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- 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)
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- Give them Jerri Wilfong's email address: jerri.wilfong@firstcitizens.com ...You're done!

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Today, Hickory Rotary Club will present the Wilmer M. Jenkins Teacher of the Year Award. This award is given in memory of Wilmer M. Jenkins, who served as superintendent of Hickory Public Schools and who was a member of Hickory Rotary Club. Here are this year's nominees:



Jordan Caldwell, Social Studies Teacher, Hickory Magnet



Jill Franjione, Kindergarten Teacher, Oakwood Elementary



Anyea Gibson, Third Grade Teacher, Viewmont Elementary



Julie Grice, ESL Teacher, Grandview Middle



April Kehoe, ESL Teacher, Hickory High



Teresa Oakley, Literary Coach, Longview Elementary



Cynthia Parrish, Counselor, Jenkins Elementary



Kristin Wilson, Fifth Grade Teacher, Southwest Elementary



David Wortman, Band Director, Northview Middle



John Watts

Why? Why do you come to your weekly Rotary Club meeting? What makes you take time out of everything you have going on to be here almost every Thursday? These are questions that I ask myself on an ongoing basis almost every Thursday. The good news is, I come because there is an air of fellowship that makes me want to be there most every week. Most of the time, I am at a table with folks I do not get to see any other time. They are involved in a variety of other businesses and activities. Almost everybody at the table has a favorite charity that is different from everybody else at the table. Everybody at the table has had a cornucopia of good things happen to them in the past seven days and is anxious to share those events.

I have to believe that our founder, Paul Harris, had nothing else more in mind than spending time over lunch to find out from his other club members what they had experienced in the past week. I am firmly convinced that the original Rotary Club was a forerunner to what we commonly refer to today as doing some positive networking. I also believe that the purpose of the networking was to make new friends. Find people who wanted to be associated with outstanding individuals and bring them together. The caliber of the people in Rotary is exemplary. We meet people who make things happen, good things. That in itself is fetching. It makes the rest of us want to make good things happen.

The history of Rotary International and the Hickory Rotary Club provide us a laundry list of good things that we have done that have helped people who would not have been helped otherwise. Stop and think for one minute about the Rotary Pledge to eliminate polio. If we never did anything else in our lives, that alone is incredible.

Locally, we have helped young people pay for college that might not otherwise have been able to attend college. We are helping our youngest citizens learn to read by putting books in their homes when they had none. Weekly, we offer help to those folks who have Alzheimer's just by putting a bucket on the table and sending a silent message.

I tell my folks in my office, "Something good always happens." At Rotary, every Thursday, for me, "Something good always happens."

What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?

— Marcus T. Cicero

Song of the Day



The more we get together,
together, together,
The more we get together,
the happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends,
The more we get together,
the happier we'll be.



Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-11, 2012

Teacher Appreciation Week 2012 is the time when schools and communities honor the dedicated members of the teaching profession who work daily to shape the intellects and characters of students in their care. Starting on May 7, we all have a chance to show our appreciation to teachers and let them know that their hard work is not taken for granted.

Since 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week during the first full week in May, and the National Education Association has selected the Tuesday of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 8 this year) as National Teacher Day.

Thank you, teachers, for all that you do.

Last week...



Crystal Hartman and Rotarian husband Justin told the club about Hartman's Haven Dog Rescue, a non-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of unwanted and homeless dogs. Left: Making friends with Sam. For more information, visit hartmanshaven.org.



2011-2012 Rotary Theme

Rotary International
Kalyan Banerjee, President
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Bill Parker, District Governor
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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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Club Assignments

Date	Today	17-May	24-May	31-May
Program	Moore/Greathouse	Gellman/Griffis	John Bates	John Norwood
Rotary Moment	Andrea Surratt	John Olson	Clarence Pugh	Suzanne Trollan
Raffle	Jay Adams	Lisé Swensson	Dick Flachbart	Susan Vincent
Visitors	Susan Smith	Steven Walker	Tom Adkins	Anthony Alderman
Greeter	Mike Thomas	Tony Reed	Terry Creasman	Susan Allshouse
Music	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	Mary Texer
Message	John Watts	Sarah Willis	Jeff Norris	Ed Nesbitt