

June 2015 year:

- SAS (Service Above Self) Scholarships – College scholarship in the amount of \$12,000 payable over 4 years presented to Julia Kessel on May 14, 2015.
- Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Awards – A total of \$5,500 presented to 9 outstanding Hickory Public School teachers on May 7, 2015.
- Friends of Hickory received \$14,000 to fund the initial park landscape architecture design for the downtown park being planned at the west end of Union Square.
- The Salvation Army received a \$5,000 donation in December for the Christmas Bureau, which assists families in need with toys, clothing, and Christmas stockings during the holiday season.
- RYLA scholarship - \$600 donated for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards scholarships.
- CART (Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust) – \$802 contributed to provide funding for leading edge research for the cure and prevention of Alzheimer's disease.
- Cheryl Rae, Hickory High Interact Club, for her role as adviser. The Interact advisor receives a \$1000 annual stipend. Interact is a Rotary sponsored high school service organization for young people ages 12-18.
- ShelterBox USA received \$1000 to purchase a ShelterBox which provides humanitarian relief to victims of worldwide disasters. Since many disaster relief aid agencies provide food and water, ShelterBox provides relief in the form of disaster relief tents for families, thermal blankets and groundsheets, water storage and purification equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, basic tool kits, mosquito nets, and children's activity packs.
- Various Rotary International projects including \$3,000 (matched 100% by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) for Worldwide Polio Plus polio eradication project and \$500 for Rotary Kenyan Water and Sanitation project to provide safe drinking water and sanitation in Kenya.
- New Hope for Kids - \$300 for a printer, after school supplies, and crafts.

All of these contributions were made possible by the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's successful fundraising activities, highlighted annually in March by the Rotarian Idol fundraiser. This year's Rotarian Idol Audience favorite, Josh Costello, performed during the meeting.

Also honored were two Rotary members whose service merited special recognition. Lynn Loehr was recognized as Rotarian of the Year for her leadership completing the requirements for the club's 501c3 nonprofit tax exempt status, her role as chairwoman of the Charitable Giving Committee which oversaw the donation of \$81,000 this year, and her assistance with club

finances. Jennifer Clark received the Heart of Rotary award for her leadership efforts serving on many club committees, her work with the strategic planning committee, and her role planning club activities.

President Moore also recognized several members with Rotary Star awards: Suzanne Trollan for her work on international projects and coordination of the recent visit to Hickory by a Russian delegation to examine social issues related to substance abuse; Sandra Fotheringham, Allen Finley, and John Rambo for their leadership managing the club's successful Rotarian Idol fundraiser; Guy Guarino and Lamar Mitchell for their planning and leadership implementing the club's strategic plan; Stan Bumgarner for his role as editor and publisher of the club bulletin; Anna Shook for her role managing the club's Facebook page; and Bruce Bumbarger for his management of the club's website www.hickoryrotary.org.

Also recognized were Paul Harris Fellowship award recipients for contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation helps fund humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Donors of US\$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, Polio-Plus, or an approved Foundation grant, or people, who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

This year the club recognized nine new Paul Harris Fellows and two Paul Harris "plus one." Paul Harris Fellowships were presented by Rotarian Michael Blackburn to his wife, Deanne; Rotarian Forrest Ferrell to his wife, Becky; Rotarian Clarence Pugh to his son James Franklin Pugh; Rotarian John Ross for Adam Neilly. PHF recognition was also awarded to Rotarian Mark Teague and Rotarian Robert Welch. PHF "plus one" sustaining award recognition was presented to Rotarian Anne Williams and Roseanna Brown by her husband, Rotarian Rich Brown, for their continued support of the Rotary Foundation.

Also three non-members were surprised with Paul Harris Fellowships as approved by the club Board of Directors: Alejandro Auguado nominated by Rotarian David Moore, Jeff Hartman nominated by Rotarian John Rambo, and Deborah Johnson nominated by Rotarian Leslie Ferrell Middleton.

The club also recognized 17 members with perfect attendance for the year: Bruce Bumbarger, Bob Conklin, Cuyler Dunbar, Leslie Ferrell Middleton, Cliff Goddard, Dan Kirby, Lynn Loehr, Linda Lutz, Cliff Moone, David Moore, John Rambo, Mark Seaman, Charles Snipes, Mark Teague, Mary Texer, Suzanne Trollan, and Anne Williams.



Rotary Spoke

Hickory Rotary Club

Established 1921

June 25, 2015

Another Rotary year has flashed by. In some ways it has flown by for me and in some other ways – not so much! It has certainly been a year that was fulfilling.

I know that year 94 in our club's history is but 1.06% of the club's history, but I think that it has a chance to be one that we look back at as a key chapter in the fabled history of the Rotary Club of Hickory—more commonly known as the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory. As we have embarked on our new Strategic Plan, we look forward not only to the 95th year, but to the next five or more years. The Club will look to add members more purposely looking for business gaps in our membership, to make it an even more important place to be to move business along in our area. We will attempt to get younger on average and in doing so try and figure ways to attract, involve and keep younger generation members. This will happen with non-traditional meetings, meaningful programs and projects that energize.

As we go about "Doing Good in the World," we should be proud of the \$81,000 we were able to distribute to projects this year. We look for sustainable projects that need a lift or get jump started. We don't want to simply contribute—we want to make a difference. I think that this year, more than in many years, we have seen the real value of Rotarian Idol. If you get more involved with the project (as I did this

year), you will see not only the value as a large fund raiser without much expense, but you will also see the value we bring in giving the performing artists in this area a

venue to perform—one they do not always find. In that way, Idol has become not only a fund raising vehicle, but a service project.

