

### How to Makeup Meetings Online

- Go to [www.Rotary7670.org](http://www.Rotary7670.org) and click on Makeup On Line (this takes you to the eClub One web site)
- Click on the tutorial on the left, or listen to the helpful Rotarian who pops up on the screen, for instructions. Spend 30 minutes on the site reading articles or watching videos, all of which can be found at top under Makeup Programs (be sure to record the titles of the programs you read or watched – you'll need those later)
- When you have completed your 30 minutes, click on Request Makeup (also at top) and donate if so inclined (recommended amount is what you might normally pay for lunch at your club and simply helps to maintain the site)
- Click on Request Makeup Form button, answer questions on form, including the program titles
- Give them Leslie Middleton's email address: [lferrell@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:lferrell@catawbacountync.gov) . . . You're done!
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Today, Tiffany Ervin, Rotary District 7670 Conference Chair, will tell the club about the upcoming district conference, entitled "Red, White & YOU."

Rotary District 7670 regularly hosts a conference to celebrate the accomplishments of the 51 clubs in Western North Carolina over the past year. This year's conference, however, will be anything but regular, thanks to conference chair Tiffany Ervin. Tiffany will highlight many additions to this year's schedule and share why it's important to make plans now to attend! The conference will be held April 24-26 at the Omni in uptown Charlotte. More information is available at [www.rotary7670conference.weebly.com](http://www.rotary7670conference.weebly.com).

Tiffany Ervin calls herself a "sportista"- an equally avid sports fan and fashion diva! In fact, she works as a television sideline reporter for high school and college sports and also owns an upscale ladies consignment store called Elite Repeats Boutique in Hendersonville, NC. She is an award-winning keynote speaker, spokesperson, and television personality who worked for many years for WLOS and WMYA

-TV as the host of Spotlight Carolina.

Tiffany believes true happiness comes from "working" from the heart, and her passion is giving back to her community ("Work is a four-letter word. Volunteering is not.") She is currently a member of the board of directors for the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, the Spartanburg County Gamecock Club, and the Four Seasons Rotary Club, and the Campaign Cabinet for the United Way of Henderson County. She is active with the SC Chapter of the National Federation of Press Women, as well as a volunteer for numerous other organizations in Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina.

She enjoys public speaking, social media, writing and reading (ask her for recommendations!), but to "walk a mile in her shoes" you have to be comfortable in both four-inch platform heels AND football cleats!

For more information on Tiffany's work, visit [www.tiffanyervin.com](http://www.tiffanyervin.com). Follow her on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/tiffanyervinofficial](http://www.facebook.com/tiffanyervinofficial)), as well as Twitter and Instagram (@TiffanyErvin).

David Moore is in charge of the program.





Philip Reed

**Why Again?**

When my wife and I moved from a north Atlanta suburb last year to Hickory to be near my daughter, her husband, and four granddaughters, I visited the Hickory Rotary Club to see if I wanted to continue my 35-year Rotary experience.

I first joined Rotary as a 32-year-old telecom company manager in 1980 in Gwinnett County, Georgia. The club was seven years old and had maybe forty members in a spread-out Atlanta suburban community, where some members drove twenty miles to our meetings. The local newspaper's managing editor invited me to a meeting and later represented the club in asking me to join.

The once a week with make-ups required for missed meetings attendance policy was intimidating, but when I realized that my company's president was an Atlanta Club Rotarian, I joined and was asked to produce the club's weekly printed bulletin/program, helping me to get to know my fellow Rotarians (and shop for a better copier for our office).

An older Rotarian mentored me and suggested I make up at other clubs even if I had not missed my club's meetings so that I could appreciate how each club had a different "personality." I quickly learned that when I had business needs which re-

quired me to connect with business, government, or education leaders anywhere in Georgia, I could attend the right Rotary Club meeting and could get to know them there.

In the next twenty-five years, as I worked in club service on membership, programs, local projects, and enjoyed the fellowship with Rotarians, the club grew to over a hundred members and I grew personally as my Rotary involvement led me to seek job assignments within my company which focused on community involvement, public affairs, lobbying, and volunteer non-profit leadership.

