

Rotary

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



Spoke

February 23, 2017

Register for the District Conference!

NOW is the time to register for the District Conference!!! There are separate registration areas for the Youth Convention (which has no charge) and several options for the District Rotary Conference. Select the option(s) that work best for you.

This is our first ever Youth Convention and the first District Conference located inside the district in many years. The first step is to go to www.rotary7670.org. Scroll down on the left side, and click on REGISTER NOW. If you have any problems, contact Jim Perry (jperry@peoplesbanknc.com) or Margaret Gormley-Chapman (ashevillerotary@bellsouth.net).

1. Please register all youth AND adult attendees in the Friday Youth Leadership Convention (April 28) area. There is no cost for this event. Select Friday Youth Leadership Convention and complete the form for all youth, escorts, and Rotarians. The Youth Convention begins at 10:00 and ends at approximately 3:00 on Friday, April 28, at the YMCA in Hickory. All other Rotary Conference activities are at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory.
2. Rotarians and guests should register for District Conference events (April 28-30):
 - a. All-Inclusive Package (\$145): Includes Friday evening dinner and events, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, reception, and events, and Sunday breakfast and closing ceremony. After registering, follow the link to obtain lodging at the Crowne Plaza. Lodging cost is \$111.00 nightly before tax/fees (not included in the \$145). An agenda is forthcoming for the entire weekend.
 - b. Saturday Full Day Conference, Reception, and Banquet (\$90): Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all events on Saturday. It does not include Sunday breakfast or any lodging. Follow the link to the Crowne Plaza for lodging.
 - c. Friday Evening General Session & Dinner AND/OR Saturday Evening Reception & Dinner (\$40): Select one or both of these options if you and/or a spouse or guest are attending only the Friday and/or Saturday evening reception and dinner. If your spouse or guest will be attending evening events with you, please register them, too.
3. Sponsor Opportunities: Select this option to help us offset conference costs and promote your business or organization.

Club News and Announcements

Board Meeting Highlights February 16, 2017

Polio Plus: Cliff Moone reported that the Polio Plus Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, February 21. Further research into printing a flyer to be given out by Groucho's to advertise our Polio Plus fundraising day (first Friday of each month) seems costly versus the amount of money that has been raised. Mr. Moone offered to raise funds independently to purchase the 5000 copies at a cost of \$85.00 to publicize this event the Friday prior to each fundraising Friday. A conversation with the Hickory Wine Shoppe has taken place to look at placing a mural on the wall down the alley across from the current City of Hickory mural. This mural would focus on the "Miracle of Hickory" and add to the history and distinction of this time in our history. Money would need to be raised through fundraising, grant writing, *etc.* to support this effort. The City of Hickory would support this project.

Rotarian Idol: Lynn Loehr reported that there were 66 contestants who performed for the two-day auditions. 20 performers were selected with 3 alternates. Tickets will be distributed the first week of March. Tickets will also be sold at the Hickory Community Theater and Bruce Bumbarger's office. Current advertising totals are at \$24,000 with a goal to add \$10,000 additional.

Community Service: The March 16 meeting will take place at the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Members are asked to eat between 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with a donation made to the Hickory Soup Kitchen. Tours will take place at 12:45 p.m. that day. The Hope Garden date has been set for April 20. Robert Locke also reported that he would be meeting with Marcus Miller of the Hickory Greenway Harvest to discuss volunteer opportunities with the SALT Block Garden. There will be an April 1 Ribbon Cutting.

Youth Service: March 9 will be Career Day for the Interact Club. The group will be meeting at the Hickory Community Theater with presentations by John Rambo and John Ross. Lisë Swennson will also make a presentation at our meeting that day.

Anniversary/Sweetheart Luncheon: Jennifer Clark made a recommendation to set the second Thursday in February each year as the date for the Anniversary/Sweetheart Luncheon, and the motion carried.

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
Mark Teague	President-Elect	Robert Locke	June 2017
Linda Lutz	President-Nominee	Cliff Moone	June 2017
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Dana Killian	June 2018
Bryan Setzler	Treasurer	John Ross	June 2018
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Tara Bland	June 2019
Mark Seaman	Past President	Gerry Knox	June 2019

Last Week



The February 16 meeting featured Bill Loehr and Valerie Carpenter with Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now). Mr. Loehr and Ms. Carpenter together highlighted the importance of the organization's meal-packaging event on Saturday, March 4, at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in

Hickory. For more information, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/StAlban/>

In addition, Terri Livingston brought along students and staff from Lenoir-Rhyne's athletic program as special luncheon guests. (Please see their photo at right.)



Next Week

On tap for next week is Brian Tracy, Senior Associate Athletic Director at Appalachian State University. Mark Seaman will introduce the program.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	02-23-17	03-02-17	03-09-17	03-16-17
Greeter	Ellen Horn	David Millholland	John Millholland	John Hall
Invocation	Mike Johnson	Bethany Delany	Cliff Moone	Bill Miller-Zurell
Visitors	Linda Lutz	Tony Reed	Anne Williams	Ellen Horn
Rotary Moment	Meg Locke	Thomas Griffis	John Ross	Mitzi Gellman
Program		Mark Seaman	David Moore	Club Fellowship at Hickory Soup Kitchen
Speaker	Suzan Anderson	Brian Tracy	Allison Holtzman	
Topic	American Red Cross	ASU Senior Associate Athletic Director	Friends of Hickory	Hickory Soup Kitchen
Raffle	Bethany Delany	George Coates	John Olson	Mark Teague
Video Camera	David Williams	Frank Young	Bruce Bumbarger	Philip Reed



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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