Our Club is large in comparison with Rotary Clubs around the world. We are routinely in the top four in size in District 7670.

We are made up of active members, attenders and dues payers. What we need is active, regularly attending, current in dues members. Make Rotary a priority! Block it off on your calendar every week and work your schedule around the 90 minutes on Thursday it takes to be a regular attendee. Look for ways to be involved and ask to help on committees and projects. Automatically serve as Salvation Army bell ringers, Christmas project volunteers, Idol workers. Think about people that you do business with that are not involved in a service club and bring them into our membership. Not only will the world be a better place because of what you do, but you will benefit immeasurably in personal growth and satisfaction.

Thanks for helping me "Light up the World" with Rotary this year and please plan to, with President Mark and his team, "Be a Gift to the World."



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Secretary
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Assistant Secretary
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Deborah Frendak
Cliff Goddard
Robert Locke
Linda Lutz
John Rambo
Mark Teague
Mary Texer





Bruce Bumbarger

Awards Day and charitable giving updates were the focus of the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's June 16th meeting. Representatives of local non-profits, which were recipients of contributions during the 2014-2015 year from the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory, were recognized by President David Moore:

- Natalie Mull, representing the Catawba County Partnership for Children, thanked the club for a \$25,000 contribution to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program which is administered by the Partnership. Children enrolled in Imagination Library are mailed a free, age-appropriate book each month until they turn 5 years old. Since its inception in April 2011, the program has grown to serve over 4,800 Catawba County children each month.
- John Rambo, representing Hickory Community Theatre, expressed his thanks for the \$2,500 contribution for Rug Bug Theatre which puts on shows using young actors and actresses for young audiences and their families.
- Guy Guarino representing Hickory Public Schools Education Foundation expressed his appreciation for \$1,035 donated for a news studio for daily news broadcasts at Longview Elementary, and a \$2,580 contribution for an outdoor classroom at Southwest Elementary.
- Lisë Swensson, representing Hickory Museum of Art, expressed her gratitude to the club for a \$1,000 con-

tribution and ongoing annual support for the HMA Paul Whitener Art show. Former Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory member, the late Paul Whitener, wanted a place where school age children could express their creativity and display their artwork. The show exhibits the artwork of kindergarten through high school students living in Catawba County.

- Donald Hicks and Migual Silva, representing Classroom Connections, thanked the club for a \$2,000 contribution to help teachers purchase school supplies at schools with free and reduced lunch populations.
- Patrick Daily, representing Hickory Landmarks Society, acknowledged a \$1,000 gift for Heritage Days at Maple Grove. Each April Heritage Days provides an opportunity for approximately 1000 fourth grade level students and teachers to attend indoor and outdoor activities and learning experiences at historic Maple Grove in Hickory.
- Bill Loehr expressed his appreciation for the club's help packaging 37,152 meals bound for Hatti at a recent community Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event and the club's \$500 donation for Stop Hunger Now's mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable.

President Moore also highlighted Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's other contributions distributed throughout the club's July 2014 -

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Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.
— Henry Ford

Song of the Day



God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
through the night like a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.



Last week... Awards night— details on page 2



Gift recipients spoke



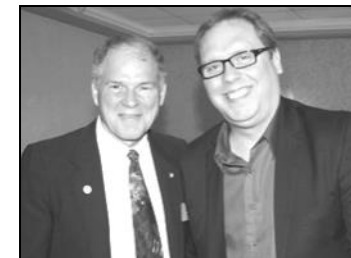
Paul Harris Fellowships awarded



Alejandro Aguado—PHF... with family



Deborah Johnson—PHF



Jeff Hartman—PHF



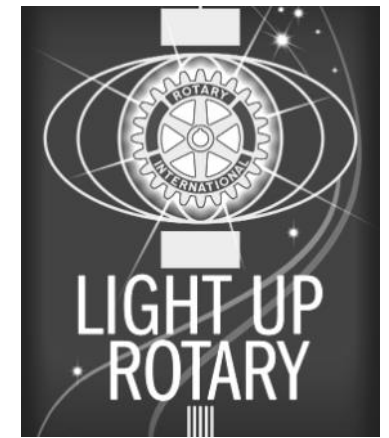
Josh Costello—Entertainer



Heart of Rotary winner—Jennifer Clark



Rotarian of the Year—Lynn Loehr



Gary Huang
R.I. President
District 7670
Gary Bray,
District Governor
Jack McCaskill,
Assistant D.G.

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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Club Assignments

Date	25-Jun	2-Jul	9-Jul	16-Jul
Program	David Moore	No Meeting	Susan Vincent	
Speaker	David Moore	No Meeting	Frances Hall	
Topic	Officer Induction	No Meeting	ACAP	
Rotary Moment	Robert Bumgarner	No Meeting	Drew Van Horn	Susan Allshouse
Raffle	Doug Rongo	No Meeting	Linda Lutz	Mark Teague
Visitors	Cliff Goddard	No Meeting	Robert Locke	David Millholland
Greeter	David Myers	No Meeting	Gerry Knox	John Bates
Music	John Ross	No Meeting	John Hall	John Hall
Message	Bruce Bumgarner	No Meeting	Mark Seaman	
Invocation	Dan Duke	No Meeting	Drew Van Horn	Drew Van Horn
Video Camera	Anne Williams	No Meeting	Bruce Bumgarner	Allen Finley