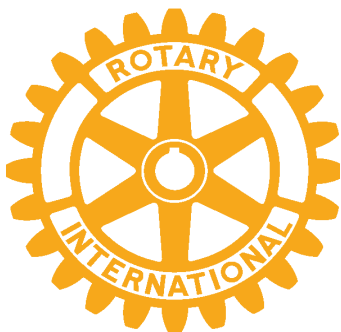


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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June 15, 2017

Today's Program: Service Above Self Scholarship Recipient



The 2017 Service Above Self Scholarship recipient is Darian Shekinah Abernathy. Darian is the daughter of Tami W. Abernathy and the late Frank Abernathy. One of her three older sisters, Toni Abernathy, was the 2014 Service Above Self Scholarship recipient. Toni continues her college education at East Carolina University.

Darian embodies Service Above Self, the Rotary International motto which underlies the way of life for all Rotarians. During four years at Hickory High School, she served as secretary, vice president, and president of the Student Council. She was elected as Member-at-Large of the scholastically oriented Beta Club. For three years, she was a member of the Interact Club, the Rotary Club for high schoolers. She was the founding chairperson of the Zen Den, a HHS organization that promotes health and wellness of students through yoga and meditation. Added to her high school activities is her four-year participation with Leadership 2000...and Beyond, an internship program through which Darian served with Kid Connection and Safe

Harbor Rescue Mission.

As if these school activities were not enough, Darian offered exemplary service to residents of Hickory and members of her church. She was a member of the Hickory City Youth Council for four years and participated in activities such as city park clean-ups, the Soup Kitchen, and Frye Regional Medical Center holiday parties. She was a four-year member of Tomorrow's Road Leadership Program. Through this organization, she brought awareness to depression and suicide among youth and preventative programs. Furthermore, she researched and was able to track the actual Underground Railroad route. She was president of YAMS, a member of the church choir, and the AMEZ executive council youth secretary. An active church member, she tended the church nursery, ushered, participated in holiday pageants, and helped with Parents Night Out.

Her scholastic record is equally impressive. All SAS Scholarship applicants must be in the top 20% of their class. Darian placed well above that mark and in so doing was admitted as a member of the Class of 2021 at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). Despite the illness of her father and his absence the final two years of his life when he resided in the VA nursing care center in the Asheville area, Darian stuck with her academic, service, athletic, church, and community responsibilities. She was a starter on the state championship women's basketball team, a cheerleader, and a lacrosse player. She attended Governor's School with a focus on choral music. It was not unusual to see her in school musicals. One of her teachers at Hickory High School said of her, "... [Darian] doesn't seem wearied by her schedule, not ever. [She's] full of positive energy, always smiling, always ready to enjoy another's company, and always on...the go."

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The “S” of Darian’s middle name could mean “Servant” as well as Shekinah. She has a heart and mind for serving others. The aforementioned service activities are but a few of the ways Darian lives out the Rotary motto. It seems that motto was inscribed on her spirit early on. In her Statement of Service, a statement required of all applicants, she wrote, “Everything that I do represents me and the person I strive to be.” She continued: “My biggest contribution to my school and community is being a positive role model and voice to and for those that feel discouraged and worthless.” Her parents raised her well. Darian noted in her Statement of Service that “every morning before my mother leaves for work she says, ‘Be good, and learn something new.’” High morals, an inquisitive spirit, and a servant’s heart come together in this delightful young woman whose dream is “to change the world.”

I conclude this introduction of our Service Above Self Scholarship recipient with words with which she concluded her Statement of Service. “There’s a song that speaks of a day when the world will be peaceful and everyone will live in harmony. It also tells of how frightening it is to think that ‘we as humans small, could slow worlds, and end it all.’ The writer encourages the listener to hope for a new day – to be the new day. With perseverance, anyone can create a new day. Today is our new day, and I am striving to be the change I wish to see.”

Thank you, Darian!



At the June 8 meeting, Catawba County Commissioner Randy Isenhower presented speaker Elizabeth Hudson with a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Ray Cooper for her outstanding contributions as editor of *Our State* magazine. See details on page 3.

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Last Week



At our June 8 meeting, Elizabeth Hudson (left), editor of *Our State* magazine, addressed the club and related how Carl Goerch, who hailed originally from Tarrytown, New York, founded the magazine in 1933. She concluded her talk by giving a preview of her July Editor's Letter, which will liken the simple pleasures of ironing to summer enjoyment. After her talk, Randy Isenhower, Catawba County Commissioner, presented Elizabeth a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Governor Roy Cooper for her outstanding contributions as editor. A picture of the presentation appears on page 2.

Also at the meeting, Meg Locke announced that Friday lunches at Groucho's Deli, from which Groucho's donated a portion to the Polio Plus

initiative, brought in \$614.65 for the year. Be sure to support Groucho's as it makes these very worthwhile contributions to help eradicate polio worldwide.

Next Week

As a change from what was reported in last week's *Spoke*, there will be a luncheon meeting next Thursday at Lake Hickory Country Club. This meeting will be our Annual Awards Banquet.

The following week, on June 29, the club will meet in the evening at Market on Main at 5:30. This meeting will be for our New Officer Induction and will be conducted as a regular meeting. Be sure to check out the list of meeting responsibilities below.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	06-15-17	06-22-17	06-29-17	07-06-17
Greeter	Ellen Horn	David Myers	John Hall	No meeting – Happy July 4!
Invocation	Cliff Moone	Bethany Delany	Anne Williams	
Visitors	Mark Seaman	Mark Teague		
Rotary Moment	Thomas Griffis	John Ross	Mitzi Gellman	
Program	Thomas Griffis/Stam Bumgarner	John Rambo	John Rambo	No SPOKE
Speaker	Henry Dai	John Rambo	John Rambo	
Topic	Exchange student/SAS Scholarship	Annual Awards	New Officer Induction EVENING MEETING – Market on Main (5:30 p.m.) No SPOKE	
Raffle	Tony Reed	Rick Seay	Gerry Knox	
Video Camera	Lynn Loehr	Linda Lutz	Leslie Ferrell Middleton	



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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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