

How to Makeup Meetings Online

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- Click on the tutorial on the left, or listen to the helpful Rotarian who pops up on the screen, for instructions. Spend 30 minutes on the site reading articles or watching videos, all of which can be found at top under *Makeup Programs* (be sure to record the titles of the programs you read or watched – you'll need those later)
- 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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- Give them Leslie Middleton's email address: Iferrell@catawbacountync.gov . . . You're done!
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Today, Bill McBrayer will speak to the club about the Catawba Valley Furniture Academy.

The Catawba Valley Furniture Academy is an industry-driven training program designed by local furniture manufacturers to prepare students for skilled positions in Pattern-Making, Manual and Automated Cutting, Sewing, Spring-Up and Upholstery. These skills are in high demand by one of our region's largest employers—furniture.

Explore Specific Career Paths: Furniture Fundamentals offers a thorough overview of the furniture manufacturing process and provides career specifics on different furniture specialties. The course includes plant tours, career previews and assessments to help students determine their career options, in addition to Math & Measurements, Problem-solving, Teamwork & Communication, Safety and Lean Manufacturing.

Hands-on Training: Students acquire critical skills in Pattern-Making, Manual and Automated Cutting, Sewing, Spring-Up and Upholstery through hands-on training in our simulated furniture manufacturing facility. Students learn the techniques required to manufacture quality upholstered furniture, which is then sold in our furniture showroom. All proceeds go directly back into the program.

Quality Instruction: Instruction is provided by experienced craftsmen from our local industries.

High Pay/High Demand Jobs: Students are being trained and re-

cruited for lucrative career opportunities today. Jobs are available now and will be in the future.

Founding Partners who assisted with the curriculum design, instructional support

of the program and donations of equipment, materials and scholarships include Century Furniture, Lee Industries, Lexington Home Brands, Sherrill Furniture and Vanguard Furniture. Additional Supporting Partners include Atlantic Packaging, Autoquip Corporation, CR Laine, DUO-Fast, Fairfield Chair, Geiger International, Gerber Technology, HSM Solutions, Harris Handling, Heritage Home Group, Leggett & Platt, NC Works Career Center Catawba, Snyder Paper and United Sewing.

Bill McBrayer – Bio

Graduate *Lenoir-Rhyne University*
Classic Leather Inc. – 9 yrs
Lexington Home Brands – Past 20yrs
Ward 1 Representative, Hickory Regional Planning Commission 2010-present
Member, City of Hickory - Brownfield Committee 2012 - present
Member, Catawba County Furniture Manufacturers Committee
Member, Catawba County Employer's Committee
Member SHRM – Society of Human Resource Management
Founding Member Catawba Valley Furniture Academy
Varsity Lacrosse Official – NCHSAA 2010-present
Member St. Luke's UMC – Hickory
Married, 2 boys: Will 23 and Thomas 18
Cliff Moone is in charge of the program.





Cliff Moone

A few months ago, when I invited Bill McBrayer to share a program at our Rotary Club, I didn't know Bill from "Adam's housecat." However, I had just listened to and watched him speak on the Catawba Valley Furniture Academy to the Hickory City Council. His excitement about the Academy, his belief in what it could mean for the renewal of furniture manufacturing in this area, was immediately and dynamically evident from the moment he stepped up to the podium. I knew that was the kind of vision and excitement with which the members of the Hickory Rotary Club would identify.

"Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" Over and over during my brief membership in this Rotary club, I have witnessed the members of this club express in word and deed their commitment to our motto of "Service Above Self" and to living out with enthusiasm the "Four Way Test." What has struck me again and again is the dedication I see from the club's members and leadership for doing service and providing funds for projects that significantly benefit the entire Hickory and

Catawba Valley community.

Just this month, we made an extraordinary financial contribution to Friends of Hickory to help that organization of young professionals "jump start" their fundraising drive for a downtown playground/park that will be open and free to all the citizens of Hickory. Last month, many of us rang those Salvation Army Red Kettle bells. Our upcoming "Rotarian Idol" will not only raise money for the support of all our other yearly projects, the event itself provides the community with a night of excellent entertainment and the contestants with an opportunity to share amazing local talent to us all. I could continue with so much more. But you already know of these efforts to serve because you are the ones who selflessly make them happen.

The desire to serve in ways that truly "are beneficial to all concerned," throughout the entire Hickory community, and to do so with great enthusiasm, I have found to be one of the real hallmarks of our club. May it continue to be so for years to come.

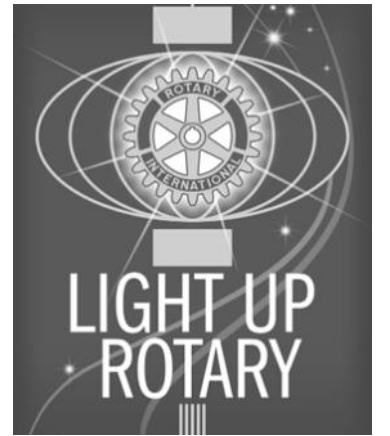
Rotary Releases \$34.8 Million for Polio Immunization Activities Worldwide

Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds, whose release was announced 20 January, will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

The grants include \$8.1 million for Nigeria to support its final push to eradicate the disease. Nigeria experienced a nearly 90 percent reduction in cases in 2014 compared with the previous year, and hasn't registered a new case of polio in the last six months.

Read more at goo.gl/QR3Sx3.



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Last week...

Mel Causey spoke to the club about PACE@Home, a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly. Learn more at pace-at-home.org.

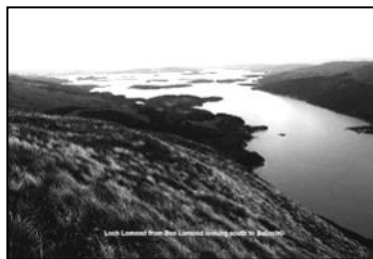


The Rotary Four Way Test

- 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?

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.
— Thomas A. Edison

Song of the Day



By yon bonnie banks, and by yon bonnie braes,
Where the sun shines bright on Loch Lomond.
Where me and me true love were ever wont to gae,
On the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond.



Club Assignments

Date	Today	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb
Program	Allen Huffman	John Rambo	Anniv. Luncheon	
Speaker	Melinda Herzog	Vanessa Adams-	Anniv. Luncheon	
Topic	Museum of History	Crowns--musical	Anniv. Luncheon	
Rotary Moment	David Millholland	John Bates	Mitzi Gellman	John Millholland
Raffle	Tony Reed	Dean Doucette	John Olson	Cuyler Dunbar
Visitors	Mark Teague	Susan Vincent	Jerri Wilfong	Anne Williams
Greeter	Sarah Willis	Mark Teague	Lamar Mitchell	Karla Woggon
Music	John Ross	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	Mary Texer
Message	Cliff Moone		Susan Vincent	
Invocation	Bill Miller-Zurell	Bob Shoffner	Bob Shoffner	Bob Shoffner
Video Camera	John Bates	Michael McNally	Steve Mull	Ray Cerda

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