

How to Makeup Meetings Online

- Go to 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: Iferrell@catawbacountync.gov . . . You're done!
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Alzheimer's disease is claiming more and more victims worldwide every day. More than 5.2 million Americans are now victims, and medical scientists predict that unless a prevention/cure is found, the number of American victims will grow to 16 million within the next 20 to 25 years. Further, it is believed that without a cure, one out of every 10 living Americans will ultimately become victims. In addition, it is estimated that 75 percent of the world's victims live outside of the United States.

Rotarians in 14 Rotary districts in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, and Virginia contribute small amounts weekly to fund research that can bring an end to this terrible disease.

The CART Fund was developed with the idea of accomplishing its goals without Rotary clubs having to conduct special fund raisers and without interfering with other projects of our various Rotary clubs. In order to do this, the concept was developed of asking Rotarians to voluntarily empty their pockets of change or whatever amount they wanted to donate when they attend their weekly Rotary Club meetings. (It is estimated that on any given day in America, \$8.25 billion in loose change passes among our citizens.) This process provides a very simple, painless and effective way to raise much-needed funds for Alzheimer's research.

To date, the CART Fund has granted \$4.8 Million in 26 research grants, all from pocket change!

Regional Coordinator Bill Parker is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Marine Corps. Born in Chicago, Illinois, and growing up in California and Texas, he attended the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, earning a Bachelor of

Arts Degree in Education and attended Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, earning a Master of Arts Degree in Management. He served twenty four years in the Marine Corps, including two combat tours in Viet Nam. Following retirement, he worked for Northrup Grumman as a defense contractor in mission critical and wireless combat communications systems.

A member of the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock, NC, he has been in Rotary for 14 years and currently serves as Zone 33 western area RLI Coordinator as well as District Chair of the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust (CART) Program.

Bill served Rotary by being Club Secretary, Club President, District Assistant Governor, District Communications Director and District Governor of District 7670 in 2011-12. Bill is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

In other civic activities, Bill has served on the Blowing Rock Planning Board and the High Country United Way Board. Bill was recognized for his civic actions by being named "Citizen of the Year" in 2004. His wife, Barbara, is also a Rotarian and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. They have been married for 49 years and have two children and four grandchildren.

Mark Seaman is in charge of the program.





Oliver Noble

Article IX, Section 2, the Constitution of North Carolina says, "The General Assembly shall provide by taxation and otherwise for a general and uniform system of free public schools...., wherein equal opportunities shall be provided for all students."

Every day in the eighth grade, we all went to the new audio visual room to watch what was called "Physical Science" on a twenty-one inch black and white television. After thirty minutes, we marched back to our room where Mrs. Stapleton answered our questions, reviewed the lesson, and furnished each of us the nurturing necessary for confidence curiosity, and learning. She cared whether country kids learned something, and all of us knew she did. With all that's going on in North Carolina, I often think of that class and Mrs. Stapleton.

That televised physics class didn't change the world; it was only about introductory physics. The internet has changed the world; most knowledge is available on any connecting device. As more and better quality instruction is available on the internet, and as more specialized instruction is available to meet the needs of children of all abilities, traditional education lecturing is sure to change.

Education has changed a lot lately, but it isn't because quality instruction and reference resources are available on the internet. Teacher tenure went "POOF!" Thousands of Teacher Assistant jobs went "Poof!" Poorly planned charter schools went "POOF" in less than a year. Common Core standards for curriculum went "POOF" after many thousands of people in forty-five states, including ours, worked over five years to develop and adopt them. Our state started paying vouchers of up to \$4,200 a year of tax money for some children to go to schools where they

are taught a lot of some particular religion. Beginning teachers got a big raise; teachers who had served children for a lifetime got next to nothing. Merit raises were announced, but many teachers saw the method of selecting recipients as unfair and discretionary. A teacher's dedication to academic betterment through earning master's degrees was no longer rewarded with extra pay. The grading system was replaced with the one it replaced decades ago, so it would seem like kids were learning more and schools were getting better.

If we truly support education as Rotarians and citizens, we need to pay attention to the changes that improve it, and the changes that hurt it. We ought to know what Common Core is, and what vouchers are, and how charter school standards are different, and what the Gates Foundation does. We ought to wonder why all the focus is on everything except using every easily available resource and tool in every classroom. If we don't make it our job to pay attention and to provide positive direction, the changes in education may continue to do little beyond slapping all the Mrs. Stapletons across the face again and again.

The internet and other tools offer much more to education than the black and white television, but neither can do what Mrs. Stapleton could do. Learning all we can about education issues is fundamental to the support of education. Being aware of positive and negative changes is fundamental to the support of education. Showing all the Mrs. Stapletons who feel devalued and under attack that their skills, training, and experience in education, and their nurture of children's learning are appreciated, is fundamental to the support of education.



Last week...



Lenoir-Rhyne University Senior Marie Mauhar (far left) told the club about her application for a Global Scholar Grant (fgscholars.org).

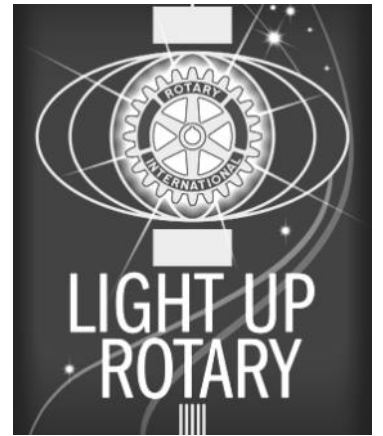
Allison Holtzman spoke about the activities of Friends of Hickory. Learn more at friendsofhickory.com.



MacKenzie Houser and Nicolas Dyson were Catawba Valley Community College Students of the Month and guests of the club.



Susan Huffman discusses our Strategic Plan with club members, while Jennifer Clark records the event. Anyone can view archived club meetings at hickoryrotary.org.



Gary Huang
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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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Van Roy's Law: An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

Song of the Day



R-O-T-A-R-Y, that spells Rotary;
R-O-T-A-R-Y is known on land and sea;
From North to South, from East to West,
They profit most who serve the best;
R-O-T-A-R-Y, That spells Rotary.



Date	Today	7-May	14-May	21-May
Program	Mark Seaman	Kathy Greathouse	Thomas Griffis	No meeting
Speaker	Bill Parker	David Moore	Various	Crawdads Game
Topic	CART	Teacher of the Year	SAS Scholarship	Fellowship--5/18 -7
Rotary Moment	Ernie Masche	Meg Jenkins Locke	John Olson	No meeting
Raffle	John Olson	Steve Walker	Dean Doucette	No meeting
Visitors	Rich Brown	Ray Cerda	Jennifer Clark	No meeting
Greeter	Bob Warmuth	Jeff Butler	Dan Duke	No meeting
Music	Allen Finley	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	No meeting
Message	Oliver Noble		Andrea Surratt	No meeting
Invocation	John Bates	Susan Smith Walker	Susan Smith Walker	No meeting
Video Camera	Anne Williams	Bruce Bumbarger	Allen Finley	No meeting