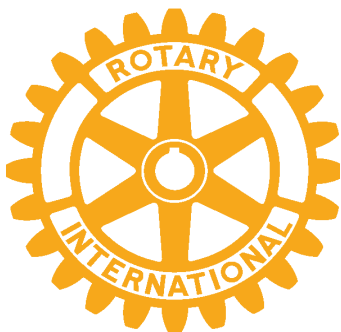


# Rotary

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



# Spoke

February 16, 2017

## Today's Program: Rise Against Hunger



**MEAL  
PACKAGING  
EVENT**

**Saturday, March 4 at St. Alban's**

WORKING TOGETHER TO  
END WORLD HUNGER.

Our guest speakers today are Mr. Bill Loehr and Ms. Valerie Carpenter with Rise Against Hunger, formerly known as Stop Hunger Now. Ms. Carpenter is the program manager of the organization. Rise Against Hunger/Stop Hunger Now has a very special meal packaging event coming up Saturday, March 4, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Hickory, 130 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place NW, 28601.

Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Loehr will be setting up a demonstration table and encouraging folks who have never participated previously to try it. We will also view Rise Against Hunger's mission video. After that, Mr. Loehr will be speaking about ShelterBox and its new Rotary "HERO" project. In this project, clubs are asked to consider a three-year pledge commitment consisting of three levels: bronze = 1 box a year; silver = 3 boxes a year; and gold = 5 boxes a year.

Questions about today's program are welcomed. More information about Rise Against Hunger can be found at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org). Club members are encouraged to volunteer for the March 4 event at St. Albans Church. Donations may also be made by going to: <http://events.stophungernow.org/StAlban/>

## Update from District Governor Dills on Honor Flights

The next Honor Flight takes off from Asheville Regional Airport on May 13. Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or other wars are needed. Tailored applications for participants in each war may be found at [www.blueridgehonorflight.com](http://www.blueridgehonorflight.com). Guardians are also needed to escort veterans on the flight. Those who have made this journey, to a person, were humbled, honored, and touched by the experience. There is no cost for the veterans; the guardians pay approximately \$400. Please help find veterans and guardians, and don't forget to ask your local VFW, American Legion, and Vietnam Vets organizations. For more information, call 828-224-4094 or email [blueridgehonorflight@gmail.com](mailto:blueridgehonorflight@gmail.com).

# Club News and Announcements

## Rotary announces \$35 million to support a polio-free world

On January 17 of this year, Rotary announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January, 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger, and the Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July, 2014.

With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas and in conflict zones. To sustain this progress and to protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent – from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.

### Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2016 – June 2017	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
John Rambo	President	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2017
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## Last Week



At the February 9 meeting, members celebrated the 96<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Hickory. In addition, since Valentine's Day fell between that meeting and this one, the day served a dual purpose as the club's Sweethearts' Luncheon. A special plated lunch was served by the Lake Hickory Country Club in place of the normal Thursday buffet. Below, Clarence Pugh introduces sweethearts, and Allen Huffman talks about the history of the Hickory Rotary Club.



2016 – 2017  
Rotary Theme



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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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### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	02-16-17	02-23-17	03-02-17	03-09-17
<b>Greeter</b>	Gerry Knox	Ellen Horn	David Millholland	John Millholland
<b>Invocation</b>	Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson	Bill Miller-Zurrell	Cliff Moore
<b>Visitors</b>	Kathy Greathouse	Linda Lutz	Tony Reed	Anne Williams
<b>Rotary Moment</b>	David Millholland	Meg Locke	Thomas Griffis	John Ross
<b>Program</b>	John Rambo		Mark Seaman	David Moore
<b>Speaker</b>	Bill Loehr		Brian Tracy	Allison Holtzman
<b>Topic</b>	Rise Against Hunger		ASU Senior Associate Athletic Director	Friends of Hickory
<b>Raffle</b>	James Carper	Bethany Delany	George Coates	John Olson
<b>Video Camera</b>	Anne Williams	David Williams	Frank Young	Bruce Bumbarger

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