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Rotary Spoke

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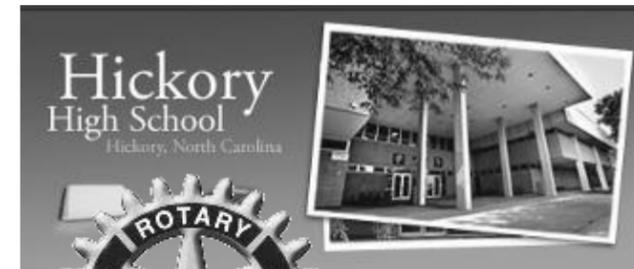
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During today's meeting we will recognize two scholars from Hickory High School with the awarding of the Service Above Self (SAS) scholarship. Each year, club members review applications and interview students for the award.



During the interviews, students are evaluated on traditional scholarship standards: grades, overall grade point average and class rank. What sets this scholarship apart from many others is that each honored student must demonstrate how they serve their community.

Service can take many paths, and this year's students' service includes tutoring students in elementary school, helping at risk girls improve their self-image while learning new dance moves, leading Bible study classes with their peers and providing much needed assistance with their families. They accomplish all of this while attending school, participating in sports, and holding down after school jobs.

Please take time to meet our two new scholars, Ally Gniadek and Sloane Barnhardt. You'll be impressed by their determination and dedication.

Mitzi Gellman and Thomas Griffis are in charge of the program.



Sarah Willis

Rotary members touch so many lives in many different ways, as Rotary members and also as individuals in your daily personal and work roles. This year, President Rich has re-introduced another way of touching children through RYLA, a Rotary program for youth leadership development. RYLA started in 1966 as boy's leadership camp at Camp Deerwoode, hosting 32 boys from throughout what is now Rotary District 7670.

In 1969, RYLA was moved to Brevard College, where it remained for nine years. During that time it became a co-ed event, and attendance has grown steadily. In 1978, the camp was moved to its present location at Brevard Music Center, and it currently hosts more than 65 students annually.

The purpose of RYLA is to bring together the most highly qualified high school students to participate in a week-long program to learn more about the fundamentals of leadership. The curriculum includes ethics of positive leadership, problem solving, conflict management and goal setting. Not only does this benefit the student attending but will also benefit Rotary because Rotarian volunteers interact closely with the students. Most RYLA graduates report that "their perceptions of Rotary undergo a profound change for the better," hence future Rotarians!

Quotes from RYLA participants: "RYLA wasn't just camping, either. We all got to work together doing community service." "RYLA taught me to solve problems, working on my own and with others." From a female participant, "RYLA allowed me to do things I never would have dreamed of doing before." RYLA gave us plenty of time to have fun, as well as learn lots about improving our leadership skills."

Participants from our club were asked to write a brief essay on what the 4 way test means to them. The finalists were interviewed and two selected to attend camp in June.

Thank you to each and every member of this Rotary Club for all you do for our community!

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.



Registration is now open for the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June! Lisbon is an explorer's paradise. Perched on the west coast of Europe, Portugal's capital city is a charming combination of old-world appeal and modern flair. As one of the oldest cities in Europe, Lisbon can boast a colorful history that's been preserved in world-class museums and iconic monuments. Sun-drenched neighborhoods will offer a warm welcome as you learn more about Rotary while enjoying fresh seafood, traditional Fado music, and historic wonders. Join us in Lisbon for an unforgettable experience. Learn more about how to register by going here: <http://goo.gl/VZl3U>.



2011-2012 Rotary Theme

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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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Last week...

Jill Franjione (right) was selected as the Wilmer M. Jenkins Teacher of the Year from a group of nominees (below) from the Hickory Public School system. Jill is a kindergarten teacher at Oakwood Elementary School.



Club Assignments

Date	Today	24-May	31-May	7-Jun
Program	Gellman/Griffis	John Bates	John Norwood	Deborah Sellers
Rotary Moment	John Olson	Clarence Pugh	Suzanne Trollan	John Rambo
Raffle	Lisè Swensson	Dick Flachbart	Susan Vincent	Scott Anderson
Visitors	Steven Walker	Tom Adkins	Anthony Alderman	Jeff Butler
Greeter	Tony Reed	Terry Creasman	Susan Allshouse	Ed Nesbitt
Music	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	Mary Texer	Larry Robinson
Message	Sarah Willis	Jeff Norris	Ed Nesbitt	Susan Vincent