

Rotary Spoke

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

May 9, 2019

Today's Program: Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Award

As we always say, the decision to select one winner from the amazing nominees for the annual Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Award is agonizingly difficult.

And yet, each year we manage to do it even as we honor all nine who were selected from each school in the Hickory Public School System. This year, the selection committee included Kathy Greathouse, Chair; Doug Auer, Mary Burritt, and Leslie Ferrell.

We are privileged today to welcome all the outstanding nominees to our club. Those nominees are: Tonya Byrd of Viewmont Elementary; Melissa Heller of Jenkins Elementary; Lynn Ruppard of Longview Elementary; Gina Sain of Oakwood Elementary; Erin Spencer Sigmon of Southwest Elementary; Anetia Ramseur Wright of Grandview Middle School; Douglas Byrd of Northview Middle; Stacey Eckard of Hickory Career and Arts Magnet School; and Nathan Fredericks of Hickory High School. All of these outstanding candidates have a passion for teaching and a love for students of all ages. We are so fortunate to have them in our local school system.

You will hear a little about each nominee before we announce the one selected as Teacher of the Year. We will share letters submitted by students, parents, principals, and fellow educators, as well as the nominees themselves. These comments will help you understand the passion and commitment these wonderful educators bring to our Hickory Public Schools.

And this year, as every year, we know full well that the winner is not here with us today.

The winners – all 4,200 of them – are studying at desks in schools across our city. With you today are the amazing teachers who are inspiring them each day.

Kathy Greathouse is in charge of today's program.



May 17, 2019

7 p.m.

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

DON'T MISS IT!

Club Business and Announcements

Board Meeting Highlights



Your Rotary board (pictured at left) held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 30, 2019. In an effort to bring more transparency to our members, below is a brief summary of that meeting:

The Rotary Club of Hickory received significant recognition at the District 7670 conference in Greenville, South Carolina, from April 26 to 28, 2019:

- District Governor Isaac B. Owolabi presented the Governor’s Inspiration Award to Rotary Club of Hickory President Linda Lutz
- The Rotary Club of Hickory received the Governor’s Distinguished Club Citation
- The Rotary Club of Hickory received the Governor’s Award for Best Public Image: Large Club
- Also, the passing of 4 former officers of our club was recognized in the District Conference bulletin: Past Secretary Avery Wilfong and Past Club Presidents Bob Bumbarger, Rusty Roberts, and Charles Snipes.

Other topics discussed included:

- John Bates noted that our club will receive the 100% Paul Harris Club designation.
- The lamps for our Lights for Learning Project in Bayonnaise, Haiti, are now being distributed to students after making it through Haitian customs...no easy task.
- The Blood Drive netted 36 blood donations and 24 balls for kid’s recreation.
- 18 Rotarians volunteered at the Paul Whitener Art Show for elementary and middle school students.
- 14 Rotarian volunteered at the Rise Against Hunger food packaging event.
- On May 23, the club will meet at Groucho’s Deli with a percentage of proceeds benefitting the worldwide eradication of polio.
- The CART fiscal year ended officially on April 30, 2019, and our club contributed a total of \$2200.

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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

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- The Hickory City Council will meet in the future to determine a location for the “Miracle of Hickory” polio mural. Two options remain: downtown and at the actual site of the hospital, which is on city-owned property near the Music Factory.
- Two individuals have expressed an interest in joining our club: Jean McMullin, Premier Banker 2 at Wells Fargo Bank, by way of transfer from the Catawba Valley Rotary Club, and Deborah Shannon, owner of Deborah Shannon Coaching, providing life, executive, and personal coaching services.
- After conferring with most of the other clubs in District 7670, Treasurer Lynn Loehr noted that most of the other district clubs invoice member dues quarterly, rather than semiannually, and suggested the Board keep that in mind for future consideration. This is a continuation of the March 26 Board discussion of how the overall gradual decline in the size of our club membership is impacting the fixed operating costs of club finances.
- Please contact Tara Bland if you would like to schedule a speaker or know of a subject that would make an interesting program during the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

The board meets again on May 28. Club members are welcome/encouraged to attend.

Last Week



Last week's meeting had Vicki Murray as the featured speaker. Mrs. Murray has been the Executive Director of Safe Harbor since 2013. Her talk highlighted all the wonderful programs that Safe Harbor sponsors for women in the community. She also invited Rotarians to the June 3 grand opening of Safe Harbor's new facility, a building funded by the generosity of members of this community, who donated around \$2,000,000 for the project. A photo of Mrs. Murray is at the left.

Also last week, President Linda Lutz announced all the awards that our club received at the recent District 7670 conference in Greenville, South Carolina. See the board meeting summary on page 2 for details. Also, President Linda reminded members that there will be a Past Presidents' council meeting on Wednesday, May 15, at Four Restaurant at 5 p.m.

Next Week

Next week's meeting is all about the Service Above Self Scholarship. Thomas Griffis and his committee have worked hard on this annual award and will share winners with us at the May 16 meeting.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	5-09-2019	5-16-2019	5-23-2019	5-30-2019
Greeter	Terri Livingston	Gabriel Sherwood		Mary Burritt
Invocation	David Williams	David Williams	Luncheon Social at Groucho's Deli	David Williams
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed		Tony Reed
Sunshine		Clarence Pugh	No Spoke	
Program	Kathy Greathouse	Thomas Griffis		Suzanne Trollan and Patrice Bertrand
Speaker	Kathy Greathouse	Thomas Griffis		Suzanne Trollan and Patrice Bertrand
Topic	Teacher of the Year	Service Above Self Scholarship		Rotary Haiti Project
Raffle	Anne Williams	Anne Williams		John Olson



BE THE INSPIRATION

2018 – 2019
Rotary Theme



Rotary International

Barry Resin
President

Rotary District 7670

Isaac Owolabi
District Governor
Jason Herman
Assistant D.G.



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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