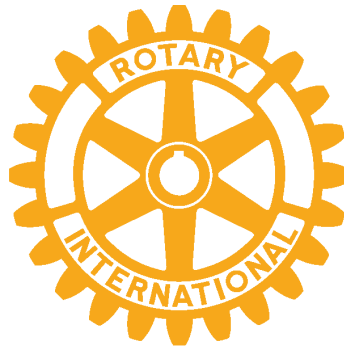


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April 18, 2019

Today's Program: The Metropolitan Statistical Area and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments



Our speaker today is Taylor Dellinger, Senior Data Analyst for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG). Mr. Dellinger has been employed by the WPCOG since April, 1998, as professional staff assigned to the WPCOG Data Center. Having received his B.S. degree in geography with a minor in mathematics from Western Carolina University in 1995, Mr. Dellinger went on to earn a Masters of Science degree in geography from Appalachian State University in 1997.

His current responsibilities include handling local government and public and private-sector requests for economic and demographic data concerning the four-county metropolitan area. He writes and edits the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton MSA Economic Indicators newsletter (EIN) and the City of Hickory Economic Indicators Report. He also creates and manages the Unifour Regional Building Analysis Network (URBAN), the Caldwell County Schools Growth

Estimation Model (CaldGEM), the Catawba County Growth Estimation Model for the Catawba County, Hickory Public, and Newton-Conover City Schools (CGEM); the Western Piedmont Industry Growth Analysis (IGA), and the Hickory Metro Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs). In addition, Mr. Dellinger provides support for all the WPCOG's research and grant activities. Other projects completed by Mr. Dellinger include community assessment for Catawba County Schools' Early Head Start program and the development of a model to estimate the potential economic and residential impact of the Hickory Trail system. Mr. Dellinger generates passenger-bus sampling schedules and creates reports estimating the number of passengers using Greenway Transportation fixed route and demand responses services. He also serves as support staff to the Unifour Air Quality Committee (UAQC) and the Unifour Air Quality Oversight Committee (UAQOC).

He is a certified GIS Professional (GISP), a member of Carolina URISA, a member of NC GIS Arc User Group, a recipient of Appalachian State University's Cratis D. Williams Award in recognition of the best thesis of the year for 1997. He has also received several National Association of Development Organization (NADO) innovation awards.

Today's presentation will focus on regional economic and development trends. It will cover a variety of topics including the Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton Metropolitan Statistical Area (or Hickory MSA) and Catawba County population trends, unemployment, labor-force statistics, employment by industry, and housing data.

In the photo on the right, Rotary Idol All-Stars enjoyed the kick-off celebration at Café Rule on April 4. Be sure to come see these phenomenal contestants on May 17! (Photo courtesy of Bob Huffman Photography.)



Club Business and Announcements

Rotary (Dis)Harmony – "God Save the Queen"

Queen Elizabeth II is celebrating her 93rd birthday, 67 years of which have been on the throne, on April 21. In her honor, today we'll sing "God Save the Queen."

God save the gracious Queen,
 Long live the noble Queen,
 God save the Queen:
 Send her victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us:
 God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store,
 On her be pleased to pour;
 Long may she reign:
 May she defend the laws,
 And ever give them cause
 To sing with heart and voice
 God save the Queen.

Board Meeting Highlights – March 26, 2019

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2019. In an effort to bring more transparency to our members, below is a brief summary of that meeting.

1. April 18, Paul Whitener Art Show, Middle & High Schools
2. April 25, **NO NOON MEETING** – Spring break
3. May 9, Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Award
4. May 16, Service Above Self Scholarship Awards
5. May 17, Rotarian Idol
6. June 27, Club awards day and induction of new officers

The board voted to approve recognizing Charles Snipes' 50+ years of perfect attendance by presenting members with perfect attendance at club awards day with the "Charles M. Snipes Perfect Attendance Certificate."

Programs are booked through June 27, 2019. If any members would like to invite a speaker, Tara Bland is ready to begin scheduling for the July 2019 - June 2020 Rotary year.

The Board approved presenting to the club Donald Bryant for membership. His bio will be on the tables for membership approval in the coming weeks.

The board discussed how the overall gradual decline in size of the club membership is impacting fixed operating costs of club finances and will be considering options to address that at future board meetings.

The board meets again April 30 (instead of April 23). Members are welcome/encouraged to attend.

Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2018 – June 2019	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Linda Lutz	President	John Bates	June 2019
Gerry Knox	President-Elect	Hank Guess	June 2019
Tara Bland	President-Nominee	David Williams	June 2019
Leslie Ferrell	Secretary	Michael Blackburn	June 2020
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Lynn Loehr	Treasurer	Cliff Moone	June 2020
Kelly Farr	Assistant Treasurer	Philip Reed	June 2021
		Anne Williams	June 2021

Last Week



Last week, there was no meeting because of the Annual Blood Drive (see below). Two weeks ago, our featured speaker was Kim Holden, Executive Director of the Catawba County Partnership for Children, the community's early childhood service hub. A photo of Ms. Holden is at the left. Also, donations were made to the Western Piedmont Symphony/Hickory Strings Program (photo below left), the Hickory Community Theater/Rug Bug Theater (photo below right), and the Catawba County Partnership for Children/Dolly Parton Imagination Library. "Dolly" even dropped by for a visit, and members



enjoyed having a picture made with her!



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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	4-18-2019	4-25-2019	5-02-2019	5-09-2019
Greeter	Deaton Smith		Mike Pilolla	Terri Livingston
Invocation	John Bates	Rotary Club of Hickory's Spring Break!	David Williams	David Williams
Visitors	Tony Reed		Tony Reed	Tony Reed
Sunshine	Rodney Garren	No luncheon meeting	Tara Hicks	Cliff Moone
Program	Tara Bland		Tara Bland	Kathy Greathouse
Speaker	Taylor Dellinger	No Spoke	Vicki Murray	
Topic	Western Piedmont Council of Governments		Safe Harbor	Teacher of the Year
Raffle	David Myers		Bonita Ferretti	Anne Williams

Last Thursday's Blood Drive was a huge success. Lake Hickory Country Club was a perfect venue! Thanks to all those who were "caught being Rotarians!" This includes the donors, Rotary volunteers, and LHCC staff. Many thanks to Frank and Kit and their committee (Jan Bohmuller, Juliet Good, and Anne Williams) for their leadership! Hopefully, this is the first annual Blood Drive held at this site. See you next year, same place, and same time. I do think this would be a great event to continue!! Let's celebrate being Rotarians in the Community!! President Lulu.

Next Week

Next week, there is no luncheon meeting. It will be the Rotary Club of Hickory's "Spring Break." Two weeks from now, on May 2, the day's guest will be Vicki Murray, the Executive Director of Safe Harbor. Safe Harbor is a non-profit ministry that provides a Christ-centered community for rebuilding, renewing, and recovery. In all of its programs, the focus is on meeting people where they identify their needs and providing evidence-based, faith-inspired resources for success.

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