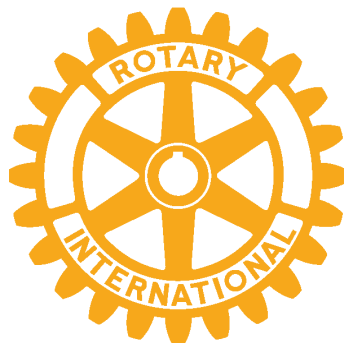


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# Spoke

**Rotary Club of Hickory**  
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA

**February 14, 2019**

## Today's Program: Richard Eller and Catawba County History



Today, we're pleased to have Richard E. Eller as our featured speaker. Mr. Eller is a historian who has worked extensively on the history of both North Carolina and Catawba County. He received his master of arts in history from the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. The topic of his masters thesis is "The North Carolina Furniture Industry: 1885 – 1923."

From 2004 to the present, Mr. Eller has developed the *HandsOnHistory* initiative for Catawba Valley Community College to provide on-site, experiential education for students. Destinations have included many historic sites throughout the nation.

He is a contributing writer for *Foothills Digest*. Previous and future articles include "Lost Cities of the Foothills," "Moonshining," and "The Road to Kings Mountain." Mr.

Eller is the author of quite a few other publications as well; these include *Piedmont Airlines: A Complete History* (2008), *The American Road* (co-author, 2015), and *Polio, Pitchforks, and Perseverance: How a North Carolina County Named Catawba Built a 'Miracle'* (co-author, 2017). That book and its accompanying documentary, *Miracle: How a North Carolina County Named Catawba Battled Polio and Won*, include contributions from thirteen CVCC faculty and community stakeholders on the implications and legacy of the 1944 polio epidemic in western North Carolina that generated national coverage. The documentary has been screened by the Footcandle Film Society, the Asheville Post-Polio Group, and various Rotary clubs in North Carolina. The documentary is scheduled to air in 2019 on UNC-TV.

Recently, Mr. Eller received a grant from the United Arts Council of Catawba County to produce a documentary on the "Untouchables: The Ridgeview High Football Panthers" and their undefeated, unscored upon season of 1964. This past fall, he coordinated and created *Newton: Then and Now*, a collaborative effort with students in the CVCC photography program. This spring, he is assisting with the creation and establishment of a Furniture Hall of Fame, which will be located in Hickory as part of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Complex. Also this spring, he is producing a narrative work on the Harper House which will include stories about the influential people who have called the historic site home.

Please welcome Richard Eller to today's Sweethearts' Luncheon.

# Club Business and Announcements

## Rotary Club of Hickory's Sweethearts' Luncheon

A special welcome to all guests of Rotarians.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Recently, the Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Below is a photo of Rotarians Michael Blackburn, president of the GHCCM board, Mayor Hank Guess, and Kathy Wood, GHCCM Executive Director. Mayor Guess presented the group with a proclamation to celebrate 50 years of service.



## Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

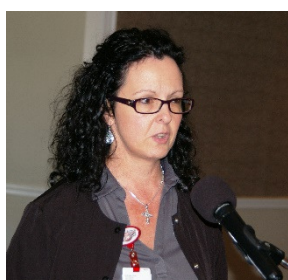
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## New Member Induction



At last week's meeting, Mary Burritt was inducted into membership in the club. Mary's photo is at the left. In writing about herself, Mary has the following to say: Mary Burritt is a "Virginia native, Chapel Hill alumna, Russian literature buff, empty nester, and lifelong athlete. Her career spans news reporting, corporate communications, and marketing – mostly in the tech and logistics verticals. Her best achievement ever: raising two fabulous children. Best week ever: mission trip to Haiti." Welcome, Mary!

### Last Week



Our speaker at last week's meeting was April Traxler (pictured at left). Ms. Traxler is a nurse at Frye Regional Medical Center. The topic of her talk was RACE, Reperfusion of Acute Myocardial Infarction in Carolina Emergency Departments. RACE is a collaborative effort to increase the rate and speed of coronary reperfusion through systemic changes in emergency care that helps to ensure patients are treated as quickly as possible if they are experiencing a heart attack.

Also last week, John Hall gave an update on Lenoir-Rhyne scholarships that are named in memory of former Rotarians. Suzanne Trollan and Patrice Bertrand reported briefly on their recent trip to Haiti and the Lights for Learning program, which is sponsored by several Rotary clubs. Although participants learned a great deal on this trip, the lights themselves have been held up in customs at Port-au-Prince. Suzanne and Patrice will be giving a fuller account of the project at our club meeting on February 28.

### Next Week

Next week, Leonard Chalnick will be featured during the Thursday meeting. Mr. Chalnick will examine why and how four generations communicate...or don't. The focus is on the communications styles of Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Gen Xers and Millennials, highlighting generational preferences and the role that technology plays in how we communicate.

### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	2-14-2019	2-21-2019	2-28-2019	3-07-2019
<b>Greeter</b>	Colton Sexton	Josh Shampo	Kathy Wood	Jon Carfagno
<b>Invocation</b>	Mitzi Gellman	Mitzi Gellman	Mitzi Gellman	Frank Young
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
<b>Sunshine</b>				
<b>Program</b>	Cliff Moore		Suzanne Trollan	John Rambo
<b>Speaker</b>	Richard Eller	Leonard Chalnick	Suzanne Trollan and Patrice Bertrand	Hannah Norcross
<b>Topic</b>	Historian	How Generations Communicate	Haiti Project	Ridgeview Library
<b>Raffle</b>	John Olson	David Williams	Anne Williams	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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