

# Rotary

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



# Spoke

February 22, 2018

## Today's Program: Mayor Hank Guess



Today, we're pleased to have Mayor Hank Guess as our speaker. In addition to being the newly elected mayor of the City of Hickory, Mr. Guess is also a recent inductee into our Thursday Rotary Club.

Hank Guess retired from the Hickory Police Department as a lieutenant with thirty years of service in 2008. In 2009, he was elected to his first term on Hickory City Council as the Ward 4 Councilman. He was re-elected and served a second term until 2017. On November 7, 2017, Councilman Guess was elected as mayor for the City of Hickory.

Mayor Guess graduated from Hickory High School in 1977 and continued his education at Gardner-Webb College where he graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice Administration in 1986. Mayor Guess is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session #210. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pregnancy Care Center, Family Guidance Center, and the Catawba County Community Services Block Grant.

He is a volunteer with North Carolina Special Olympics and is a member of the Rotary Club of Hickory, Western Catawba Kiwanis Club, Hickory Elks Lodge, and Winkler's Grove Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon, usher and Sunday School teacher. Mayor Guess has been married to his wife Tammy for 30 years and they have two adult sons, Justin Guess (wife Monica) and Jacob Guess, both of whom reside in Hickory.

Today, Mayor Guess will be talking about his first few months in office as mayor. In addition, he will be discussing his plans, objectives, and goals for the future of the City of Hickory. At the end of today's presentation, he intends to field questions from the audience.

Please welcome Mayor Hank Guess as our club speaker today.

# Club Business and Announcements

## Board Meeting Highlights – February 15, 2018

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 15, 2018. In an effort to bring more transparency to our members, below is a brief summary of that meeting.

Michael Blackburn has agreed to serve the remainder of Robert Locke's BOD term, which ends in 2020. Robert is currently on a leave of absence from the club.

The second round of charitable giving requests is now being accepted through the end of March, 2018.

On March 8, 2018, our club will host a joint meeting with Lake Hickory Rotary Club.

Career day is March 22

On March 29, a club social will be held at the YMCA

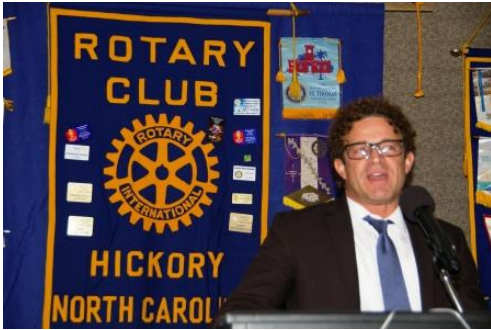
### Rise **Against Hunger**

- The event on Saturday, March 3, will be the sixth hosted by St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Hickory. All volunteers are urged to register and contribute via: <https://events.stophungernow.org/StAlbans2018>
- Since 2013, we have bagged 223,988 meals which have been sent to Haiti, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Swaziland.
- There are six meals within a bag, and each meal continues to cost 30 cents.
- We have raised more than \$65,000 in order to purchase the foodstuffs and ship these meals.
- The five Rotary Clubs of the Catawba County area have always provided both funding and manpower. Families are encouraged to participate and use this as a great learning experience for youth.
- This is a VERY labor-intensive project and needs HUNDREDS of VOLUNTEERS!

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

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Mark Teague	President	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Linda Lutz	President-Elect	Philip Reed	June 2018
Gerry Knox	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
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Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Robert Locke	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

## Last Week



Last week's program was on the opiate-addiction crisis facing our area. Leading the conversation was Corey Richardson, CEO/President and Clinical Director of Integrated Care of Greater Hickory, which offers medical, behavioral, and pharmacy services to Catawba and Burke Counties. Mr. Richardson was accompanied by club members John Rambo, Suzanne Trollan and Gregg Suddreth.



Also last week, new member Rodney Garren was inducted. In the photo at left, Rodney is flanked by Cliff Moone, President Mark Teague, and mentor Jeff Butler.



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## Next Week



Next week, we'll host Dr. Rand Brandes from Lenoir-Rhyne University. Dr. Brandes is the facilitator of the Lenoir-Rhyne Visiting Writers' Series each year. He has served as a Martin Luther Stevens Professor of English at LRU for over twenty years. He is director of both the LRU Visiting Writers Series and Lineberger Center, which sponsors the Lineberger Fellows program.



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	2-22-2018	3-1-2018	3-8-2018	3-15-2018
<b>Greeter</b>	Jon Carfagno	Joe Britt	Bonita Ferretti	Steve Walker
<b>Invocation</b>	Anne Williams	David Williams	Dan Duke	Robert Welch
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
<b>Rotary Moment</b>	John Watts	Tara Bland	Cliff Moone	David Williams
<b>Program</b>	David Williams	Tara Bland	Linda Lutz	Kathy Greathouse
<b>Speaker</b>	Hank Guess	Rand Brandes	Jarrett Van Meter	Alan Jackson
<b>Topic</b>	Plans for the City of Hickory	Visiting Writers Series at L-R	Sports Writing	Economic Impact Study
<b>Raffle</b>	Terri Livingston	Anne Williams	John Olson	David Myers

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