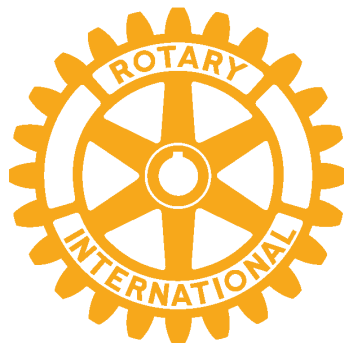


# Rotary



# Spoke

**Rotary Club of Hickory**  
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA

**June 20, 2019**

## Today's Program: "Crutches to Champions: The Dave Clark Story"



Today, Gerry Knox and Tara Bland will be presenting a special program entitled: "Crutches to Champions: The Dave Clark Story." This is a presentation that Gerry and Tara recently heard at their Rotary training meeting. In addition, they're also be talking about the coming year's Rotary initiatives.

As an infant, Dave Clark (photo at left) contracted polio. It stunted his growth and left him without the full use of his legs. The Dave Clark story teaches unforgettable life lessons that give hope to anyone facing a challenge. It's the remarkable and unlikely story of Dave Clark, a polio survivor who lost the majority use of his legs and yet went on to become the only professional baseball player to pitch from crutches. Dave's full story can be found at [www.daveclarkfoundation.org](http://www.daveclarkfoundation.org).

From the Dave Clark Foundation's Facebook page comes the following information about him.

"Dave Clark is a motivational speaker, professional baseball player, owner, coach, manager, scout, and broadcaster.

"Imagine being 5' 2" and playing professional baseball. And not just playing but also managing, coaching, scouting, owning a professional barnstorming team that toured the country, and traveling Europe as a representative of Major League Baseball. And along the way, he nearly got 'the call' to the major leagues as a pitcher.

"And now imagine doing it all on crutches due to polio.

"That's the incredible and inspiring tale at the heart of *Diamond in the Rough: The Dave Clark Story*, written by sportswriter Roger Neumann, as told by Dave Clark.

"This is so much more than a baseball story and much more than a sports book although Dave has also played hockey, golf, and other physical games – again, all while using crutches to get around.

"An infant in Corning, New York, Dave contracted polio that stunted his growth and left him without full use of his legs. But despite that, and perhaps because of it, he was driven to excel in physical competition against so-called able-bodied people.

"The Dave Clark Story is likely the greatest 'mostly unknown' professional sports account of our time and teaches unforgettable life lessons that give hope to anyone facing a challenge whether large or small."

# Club Business and Announcements

## Polio By the Numbers

(from the June, 2019, issue of the *Rotarian*)

- 2** Countries where transmission of the wild polio virus still occurs (Afghanistan and Pakistan)
- 18 million** People walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed
- 400 million** Children immunized by Rotary and its partners each year
- \$1.9 billion** Amount that Rotary has contributed to polio eradication
- \$8 billion** Amount that governments have contributed to polio eradication as a result of Rotary's advocacy work
- \$40 billion to \$50 billion** Estimated healthcare costs that polio eradication will save by 2035
- \$3** Cost of protecting a child from polio for life

### Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2018 – June 2019	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Linda Lutz	President	John Bates	June 2019
Gerry Knox	President-Elect	Hank Guess	June 2019
Tara Bland	President-Nominee	David Williams	June 2019
Leslie Ferrell	Secretary	Michael Blackburn	June 2020
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Lynn Loehr	Treasurer	Cliff Moone	June 2020
Kelly Farr	Assistant Treasurer	Philip Reed	June 2021
		Anne Williams	June 2021

## Last Week



At last week's meeting, we heard from Lindsay Keisler (photo at left), the President/CEO of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held since February, 2017. She updated club members on recent Chamber initiatives and discussed the importance of new housing resources for both employers and employees in the area. Catawba County is poised for growth, but constant attention to infrastructure, education, and resources is required for forward, positive movement.



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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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## Next Week



Next week will be our annual awards program, led by club president, Linda Lutz. The Rotary year runs from July to June so next week

marks the conclusion of Linda's term of office. The torch will be passed on to the 2019 – 2020 president, Gerry Knox. In addition, new board members will be inducted. The photograph at left above shows this year's board. Thanks very much to all of you for an extremely well done job!

### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	6-20-2019	6-27-2019	7-04-2019	7-11-2019
<b>Greeter</b>	Anna Schuszler	Todd Hogue		Gabriel Sherwood
<b>Invocation</b>	John Hall	John Hall	No meeting	John Hall
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed		Tony Reed
<b>Sunshine</b>	Mark Seaman	John Ross	Happy July 4!	David Millholland
<b>Program</b>	Tara Bland	Linda Lutz		Gerry Knox
<b>Speaker</b>	Tara Bland and Gerry Knox	Linda Lutz	No Spoke	AG Jeff Prince
<b>Topic</b>	Facebook Live presentation from Dave Clark	Annual awards program		Rotary District
<b>Raffle</b>	Bonita Ferretti	David Myers		David Myers

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