

Rotary

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June 14, 2018

Today's Program: Anthony Starr and the Western Piedmont Council



Today, we'll hear from Anthony Starr, the Executive Director of the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG), about the council's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) process is a locally-based, regionally-driven economic development planning process. Economic development planning, as implemented through the CEDS, serves as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration. Simply put, a CEDS is a strategy-driven plan for regional economic development. It can be a key component in establishing and maintaining a strong regional economy by helping to build economic capacity that contributes to individual, business and community success.

The CEDS was developed through efforts of a diverse committee appointed on November 22, 2016, by the WPCOG Policy Board. The WPCOG revisits the CEDS every five years as required of all U.S. Economic Development Administration-designated Economic Development Districts (EDD). The

CEDS Committee met numerous times in 2017 using extensive public input and stakeholder guidance to develop the new CEDS. The WPCOG Policy Board unanimously adopted the 2017 CEDS as recommended by the CEDS Committee. Work to implement the CEDS is already underway and regular status updates are anticipated to maintain momentum around the 25 strategies endorsed by the plan. A digital version of the CEDS and other supporting information can be found at www.wpcog.org/ceds.

Anthony Starr is the third full-time Executive Director since the creation of the COG in 1968. He supervises a staff of 54 people that administer a range of programs on behalf of the 28 local governments in the Western Piedmont region.

Anthony brings with him over 22 years of local government experience, including time as a county planning director and town manager. Starr's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning from Appalachian State University and a Master of Public Administration, also from ASU.

Mark Your Calendars for August 9

On Thursday, August 9, District Governor Isaac Owolabi will visit our club. Please plan to come to this most important meeting and to show him the respect he deserves by your attendance. At the conclusion of the meeting, Governor Owolabi has requested to meet with the Board in the Windsor Room. Please make plans to stay for this "meeting after the meeting."

Club Business and Announcements

In Memoriam: Robert “Bob” Bumbarger



The Rotary Club of Hickory’s oldest and longest (67 years) active member, Robert “Bob” Bumbarger passed away Friday, June 8, 2018, after a sudden and brief illness. Bob joined the Rotary Club of Hickory in 1951 and served as club president during the 1963-1964 Rotary year. A memorial service with military honors will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Hickory on Thursday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. Rotary Club of Hickory and Hickory Coffee Club members will serve as honorary pallbearers.

New Club Officers Approved

The following club officers and directors have been voted on and approved by the club membership. Please congratulate these members who are willing to serve during the 2018-19 Rotary year.

Club Officers:

Linda Lutz, President
Gerry Knox, President-Elect
Vacant, President-Nominee
(voted on at a later date)
Leslie Ferrell, Secretary
Jan Bohmuller, Assistant Secretary
Lynn Loehr, Treasurer
Kelly Farr, Assistant Treasurer
Mark Teague, Past President

Board of Directors:

John Bates, June 30, 2019
David Williams, June 30, 2019
Tara Bland, June 30, 2021
Philip Reed, June 30, 2021
Anne Williams, June 30, 2021

The first Rotary board meeting of the 2018-19 year, which includes all officers, will be held on Tuesday, June 26, at 5:20 p.m. (Linda does mean **5:20**) in the Conference Room at the Hickory YMCA.

Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Mark Teague	President	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Linda Lutz	President-Elect	Philip Reed	June 2018
Gerry Knox	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Andy Cote	June 2019
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Tara Bland	June 2020
Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Michael Blackburn	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Last week's speakers were Jim Henderson and Eric Nichols (pictured at left) with the Lights for Learning Project, an effort to donate lights to Haiti in places where there's no electricity. This is joint project between the Rotary Club of Asheville-Biltmore, the Rotary Club of Arden, and the Rotary Club of Hickory, in partnership with the Light Foundation and the Rotary Club of Bayonnais-Gonaives (Haiti). The hope is to place 1,000 solar lamps in the homes of students in the Bayonnais area of Haiti.

The Light Foundation was founded to address "energy poverty" by bringing light to refugee camps

and undeveloped areas of the world where there is no electricity. The budget for this project is \$35,000, which covers purchase of the lamps from the manufacturer, shipment to Haiti, local transportation, and distribution expenses. Individuals, businesses, churches, civic clubs, and foundations are invited to participate in this project with the hope that the lamps can be distributed in early 2019.

Contributions to this project can be made to the Rotary Club of Arden Foundation, c/o R. James Henderson, 107 Lambeth Drive, Asheville, NC 28803, or to the Rotary Club of Hickory Charitable Foundation, Box 2628, Hickory, NC 28603. The foundations are 501(c)(3) organizations.

Suzanne Trollan our club's International Chair, will head up this project and be the liaison with Jim Henderson.

Next Week



HICKORY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Next week, our speaker will be Hani Nassar, who is with the Hickory International Council. After graduating from high school and serving in the military in Lebanon, Mr. Nassar

received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Science degree, both in Mechanical Engineering. He moved to Hickory in 1981 to pursue a career in the emerging Fiber Optic Telecommunications industry. He is currently the Strategic Planning & Wellbeing Manager at KLINGSPOR Abrasives in Hickory.

Mr. Nassar's talk next week will be about the Hickory International Council and will address points like Model United Nations, the International Film Festival for Children, Folkmoot USA. Great Decisions discussions, the International Christmas Concert, international movie nights at Footcandle, international seminars, and community grants.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	6-14-2018	6-21-2018	6-28-2018	7-05-2018
Greeter	Bonita Ferretti	Patrice Bertrand	Terri Livingston	
Invocation	Clarence Pugh	Linda Lutz	Thomas Griffis	NO MEETING
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	
Rotary Moment	Tara Bland	John Olson	Shuf Abernathy	July 4 th week
Program	Tara Bland	Tara Bland	Mark Teague	
Speaker	Anthony Starr	Hani Nassar		
Topic	The Western Piedmont Council	Hickory International Council	Installation of Officers and Awards	
Raffle	Anne Williams	John Olson	David Myers	



2017 – 2018
Rotary Theme



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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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