

### 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)
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- Give them Leslie Middleton's email address: [lferrell@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:lferrell@catawbacountync.gov) . . . You're done!
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# Rotary Spoke

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Today, our program is focused on **Rotarian Idol**, our six-year-old fundraiser that has enabled our Club to provided \$345,000 toward educational and charitable programs and projects throughout our community. During this period, 56 grants have been made to schools and nonprofits. These grants have positively impacted the lives of over thousands of students and young people.



One of the first things accomplished by this program was helping to start the Imagination Library at the Catawba County Partnership for Children, and Hickory Rotary Club remains a major sponsor. There are now over 4,000 children registered with the program, each receiving a book every month—that's over 240,000 books since we started supporting the program!

This funding also supports two long-standing traditional projects of our Club. The oldest of these is the Paul Whitener Student Art Show at the Hickory Museum of Art. Over the past 67 years, thousands have enjoyed viewing student artworks exhibited in the Hickory Museum of Art's annual Paul Whitener Student Art Show. This event provides an opportunity for local elementary school students from Hickory and Catawba County schools to exhibit in the Museum. The art show is

sponsored by the Hickory Rotary Club, of which Hickory Museum of Art founder Paul Whitener was a long-time member. Rotarian Idol also provides the cash awarded to teachers for our Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year program; a thirty-five year tradition, where up to nine teachers are nominated by their principals for this honor and recognized with plaques and cash prizes.

These are just three of the 28 community projects our club is able to support and accomplish because of Rotarian Idol. Every year though, an average of 400-500 tickets go unsold, representing \$6,000 to \$7,500 of lost potential for our charitable and educational efforts. If you've read this through, then you're aware of what's been done, and I hope you realize how much more can be accomplished by eliminating this unsold ticket gap.

We have an excellent line up of talent this year, probably the most consistent ever, and the judges are going to have a real challenge choosing the winner. Just remember though, that the real winners are the young people of our community, if we all do our part.

Rotarian Idol begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday at PE Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University. **Be there!**



Allen Finley

Most of you heard this "Rally Speech" last year, but we are only TWO days away from our only fundraiser this year, so here it is in print.

Watt Shuford. Walter Nau. Cass Ballenger. George Blackwelder. John Bray. Robert Bumbarger. Charles Snipes. Charles Young. What do those names mean to us? They are all Past Presidents, and are some of the finest and most respected individuals in our community. They helped build this 94-year-old Rotary club into a powerhouse that builds parks, saves lives, changes lives, and donates enormous amounts of money to education, and many other humanitarian efforts.

And now it's our turn. Some of the forefathers of our club

are retired....or gone. Now we're the forefathers. I don't have to tell anybody in this room that what's happening to teachers (at the state level) is a shame.... and we—together—can make a change. A difference. We can help. We're not going to raise millions that are needed, but every child that we help is a step forward. We've already raised \$345,000 and given out over 43,500 books to needy kids. 43,500!

Through "Rotarian Idol" YOU can all continue to be leaders in this community by selling your tickets. Or, buy them and give them away to people who will enjoy the show.

So....are we going to stand up as a team and make a difference? You bet.

Let's go!!



**E**ducation is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

—Nelson Mandela

Song of the Day



I'm singin' in the rain, just singin' in the rain.  
 What a glorious feeling, I'm happy again.  
 I'm laughing at clouds so dark up above,  
 The sun's in my heart, and I'm ready for love.  
 Let the stormy clouds chase ev'ryone from the place.  
 Come on with the rain, I've a smile on my face.  
 I'll walk down the lane with a happy refrain,  
 And singin' just singin' in the rain.



Last week...

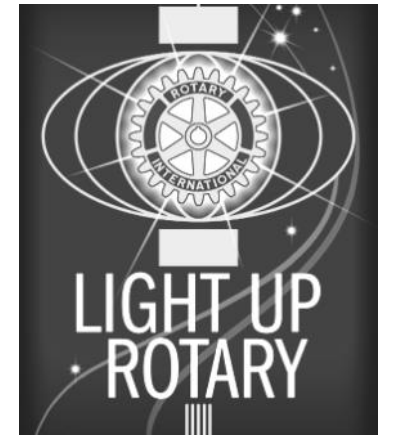
Rotarian Idol contestant Josh Costello entertained the club. Hear Josh and other talented contestants on Saturday at PE Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University.



Kevin Baxter and Jazmine Charles from Lenoir-Rhyne University were guests of Neill McGeachy.



Suzanne Trollan brought Open World Leadership Center participants Aleksey Borzov, Valeryevna Belichkina, Nataliya Pavlova, Lyubov Zubareva, Sergey Povasaris, Anatoliy Dernov to the meeting. Our Russian guests spent the week learning about our community and sharing their culture with us. Learn more about the Open World program at [openworld.gov](http://openworld.gov).



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- 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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Club Assignments

Date	Today	19-Mar	26-Mar	2-Apr
Program	David Moore	Anna Shook		Joint Mtg on 3/31
Speaker	John Rambo	Jenny White		Lake Hky Rotary
Topic	Rotarian Idol	Southwest School		
Rotary Moment	Susan Allshouse	Thomas Griffis	Allen Finley	John Rambo
Raffle	Jennifer Clark	Jan Bohmuller	Cliff Goddard	Tom Adkins
Visitors	Doug Rongo	Steve Walker	Chip Blackwelder	Tony Reed
Greeter	Anthony Starr	Susan Vincent	Charles Snipes	John Watts
Music	John Hall	John Hall	John Hall	Allen Finley
Message	Allen Finley			
Invocation	Karla Woggon	Karla Woggon	Karla Woggon	John Bates
Video Camera	Bruce Bumbarger	Allen Finley	John Bates	Michael McNally