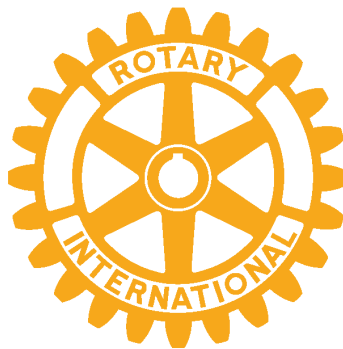


# Rotary



# Spoke

**Rotary Club of Hickory**

Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC – USA

**March 12, 2020**

## **Today's Program: Mick Mixon and the Carolina Panthers**



Today, we extend a big welcome to our friends from the Lake Hickory Rotary Club, who are with us for this special joint meeting, featuring Forest Orion (Mick) Mixon III, the voice of the Carolina Panthers. Below are some interesting facts about Mick that he's shared with us.

\*\*\* Born on a cold, rainy Wednesday, October 1, 1958. Gerber Baby cute as a toddler but then started to get progressively worse looking into adulthood.

\*\*\* Father, F.O. Mixon Jr., a decorated chemical engineer/research scientist. Mother, Sandra, a graphic artist. Parents deceased in 1989. One sister, Debbie, a lawyer/writer/law school instructor/ and mother of two fine young adults.

\*\*\* Graduated UNC-Chapel Hill in May of 1980 with a BA in Broadcast Journalism/Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures.

\*\*\* Currently in his 40th year as a sports announcer.

\*\*\* Won Regional Emmy Award in 2008.

\*\*\* Former radio and TV "Voice of the Maine Guides" Triple-A Baseball Club.

\*\*\* Spent 16 years as Color Analyst/Production Manager for the Tar Heel Sports Network.

\*\*\* Named play-by-play announcer for the NFL's Carolina Panthers in April, 2005.

\*\*\* Taught two classes in the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communications for six years. Consistent recipient of the department's highest professor approval ratings.

\*\*\* Taught a Sports Marketing class in the Wake Forest University School of Business for four years.

\*\*\* North Carolina Sportscaster of the Year, 1999, 2004, and 2009.

\*\*\* The only non-official to be inducted into the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Officials Association.

\*\*\* Plays drums in the Franklin Street Band. Original drummer for the band "Break Wind & Fire." Original drummer for the band "Mick & The Ultras."

\*\*\* Married way above himself to the former Dawn Elizabeth Thomas in 2011.

\*\*\* NC General Contractor – License #77226

\*\*\* Likes to jog, lift weights, write, mess around with cars, do yard work.

\*\*\* Kind to children and small animals, gives unselfishly to charity, dedicated recycler, all-around swell guy.

# Club Business and Announcements

## Giving Requests and Approvals – February 27 Board Meeting

Giving Requests (02/25/2020)	Purpose	Approved
Hickory Museum of Art	Paul Whitener Student Art Show	\$4,000.00
YMCA	Summer Learning Loss Program	\$5,000.00
Classroom Connections	General Operations, School Supplies, etc.	\$2,000.00
Hickory Ballet & Performing Arts	Books to Ballet Program	\$1,540.00
Hickory Landmarks Society	Heritage Days at Maple Grove	\$1,500.00
Hickory Public Schools	HPS Education Foundation	\$5,000.00
Hickory Community Theater	Rug Bug Theater	\$2,500.00
Carolina Caring Foundation	Cardinal Kids Program	\$1,000.00
Partnership for Children	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$15,000.00
Rise Against Hunger	Stop Hunger Now	\$1,000.00
Alzheimer's Research	CART	\$1,000.00
Polio Plus	Polio Eradication	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$40,540.00

Previously Approved requests include:

Giving Requests	Purpose	Approved
RYLA Scholarship	RYLA Scholarship	\$600.00
HHS Interact Advisor	Stipend	\$1,000.00
Wilmer Jenkins Award	Teacher of the Year	\$5,500.00
Polio Mural	Miracle of Hickory	\$5,500.00
SAS Scholarships	HHS and HCAM Schools	\$15,000.00
Shelter Box	Shelter Box Disaster Relief	\$1,000.00
United Way Invitational	Track Meet	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$29,600.00

## Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2019 – June 2020	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Gerry Knox, PHF/SM	President	Michael Blackburn, PHF/SM	June 2020
Tara Bland, PHF/SM	President-Elect	Bruce Bumbarger, PHF/SM	June 2020
Kelly Farr, PHF/SM	President-Nominee	Cliff Moone, PHF/SM	June 2020
Deaton Smith, PHF/SM	Secretary	Philip Reed, PHF/SM	June 2021
Leslie Ferrell, PHF	Assistant Secretary	Gabriel Sherwood, PHF/SM	June 2021
Lynn Loehr, PHF/SM	Treasurer	Anne Williams, PHF/SM	June 2021
Kelly Farr, PHF/SM	Assistant Treasurer	John Bates, PHF/SM	June 2022
Linda Lutz, PHF/SM	Past President	Bonita Ferretti, PHF/SM	June 2022
		Hank Guess, PHF/SM	June 2022

## Rise Against Hunger



The Rotary Club of Hickory is invited to help support a Meal Packaging Event with St. Alban's Episcopal Church of Hickory in support of **Rise Against Hunger's** ongoing effort to end hunger by the year 2030.

**When:** March 21, 2020 – 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** St. Alban's Episcopal – Ferebee Hall, 130 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue Place NW, Hickory, 28601

volunteers. St. Alban's goal is to have 100 to 120 volunteers for each shift in an effort to bag 60,048 meals. Sign up online at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StAlbansHickory2020>

Upon registration, volunteers will receive further instructions via email. Contact Rotarian Todd Hogue with any questions.

There will be 3 shifts of



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### Rotary District 7670

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Jeff Prince  
Assistant D.G.  
Lynn Marks  
District Secretary

## Last Week



Last week's guest was Casey McCall (photo at left), a native of Hickory who started working with Hickory Police Department in August of 2019. Mr. McCall is the Community Navigator for the Hickory Police Department. He helps the homeless in our community navigate the services necessary for them to become self-sufficient.

## Next Week

Next week's guest is Harold Carrillo. Mr. Carrillo is a partnership specialist for the at 2020 Census North Carolina Team. He's responsible for outreach advocacy and community relations across Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba Counties. He serves a

champion for increasing census participation across the Western North Carolina region. Rotarian Mark Seaman is in charge of next week's 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	3-12-2020	3-19-2020	3-26-2020	4-2-2020
<b>Greeter</b>	Mike Cordora	Melissa Aldrich	Deborah Shannon	Lynn Marilla
<b>Invocation</b>	Linda Lutz	Clarence Pugh	Thomas Griffis	Bob Shoffner
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
<b>Sunshine</b>	Charles Young	Shuford Abernathy	John Watts	Clarence Pugh
<b>Program</b>	Tara Hicks – joint meeting of Tuesday and Thursday clubs	Hank Guess		Todd Hogue
<b>Speaker</b>	Mick Mixon	Harold Carrillo	Terri Rand	Sydney Smith
<b>Topic</b>	Carolina Panthers' Day	Census Presentation	Parrot rescue Kiki's Legacy	Guardian Ad Litem advocacy
<b>Raffle</b>	John Olson	Anne Williams	David Myers	Bonita Ferretti

# Rotary Club of Hickory Roster

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