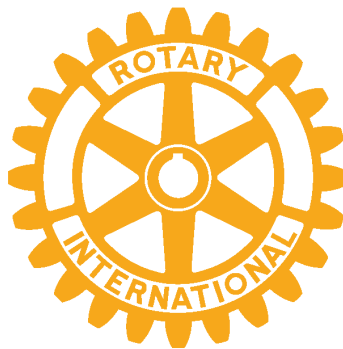


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Today's Program: Kathy Wood and the Better Angels Program



Today, we welcome Rotarian Kathy Wood (photo at left). She'll be discussing Better Angels with us, a program whose aim is to bring understanding and dialog to disparate groups.

Launched in 2016, Better Angels is a national citizens' movement to bring liberals and conservatives together at the grassroots level — not to find centrist compromise but to find one another as citizens. Through workshops, debates, and campus engagement, Better Angels helps Americans understand each other beyond stereotypes, helps form community alliances, and helps reduce the vitriol that poisons our civic culture. Better Angels helps form red/blue community alliances, teaches practical skills for communicating across political differences, and makes a strong public argument for depolarization. We unite red and blue Americans in a working alliance to *Depolarize America*. Instead of asking people to change their minds about key issues, we give all Americans a chance to understand each other better, to absorb the values and experiences that inform our political philosophies, and

to recognize ultimately our common humanity.

Our approach is guided by the Better Angels Pledge:

1. As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
2. In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
3. In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Better Angels was featured in *The Rotarian* in May, 2019: "Putting Civility Back Into Civil Discourse." Kathy Wood, one of our own Rotarians, will be presenting on behalf of Better Angels. She has been an active member of this organization for over a year and has completed the Skills Workshop for both Reds and Blues. The communication skills learned cross over to personal and professional relationships as well. The brief presentation will provide information on this movement as well as gauge interest in one of the workshops where we bring the Rotary and Catawba County community together.

HELP WANTED!

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO EDIT OUR CLUB'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, THE *ROTARY SPOKE*

If interested, contact President Gerry. Job training provided!

Club Business and Announcements

Rotary Club of Hickory's Sweethearts' Luncheon

A special welcome to all guests of Rotarians.

Happy Valentine's Day!

World Polio Day and Hickory Public Schools Recognition



At the January 30 meeting, Rotarian Cliff Moone recognized the Hickory Public Schools that participated in fundraising for World Polio Day. In attendance for the recognition of the World Polio Day winning schools was Beverly Snowden, Director of Communications for HPS. The efforts of all 9 HPS schools brought in just over \$1600 for World

Polio Day. Pictured left to right are: Cliff Moone; Dr. La'Ronda Whiteside, Assistant Superintendent; Eric Puryear, principal of HCAM High School; and Jeff Hodakowski, principal of Viewmont Elementary.

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New Member Welcome – Lynn Marilla



Last week, Lynn Marilla transferred her membership and was welcomed into the Rotary Club of Hickory. Lynn comes from a multi-generational military family: her grandfather served in World War I, her father served in the army air corps during World War II, and her son served in the navy during the Gulf War. Her non-profit work includes serving on or chairing non-profit boards that include Chambers of Commerce, American Diabetes Association, Workforce Development Committees, and the Executive Board Committee of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She currently serves on the board of Trout Unlimited. Through the illness and loss of her husband at a young age and her brother's becoming a quadriplegic at the age

of 18, Lynn understands the special needs, respite, and support families and individuals need to live a fulfilling life while coping with their unique daily challenges. These life experiences, combined with her patriotism, are what led Lynn to create Eagle Rock Camp.

Last Week



Last week's guest was Rob Luisana (pictured at left with former Rotarian Lisë Swensson, who brought us the program). Over the past five years, Mr. Luisana has been a frequent presenter on healthcare issues and talked to our club about the rise of health-care costs, possibilities for change, physician's networks, the rise of prescription drug costs, and healthcare reform proposals.

Also last week, Lynn Marilla was welcomed into the club (see above), and Katye Fredieu was inducted as a new member. Katye's bio will appear in next week's *Spoke* edition.

Next Week



Next week, we'll hear from Chad Hall, who's with the Catawba Valley Leadership Foundation. Mr. Hall is pictured at the left. The CVLF, whose motto is "better leaders make for a better community," is a 501(c)3 non-profit that exists to promote outstanding leadership. The foundation works with other non-profits, city and county agencies, schools, and individuals. Its desire is to help individuals, their teams, and their organizations maximize their potential and make a positive difference in the Catawba Valley community.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	2-13-2020	2-20-2020	2-27-2020	3-5-2020
Greeter	Todd Hogue	Kelly Knetsche	Mike Pilolla	Carmen Eckard
Invocation	Anne Williams	Clarence Pugh	Thomas Griffis	Bob Schoffner
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
Sunshine	Jon Carfagno	John Ross	John Watts	John Rambo
Program	Sweetheart Luncheon	Rodney Garren	Todd Hogue	Mark Seaman
Speaker	Kathy Wood	Chad Hall	A. J. Kerley	Casey McCall
Topic	Better Angels	CV Leadership Foundation	PACE at Home	Homeless Work
Raffle	Anne Williams	John Olson	David Myers	Bonita Ferretti



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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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