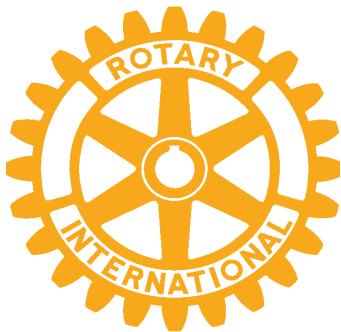


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA



Spoke

June 22, 2017

Today's Program: Annual Awards

Today, we celebrate our annual awards for the 2016-17 Rotary year. As this is the last edition of the *Spoke* before President John Rambo's term expires, he has contributed a few remarks in reflection on his year as president. Please see the comments that follow.

From 2016-17 President John Rambo:



My year as president, now that it's nearing the end, seems to have gone by so quickly. I am honored and humbled by the level of support you have demonstrated, as well as the assistance and encouragement that helped to carry me through.

I can tell you, without doubt or hesitation, that being club president has been a wonderful experience. I strongly believe it is something every Rotarian should experience. It opens your eyes to so many possibilities and to a true understanding of what Rotary is about, on a global scale.

I have always been aware of how much we, the Rotary Club of Hickory, do in our community, but I didn't realize until this year just how much we could be doing in the world. It takes years, though, to put global projects together and I am so glad that Linda Lutz and Suzanne Trollan have begun the conversation to put our club out there on the global stage.

Today is a day for recognition and I want all of you to know how much you are appreciated. It has been a genuine pleasure to preside at almost every meetings, and I thank those of you who shared your compliments or helped pick me up when I stumbled.

I appreciate all of you for your faithful attendance, your wise counsel, your sense of humor, and your dedication to the success of this club.

In the end, if you ask me about my year as your club president, I will quote to you the words of William Shakespeare: "I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks."

Club News and Announcements

The following note comes from Rotarian Philip Reed, whose wife, Marilyn, passed away on Wednesday, June 7.

My family and I greatly appreciate the cards and kindnesses from Hickory Rotarians in response to my wife Marilyn's recent illness and death. Thank you all!

Philip Reed

SAS Scholarship recipient Darian Shekinah Abernathy at last week's presentation. See story on page 3. (Photo courtesy of Mitzi Gellman)



Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2016 – June 2017	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
John Rambo	President	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2017
Mark Teague	President-Elect	Robert Locke	June 2017
Linda Lutz	President-Nominee	Cliff Moone	June 2017
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Dana Killian	June 2018
Bryan Setzler	Treasurer	John Ross	June 2018
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Tara Bland	June 2019
Mark Seaman	Past President	Gerry Knox	June 2019



Last Week

Last week's meeting saw the awarding of the Service Above Self student scholarship to Darian Shekinah Abernathy, a student at Hickory High School. In the fall, Darian will be attending the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Toni, Darian's older sister, received the SAS Scholarship a few years ago and is a student at East Carolina University. Darian's picture appears on page 2 of this edition of the *Spoke*.

Also last week, Jon Carfagno was inducted into membership in the Thursday Rotary Club. Jon's Rotary sponsor is Lisë Swensson. Jon and Lisë are pictured at left.

Next Week

Next week (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. Market on Main is located at 335 Main Ave SW, 28602. There will be no edition of the *Spoke* next week.



2016 – 2017
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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Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	06-22-17	06-29-17	07-06-17	07-013-17
Greeter	David Myers	John Hall	No meeting – Happy July 4!	Robert Welch
Invocation	Bethany Delany	Anne Williams		David Williams
Visitors	Mark Teague			
Rotary Moment	John Ross	Mitzi Gellman		John Olson
Program	John Rambo	John Rambo	No <i>SPOKE</i>	
Speaker	John Rambo	John Rambo		
Topic	Annual Awards	New Officer Induction EVENING MEETING – Market on Main (5:30 p.m.) No <i>SPOKE</i>		
Raffle	Rick Seay	Gerry Knox		Steven Walker
Video Camera	Linda Lutz	Leslie Ferrell Middleton		Cliff Moone

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