

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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Service Above Self. It's our motto. We try to make it our way of life. We try to pass it along, both by doing it and by helping others buy into our slogan. It becomes tangible to us throughout the year, but maybe nothing brings it home more than awarding our Service Above Self scholarship. That's what we will do today by recognizing an outstanding Hickory High School student who has a passion for helping others.



To be considered for a SAS, a student must be in the top 20% of their graduating class and have a combination of exemplary service, leadership and financial need. Since 2005, thirty students have received SAS scholarships, totaling well over \$200,000. Our SAS students have attended Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Davidson College, University of North Carolina, Furman University, Duke University, University of South Carolina, Lenoir Rhyne University, Catawba Valley Community College, and Gardner Webb University, among others.

Thanks to the hard work of our club on our major fundraiser, Rotarian Idol, the scholarship was increased this year from a total of \$10,000 to \$12,000. So now, the winner receives \$3,000 per year for college costs.

The recipient of the 2015 Service Above Self scholarship is Julia Kessel. Julia is the daughter of John and Sheila Kessel. Julia, along with brother Luke and sister Rachel, make up the Kessel triplets. The three are considering splitting up to go to college. Luke will probably go to UNC and Rachel is consider-

ing ECU. Julia hopes to attend the University of Alabama, where she has already been accepted into the nursing program. Her goals don't stop there; Julia hopes to continue her studies to become an anesthesiologist.

Julia's high school career has been an impressive mix of outstanding scholarship, leadership and service. In addition to the rigors of the International Baccalaureate program, she is a member of Interact, National Honor Society, Juniors, Beta Club, Latin Club, Mu Alpha Theta and DECA. She is President of Juniors, Senior Class Vice-President and Historian of Beta Club. As captain of the HHS tennis team, she and her partner finished fifth in the State's 3-A schools.

Our winner passes along her talents and skills. She has served as a tutor and a tennis coach for young children and has participated in a number of mission trips with her church, Hickory's First Presbyterian Church. On top of all this, Julia works as hostess at Highland Avenue Restaurant.

Julia's interview impressed the SAS scholarship committee members Dean Doucette, Carol Kammer, Jerri Wilfong, Linda Lutz, Rosemary Bass Young and Anne Williams with her passion and enthusiasm. She had a special gleam in her eye when she told of teaching "mind games" to the young tennis players she coaches!

Hickory Rotary, welcome Julia Kessel, our 2015 Service Above Self Scholarship winner.

Thomas Griffis is in charge of the program.



John Bates

Is the Hickory (Thursday) Rotary "The Education Club?" Should it be?

We have been called "The Education Club", perhaps because from the "Education Alive" fund raiser providing college loans which became a direct grant program. While making those loans/grants we made annual donations to worthwhile community activities such as Service League, YMCA, Symphony, Science Center, Girls on the Run, and Rotary-related projects such as Stop Hunger Now, Shelter Boxes, RYLA, Hickory High InterAct. We fund annually the HMA Paul Whitener art completion and the Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year award—honoring former members. In 2009 we kick-started Hickory High's International Baccalaureate. Until 2010 our "education" focus was secondary and post-secondary, with other giving fragmented for both charitable and educational purposes.

In 2009-2010 the Educational Giving and Charitable Giving Committees met jointly and, based on surveys, conversations and focus groups with membership, recommended the Board put our primary focus on early childhood education—both in financial giving and in seeking opportunities for hands-on participation. The two committees were merged and we adopted the Partnership for Children's sponsorship of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Our initial \$15,000 grant al-

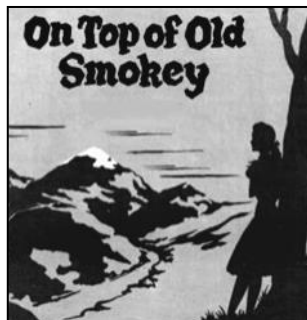
lowed that program to get started in Catawba County and over five years we have given more than \$80,000. For three years we have been the Presenting Sponsor for Hickory Community Theater's RugBug Theater.

There are many worthwhile programs, but do we want to be just another donor? Or do we want to provide financial (and volunteer) support for programs and projects that might not happen without our help—like IB and Imagination Library? Do we want to focus on one kind of project—early childhood education or something else; or consider a full range of projects in different areas? We can and should continue to support Rotary International and District 7670 initiatives; but where should we put the bulk of our giving? Should we seize other opportunities like the Friends of Hickory downtown park and playground—with educational components --and which help to establish our brand? The Community Service WIG group and Charitable Giving Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors, but both committee and board want and need to have input from the membership in making those decisions. Now, while the club's strategic plan for the next three to five years is implemented, is the time to speak up and provide that guidance.

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.

— Mark Twain

Song of the Day



On top of old Smoky
All covered with snow.
I lost my true lover
By courtin' too slow.

Now courtin's a pleasure.
But partin' is grief,
A false hearted lover
Is worse than a thief.



Last week...

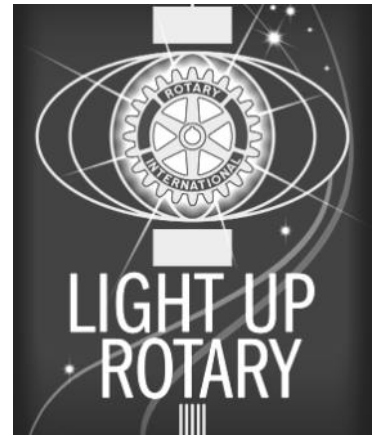


The Thursday Hickory Rotary Club awarded its annual Wilmer R. Jenkins Teacher of the Year award. Shown above are nominees Amber Bowles, Christine Young, Cindy Brittain, Mary Kate Yestrumskas, Laurie Ferguson, Jerrica Dula, Lisa Galit, Lillian Presnell and Alex Ward. Each nominee received \$500, the winner \$1000. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication.



And the winner is....

Laurie Ferguson from Jenkins Elementary School, shown here with principal John Black. Congratulations, Laurie, and all the great Hickory City Schools nominees. The Thursday Hickory Rotary Club thanks all of you for your service to your students and to our community.



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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Club Assignments

| Date | 14-May | 21-May | 28-May | 4-Jun |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Program | Thomas Griffis | No meeting | Charles Young | |
| Speaker | SAS Scholarship | Crawdads Game | Crawdads Coach | |
| Topic | SAS Scholarship | Meet 5/18 @ 5 p.m. | Crawdads | |
| Rotary Moment | John Olson | No meeting | David Millholland | John Bates |
| Raffle | Dean Doucette | No meeting | Cliff Moore | Jerri Wilfong |
| Visitors | Jennifer Clark | No meeting | Dean Doucette | Cuyler Dunbar |
| Greeter | Dan Duke | No meeting | Robert Locke | Clarence Pugh |
| Music | Mary Texer | No meeting | Mary Texer | John Ross |
| Message | John Bates | No meeting | | |
| Invocation | Susan Walker | No meeting | Susan Walker | Dan Duke |
| Video Camera | Allen Finley | No meeting | Michael McNally | Steve Mull |