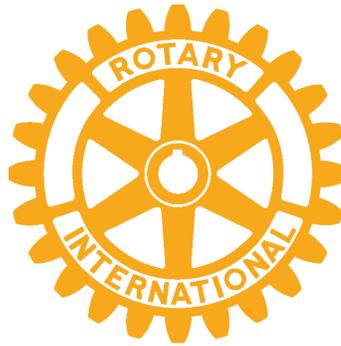


# Rotary



# Spoke

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

**May 2, 2019**

## **Today's Program: Vicki Murray, Executive Director of Safe Harbor**



Our speaker today is Vicki Murray, the Executive Director of Safe Harbor. Here's what Mrs. Murray has to say about her work with Safe Harbor.

"I accepted the position of Executive Director for Safe Harbor in October of 2013. I was introduced to Safe Harbor in 2008, and I was immediately drawn to the ministry. For the next 5 years, I served as a bible study leader, a mentor to several Whole Woman participants, and a board member. I also worked diligently to raise awareness and funding for Safe Harbor. This led to organizing the yearly fundraising event, Celebrate the Harvest.

"I was self employed for 28 years, 19 years with a direct sales company and then as co-owner, with my husband, of A1 Tile in Hickory for the next 9 years. I was employed by Christ Church for 3 years before becoming the Executive Director of Safe Harbor.

"My passion is to help women know who they are in Christ. Because of this passion, I volunteer as a Lunch Buddy to a beautiful 7<sup>th</sup> grader and serve on Safe Harbor's Bridge outreach team. This team reaches women that are at risk of sex trafficking.

"I have been married to Chris Murray for 42 years and have two wonderful children and three extraordinary grandchildren! I work hard to keep a balanced life of faith, family, and fitness.

"Safe Harbor was founded by Debbie Haynes in 2004 and opened its doors to serve women and children in poverty through a day program in 2006. Since that time, Safe Harbor has expanded programs, donors and volunteers with an accelerated growth! Through 2 main arms of the organization, New Day and Thrive Recovery, there are 7 different programs, 26 staff members, and over 200 volunteers.

"Our anchor programs are NOW, which serves women and children in poverty, Whole Woman year-long residential program, and Greenleaf Transitional Housing. We also have a social enterprise, ReSource Warehouse and Gallery, which is a training ground for the women we serve and streams money to the ministry.

"Today, I will be sharing stories of life change from the conception of Safe Harbor to the opening on our new 10,000 square foot building. I will also share how our community will be impacted with the opening of our new co-ed recovery community center and how businesses can make an impact on the lives of Catawba County citizens that are looking for a second chance."

# Club Business and Announcements

## New Member Induction: Dan Bryant



At the April 18 meeting, Dan Bryant (photo at left) was inducted into club membership. Dan provided the biographical information below. Please welcome him to the club.

"First of all I am a Christian, father, patriot, entrepreneur. The goal every day is to live my priorities in that order. Sometimes it goes as planned and other days ends in an evaluation as to why the plans went awry. That is where grace, getting back up, and getting another chance come into play.

"My wife Debi and I with our three children, Zach (24), Nich (22), and Shanna (33), moved to Hickory 13 years ago. Hickory has been a wonderful place to raise them. Before moving to North Carolina, we were in Beckley, West Virginia, where my wife and I grew up (South Charleston for me and Beckley for her). We both graduated from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, and I moved all over the East Coast and Gulf Coast working in the grocery business. Then, I had a brief stint in the textile field. Debi is an RN working as a school nurse at Mt. View and Banoak elementary schools. My joy in my free time is spending time with family and reading. I also contribute to a BNI referral chapter, Chamber of Commerce group, and other various groups of small business professionals.

"What I do now is work with small-business owners and individuals, helping them increase profits by reducing their business, personal, and health-care costs working through a not-for-profit association, American Independent Business Coalition and USHEALTH Group. I have my life, health and Medicare/LTC insurance license. The goal everyday is to add great value to others."



**May 17, 2019**

**7 p.m.**

**P. E. Monroe Auditorium  
Lenoir-Rhyne University**

**DON'T MISS IT!**

### 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, but two weeks ago, our featured speaker was Taylor Dellinger, Senior Data Analyst for the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG). Mr. Dellinger is pictured at the left. The presentation looked at regional economic and development trends and covered topics that included 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.

Also at that meeting, a Rotary Foundation gift was made to the Augustine Literacy Program at the Patrick Beaver Library. This is a program that provides free lessons to low-income children to help them become better readers. A photograph of the donation is below at the left. The meeting also featured the Rotary induction ceremony of Dan Bryant. There's a picture of the induction below at the right and a biography of Dan on page 2 of this edition of the *Spoke*.

## Next Week

Next week's meeting will feature the Rotary Club of Hickory's annual Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year award. Nominees from the nine schools in the Hickory Public School System will be presented. Kathy Greathouse, who is in charge of the program, will share insights from the teachers' colleagues, students, and the teachers themselves. The nine teachers and schools that will be represented are: Tonya Byrd, Viewmont Elementary; Melissa Heller, Jenkins Elementary; Lynn Ruppard, Longview Elementary; Gina Sain, Oakwood Elementary; Erin Spencer Sigmon, Southwest Elementary; Anetia Ramseur Wright, Grandview Middle School; Douglas Byrd, Northview Middle; Stacey Eckard, Hickory Career and Arts Magnet School; and Nathan Fredericks, Hickory High School.



### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	5-02-2019	5-09-2019	5-16-2019	5-23-2019
<b>Greeter</b>	Mike Pilolla	Terri Livingston	Gabriel Sherwood	
<b>Invocation</b>	David Williams	David Williams	David Williams	Luncheon Social at Groucho's Deli
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	
<b>Sunshine</b>	Tara Hicks	Cliff Moone	Clarence Pugh	No <i>Spoke</i>
<b>Program</b>	Tara Bland	Kathy Greathouse	Thomas Griffis	
<b>Speaker</b>	Vicki Murray			
<b>Topic</b>	Safe Harbor	Teacher of the Year	Service Above Self Scholarship	
<b>Raffle</b>	Bonita Ferretti	Anne Williams	Anne Williams	



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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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Declaration by the Hickory Rotary  
Club Board of Directors

March 26, 2019:

In appreciation of the many years  
of service and 50+ years of perfect  
attendance, the award presented  
to Hickory Rotarians with perfect  
attendance will now be the

“Charles M. Snipes

Perfect Attendance Certificate.”

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