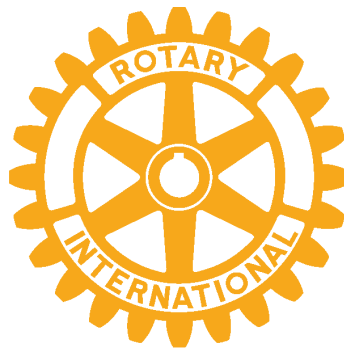


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Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA

March 21, 2019

Today's Program: Hickory High School Interact Rotary Club's Career Day



Could it be that of the hundreds of students attending Hickory High School one or two will join the Hickory Police Department or Hickory Fire Department in a handful of years? Both departments take center stage when the HHS Interact Club ventures out in this year's Career Day. A tradition now dating back at least a dozen years, about 20 Interact Club members will partake in Career Day scheduled for the morning of March 21. With this year's program, we hope to inspire future career interests serving the Hickory community.

The Rotary Club of Hickory sponsors the HHS Interact Club, helping coordinate the annual Career Day. Club Advisor, HHS English teacher Madison Yount, is - as always - the club's driving and guiding force. A former Interact student at HHS, Madison is in her third year as club advisor.

Worldwide there are more than 20,000 Rotary-sponsored Interact Clubs, nearly 500,000 students, all learning the principles of Service Above Self. The Interact Club is not only one of the largest student organizations at Hickory High, but it is also one of the larger service clubs in the city of Hickory. Some 140 total students are members. Of these, we expect up to five senior-class members and fifteen juniors to hop on the bus at 8:15. The students were polled for their interests; the value of Career Day is the degree to which it answers the needs and curiosities of the student attendees. In 2018, the students were hosted by two great local companies, Supreme International in Conover and Transportation Insight of Hickory.

This year, the students took a pleasantly unanticipated turn to local services: our fire and police departments. Any concerns for arranging were quickly dispelled; fellow Rotarian and member of the Interact Club committee, Hickory City Mayor Hank Guess, immediately took on the challenge. With the enthusiastic support of City Manager Warren Wood, Police Department Chief Thurman Whisnant, and newly installed Fire Chief Matt Hutchinson, the possible became the doable.

We asked the students some of their desired key take-aways:

- Day-to-day activities/expectations: "a day in the life"
- Primary ways and means of serving the community
- A discussion of the different branches of the police department (e.g., forensics, K, detectives, beat officers)

One of the trends we noticed from 2018 is that the young ladies seem to take more of an interest than our young men. In both of these historically more "male-oriented" professions, we are keen to ensure that the presentations focus on career opportunities for women. We are exceptionally pleased that our fire-department coordinator is Terri Byers, and Chrystal Dieter is our police-department coordinator. In order to provide a deeper learning experience for the participants, the students will be split into two groups rotating between the departments. Following the two tours, Interact students and Club Advisor Madison Yount will join the regularly scheduled Thursday Rotary Club meeting at noon, March 21.



Club Business and Announcements

Rotarians, Water, and Sanitation

A March Message from District Governor Isaac Owolabi



While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases. This month, the Rotary focus is on water and sanitation. In developing and underdeveloped countries, many people die because of bad water and sanitation. Rotarians provide toilets, latrines, and other clean water initiatives in most of these countries.

According to a Rotary publication, at least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water, a grim reminder for Rotary members who make providing clean water and sanitation an organizational priority.

Our commitment to clean water is stronger than ever. With over 1.2 million members in more than 35,000 clubs in nearly every corner of the world, we can work together with like-minded

organizations like WHO and UNICEF in tackling water and sanitation problems around the world.

In our district 7670, several projects in the past years have focused on sanitation and clean water. Rotarians can't give up until every child in our world can drink safe, clean water. Many diseases are caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water consumption. Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier, they attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

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Hickory's Meal Packaging Event
End hunger by the year 2030!**

**March 30, 2019 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
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Last Week



Last week's speaker (pictured at left) was Kevin Greer, the Public Services Director for the City of Hickory. Mr. Greer has worked for the City of Hickory for over 24 years. His talk was about all the various services provided by the city and constant improvements to the city's infrastructure that are needed to maintain all of those services.



Also last week, Leslie Ferrell presented Patrick Daly with a Charitable Giving contribution to support the Hickory Landmarks Society. Mr. Daly is the Executive Director of the society. The money will be used to allow students from all over Catawba County to participate in Heritage Days at Maple Grove. This program was begun in 1994 and allows over 1,000 school-age children to explore Catawba County history first-hand. A photo of Mr. Daly is above at the right.



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Next Week



Next week is our "Pump Up!" for Rotary Idol. Handling the presentation that day will be co-chairs John Rambo and Bonita Ferretti. Also, warm your voice up before you arrive because it will be time again for Rotary (Dis)Harmony.



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?

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	3-21-2019	3-28-2019	4-04-2019	4-11-2019
Greeter	Tara Hicks	Michael Roper	Mary Burritt	Annual Blood Drive
Invocation	Frank Young	Frank Young	John Bates	(LHCC: 11:30 – 1:30)
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	
Sunshine				No luncheon meeting
Program	Doug Auer	John Rambo and Bonita Ferretti	Leslie Ferrell	
Speaker	Doug Auer and Madison Yount			No Spoke
Topic	Career Day	Rotarian Idol Pump Up!	Partnership for Children	
Raffle	David Myers	Anne Williams	Juliet Good	

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