

### 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!
- Another option: view a previous meeting video on the [hickoryrotary.org](http://hickoryrotary.org) website and inform Leslie.

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Today, the club will learn about the Open World program and meet our visitors from Russia. Добро пожаловать в США и Hickory Ротари !

### OPEN WORLD FAST FACTS For Presenters and Host Families

□ The Open World Leader Center



**OPEN WORLD**  
LEADERSHIP CENTER

(OWLC) is an independent government agency of the United States Congress.

□ OWLC administers and funds the Open World program, an exchange and partnership program designed to enhance understanding and cooperation between Eurasian and American leaders.

□ The Open World program builds the groundwork for enduring cooperation by bringing emerging Eurasian government and civic leaders to the United States to work with their American counterparts during 10-day professional visits and facilitates continued relations through an alumni network.

□ OWLC awards grants to U.S. nonprofit and educational organizations, who partner with community-based civic and service organizations to provide local hosting and programming for the Open World delegates.

□ The Open World program provides thousands of American com-

munity leaders in hundreds of congressional districts the opportunity to serve as citizen diplomats.

□ Through hosts and grantees, the Open World program provides delegates first hand experience with American community life, accountable governance, and democratic values.

□ OWLC currently conducts programs for delegates from the Caucasus, Central Asia, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

□ OWLC has hosted nearly 18,000 Eurasian leaders in all 50 states since 1999.

□ More than half of Open World delegates meet with Members of Congress or their staff.

□ The average age of Open World delegates is 38; over half are women.

□ More than half of Open World delegates have been federal, regional, or local government officials.

□ For more information, please visit [www.openworld.gov](http://www.openworld.gov) or find the Open World Leadership Center on Facebook and follow OWLC on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/OWprogram>.

Suzanne Trollan 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.

**G**reat minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

### Song of the Day



Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.



**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.

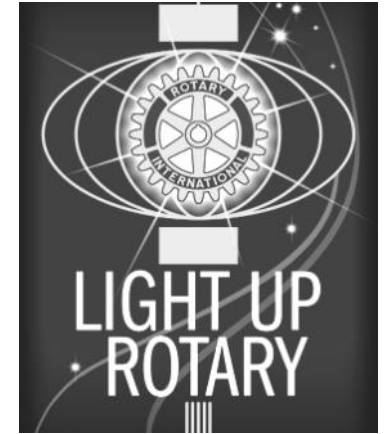
### Two weeks ago...



**A**t 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

### Club Assignments

Date	Today	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar
Program	Suzanne Trollan	David Moore	Anna Shook	
Speaker	Various	John Rambo	Jenny White	
Topic	Open World	Rotarian Idol	Southwest School	
Rotary Moment	Drew Van Horn	Susan Allshouse	Thomas Griffis	Allen Finley
Raffle	David Millholland	Jennifer Clark	Jan Bohmuller	Cliff Goddard
Visitors	Jan Bohmuller	Doug Rongo	Steve Walker	Chip Blackwelder
Greeter	Bob Shoffner	Anthony Starr	Susan Vincent	Charles Snipes
Music	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall
Message	Dean Doucette	Allen Finley		
Invocation	Karla Woggon	Karla Woggon	Karla Woggon	Karla Woggon
Video Camera	Anne Williams	Bruce Bumbarger	Allen Finley	John Bates



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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?

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