Forward to 2008, and in an encore career raising funds and key volunteers for a national not-for-profit, I joined the Gainesville, Georgia, Rotary Club, similar in history, size, and feel to Hickory Rotary, and found that my grandfather had been a charter member. We developed a great job-shadowing program for high schoolers and equipped a team that built over fifty wheel-chair ramps for veterans and low-income families, and I continued to appreciate what Rotary and Rotarians does for people and communities.

Now retired again (at least temporarily) and a newcomer to Hickory, I am again absolutely sure that Rotary is the right investment for me, as it has been for thirty-five years.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! We are overwhelmed by the response so far for registrations for the upcoming District Conference to be held April 24-26. You may have heard by now that the original block of hotel rooms at the Omni (which we calculated based on attendance at the past several years' conferences) is already gone and we have more than 175 people registered as of Feb 1st!



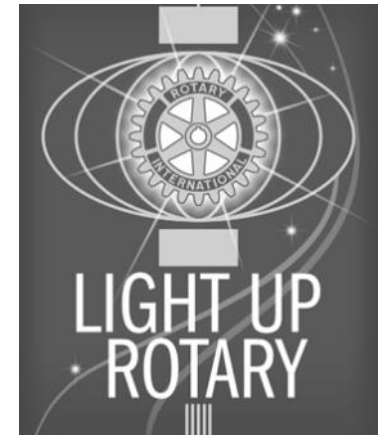
We are pleased to announce we have been able to secure an additional 20 nights at the Omni at our original rate of \$125 per night, including parking and wi-fi, and an additional 40 nights at \$159 per night plus parking fees, which is still a significantly reduced cost from their advertised rate of \$219 per night plus parking! Should these rooms become filled, we are making arrangements with a nearby hotel for similar pricing, and we will reserve a block there when it becomes necessary. Watch <http://goo.gl/RV1tn2> and your email for updates!

If you've already registered for district conference, or are planning to, we encourage you to reserve your room at the Omni as quickly as possible. And there's still time to join us. The registration rate through the end of March (\$200) is still a bargain, based on the programming, special events and meals we have planned. Please let us know as soon as possible if you experience any problems with your hotel or conference registration.

*Last week...*



At Hickory Community Theatre, the club was introduced to some of our Rotarian Idol contestants. Shown here (back row from left): Lauren Wasmund, Amanda Harren, Linda Hagen, Josh Costello, Wesley Curtis, Kendra Norwood, Benjamin James, Cristin Cartwright; (front, left to right): Autumn Garcia, Hannah Griffin, Ariana Harren, Phuong McKinney, Savannah Spencer and Marcus Phillips. Not shown: Mark Bodnar, Matthew Cook, Michael Donnelly, Krystal Heffinger, Courtney Keeter and Jordan Kirby. Photo: Rose Mary Cheek



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**The Rotary Four Way Test**

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

*Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

**Song of the Day**



Rot'ry's bonds can ne'er be broken,  
They can never die;  
Far surpassing wealth unspoken,  
Sealed by friendships tie.  
Rotary, oh hear our prayer,  
Honor be to thee.  
Lift our motto true and fair  
Where all the world can see.



**Club Assignments**

Date	Today	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar
Program	David Moore	Suzanne Trollan	David Moore	Anna Shook
Speaker	Tiffany Ervin	Suzanne Trollan	John Rambo	Jenny White
Topic	Red, White & You	International Group	Rotarian Idol	Southwest School
Rotary Moment		Bob Warmuth		Drew VanHorn
Raffle	Anne Williams	David Millholland	Jennifer Clark	Jan Bohmuller
Visitors	S. Fotheringham	Jan Bohmuller	Doug Rongo	Steve Walker
Greeter	Tom Richards	Bob Shoffner	Anthony Starr	Susan Vincent
Music	Mary Texer	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall
Message	Philip Reed	Dean Doucette	Allen Finley	
Invocation				
Video Camera	Jennifer Clark	Anne Williams	Bruce Bumgarner	Allen Finley

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