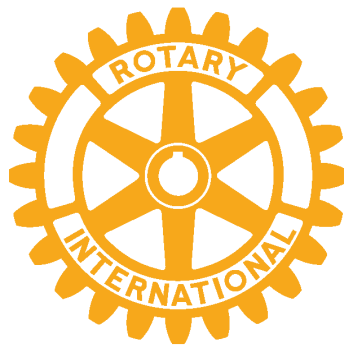


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Today's Program: Kimberly Propst, Jeff Neuville, and CVCC's Apprenticeship Catawba



We have with us today Kimberly Propst and Jeff Neuville from Catawba Valley Community College. They'll discuss CVCC's Apprentice program.

Kimberly Propst (pictured at left) is the Apprenticeship Coordinator at CVCC in Hickory. She earned her AAS Degree from CVCC in Commercial Art and Advertising Design and then went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Graphic Arts and Photography Technology from Appalachian State University. She was a graphic-design instructor before taking the position of Apprenticeship Coordinator at CVCC. Ms. Propst works with Apprenticeship Catawba, which received the 2016 NCWorks Governor's Award for Innovative Partnership and the 2016 NCWorks Youth Apprenticeship award. She currently resides in Hickory with her two children. She may be contacted at kpropst@cvcc.edu.

Jeffrey L. Neuville (pictured at right) serves as Director of the Small Business Center at Catawba Valley Community College, one of fifty-eight centers in North Carolina dedicated to helping start new businesses and helping existing small businesses grow and prosper. Mr. Neuville and the CVCC Small Business Center were recognized as a 2018 Center of Excellence for Innovative Services and Collaboration for programs to introduce students to entrepreneurship. Mr. Neuville has served as President and CEO of \$50 to \$100 million companies in the textile industry and the distribution industry, where he was recognized as the Hosiery Association's Manufacturer of the Year in 2001. Mr. Neuville has served on the boards of the Science Center, United Arts Council of Catawba County, the SALT Block, and is currently on the board of the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Mr. Neuville graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.S. in Business Administration and from the University of Maryland with a Masters in Business Administration.



Club Business and Announcements

Also today, four Students of Distinction from CVCC will be recognized. Today's Students of Distinction Program will recognize four students of Catawba Valley Community College. CVCC hosts four schools: School of Business, Industry, and Technology; School of Academics, Education, and Fine Arts; School of Health and Public Services; and School of Access, Development, and Success. Within these various schools over 60 programs are offered to meet the needs of numerous career paths. Overall, about 25% of the student body is in college-transfer programs.

Due to its vast offerings and qualified staff, CVCC was one of only four of the fifty-eight community colleges to achieve "Excellence Level" on four or more of the eight Performance Measures for Student Success. Catawba Valley Community College truly understands the needs of our local community and thus strives to be an integral part of building skillful workforce candidates groomed for success.

Today we have the honor of hosting the following students: Holly Cable, Melissa Mooney, Abby Qutollo, and Alexis Dimetry. Rotarian Anne Williams and Student Engagement Director Bo Glenn will introduce the students and give us some information regarding CVCC's programs and their students' accomplishments.

Catawba Valley Community College is an accredited, comprehensive learning community that empowers the courageous to become champions and the bold to become life-long learners and tomorrow's leaders. Serving Catawba and Alexander counties, the college enrolls approximately 4,000 students in college-credit courses and more than 5,000 students in short-term and occupational training opportunities each year.

Founded in 1958 as one of the first 10 industrial education centers in the state, the college embarked on what has become a long history of educational innovation. From its first foray into industrial training in hosiery and furniture, the college passionately began fulfilling its mission to meet the educational requirements of those who needed more than a high-school diploma but less than a bachelor's degree.

Part of that mission included access to an affordable preparation for a four-year education. In 1996, CVCC joined other community colleges in an articulation agreement with the University of North Carolina. The result is a more seamless transfer of the first two years of coursework to UNC schools to earn a bachelor's degree. The cost savings to families is enormous with today's exponential rise in university tuition rates.

Working closely with business leaders over the past six decades, CVCC has also developed a reputation for creatively solving workforce retraining problems. The college's most pressing challenge is to prepare a pipeline of skilled workers for future jobs in manufacturing, IT, and other developing sectors. Instruction in those and other disciplines will be provided through programs taught in the new Workforce Solutions Complex opening spring, 2019.

For more information about CVCC programming offered in Hickory, Newton, Conover, Taylorsville, and many other community and workplace locations, visit www.cvcc.edu.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) Coming Soon!

We are three months until the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) at Black Mountain. Please take time to find young leaders in your community and sponsor them at this year's District 7670 RYLA.

Please do not forget to ask home school organizations, church groups, private schools, and other community groups who may suggest students and provide the sponsorship funds for those students. Each student must be sponsored by a Rotary Club (insurance/liability issues), but the funds can come from anyone. Our goal is 100 students minimum, but we cannot do that without you and your club.

We are using a RYLA format used by several districts but new to us. RYLA will begin at approximately 3PM on Thursday, 28 March 2019, and conclude at approximately 2:00 PM on 31 March 2019. RYLA is being held at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. All activities are on site. The cost per student is **\$300 all inclusive**.

Let me know if you have any questions.

GARY D. DILLS (gddills@gmail.com)

DISTRICT RYLA CHAIR

Last Week



Last week's guest was Holly Jones, who works with the Attorney General's office in the Department of Justice and Public Protection. Ms. Jones is pictured at left talking about identity theft and ways to protect your personal security. She offered the following suggestions for protection: collecting mail promptly, shredding all receipts/credit cards, not carrying a Social Security card, monitoring bank accounts/credit reports, utilizing 2-factor authorization, changing passwords often, cleaning off hard drives before depositing of computers, updating software on electronics, and backing up files frequently. Most importantly, she recommended placing security freezes on applications for new credit.

Also last week, Jeff Butler gave a report on Salvation Army bell ringing during the Christmas season. 61 Rotarians in all participated and raised \$3,743.25.

Next Week

Next week, Rotarian Mitzi Gellman will talk to our club about her travels and various photography that she has been able to gather on those travels. The following week, January 31, is a club assembly 5th Thursday, and the Rotarian Idol committee will be letting us know ways we can have the best Idol ever this May.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	1-17-2019	1-24-2019	1-31-2019	2-07-2019
Greeter	Jon Carfagno	Mike Pilolla	Anna Schuszler	Rodney Garren
Invocation	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	Mitzi Gellman
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
Sunshine	Mark Seaman	Shuf Abernathy	David Williams	
Program	Anne Williams	Tara Bland	Rotarian Idol Kick-Off	Carl Cline
Speaker	Kimberly Propst and Jeff Nevuille	Mitzi Gellman	Rotarian Idol Committee	
Topic	CVCC Apprenticeship Programs	Mitzi Gellman Photography	Club Assembly	Admission Life Line/Heart Association
Raffle	Juliet Good	Bonita Ferretti	David Myers	Anne Williams



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Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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