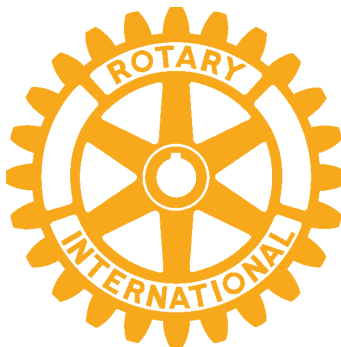


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**Rotary Club of Hickory**  
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA

**July 12, 2018**

## **Today's Program: Gene Moorhead and the Western Carolinas Rotary Foundation**



We are very pleased today to welcome Mr. Gene Moorhead, Western Carolinas Regional Coordinator for the Rotary Foundation. Mr. Moorhead is a member of the Rotary Club of Gaffney (SC) and served as President, board member and PR/PI Committee Chairman. He completed a three-year term as Assistant Governor for District 7750 in June, 2017.

He is a charter member of the Paul Harris Society, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Sustaining Member. He presently serves as Mid-Atlantic Division RLI Western Carolinas Regional Coordinator which covers RLI events in Districts 7670, 7680, 7690, and 7750. He has conducted RLI classes in Abingdon, Richmond, Blacksburg, Asheville, Cary, Charlotte, Dobson, Greensboro, Hickory, Lexington, Pinehurst, Sanford, Stoneville, Thomasville, Anderson, Charleston, Duncan, Greenwood, and Myrtle Beach.

Moorhead is a member of the Clemson University Class of 1961, where he studied ceramic engineering. Further liberal arts studies at Limestone College and Wofford College earned him a BS degree in mathematics and chemistry in 1962. He was named 2014 Limestone College Alumnus of the Year.

He is retired from the Dow Chemical Company, where he was a sales and marketing engineer. High-profile assignments with Dow include Brand Manager for Saran Wrap and Brand Manager for Dow Bathroom Cleaner.

Moorhead currently serves on the Limestone College Board of Trustees and Business Advisory Council, Advisory Board for United Way of the Piedmont, Clemson University Alumni Council, Clemson Jungaleers Alumni Group President, and the Cherokee County Airport Committee.

In the past, he has served as the Executive Director of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce, Upstate South Carolina Workforce Investment Advisory Board, Limestone College President's Advisory Council, Advisory Board for Spartanburg Community College, Board of Governors for the South Carolina Peach Festival, Advisory Board for Cherokee Technology Center and Advisory Board for Crime Stoppers. He is an accomplished jazz drummer and concert percussionist. He is a member of the Rotary Fellowship of Musicians. He and wife, the former Barbara Hamrick, have two daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.

Introducing Mr. Moorhead today will be John Gordon Ross, who is a member of our club's Rotary Foundation Committee, along with Lynn Loehr and chair John Bates.

## **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

## Highlights of the June 26 Rotary Club of Hickory BOD Meeting

Board meetings will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:20 p.m. at the YMCA board room. All members are invited to attend. The Rotary Foundation board will meet twice each year. The foundation board will include 2 members-at-large so please contact John Rambo if you are interested in participating on the foundation board. To qualify, you must be a Rotarian for a minimum of three years.

Bonita Ferretti and John Rambo will co-chair the 10<sup>th</sup>-anniversary edition of Rotarian Idol, which will be held **Friday, May 17** (May and Friday are not typos) at P.E. Monroe Auditorium on the campus of LRU. Past co-chairs Sandi Fotheringham and Lynn Loehr will serve in an advising capacity as the event transitions to a new leadership team. All Rotarians are encouraged and expected to get involved and lend their talents to the success of Rotarian Idol X.

New members Tara Hicks and Kelly Knetsche will be inducted at the July 12 meeting.

Meetings that occur on the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month will be club assemblies. The first assembly on August 30 will be led by Philip Reed, who will be discussing membership.

Speaking of membership, a number of members who have quit participating in club meetings and activities were asked if they wished to continue being a Rotarian going forward. Several elected to leave the club. The timing was particularly important since all members in the database as of July 1, 2018, are expected to pay Rotary International dues. None of the members who elected not to maintain membership had attended any meetings or club activities in several years. As a result of the new streamlined membership roster, our club size now stands at 106 (108 on July 12). Please let Philip Reed know of any friends, neighbors, or colleagues you feel may be interested in becoming a Rotarian.

Suzanne Trollan will spearhead the international project "Lights for Learning." The Rotary Club of Hickory, the Rotary Club of Asheville-Biltmore, and the Rotary Club of Arden, in partnership with the Light Foundation and the Rotary Club of Bayonnais-Gonaives (Haiti), are undertaking a project to place 1,000 solar lamps at a cost of \$35 each in the homes of students in the Bayonnais area of Haiti.

District Governor Isaac Owolabi will visit our club on August 9. District Governor elect and noted nationwide motivational speaker, Tiffany Ervin, will visit the club on August 2. Gene Moorhead, Rotary Foundation expert, will visit the club July 12. Please mark the meetings on your calendar and be sure to attend. Turnout is even more important when speakers coming from out of town lend their talents and knowledge to club meetings.

## 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	David Williams	June 2019
	President-Nominee	Andy Cote	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	Tara Bland	June 2021
Mark Teague	Past President	Phillip Reed	June 2021
		Anne Williams	June 2021

## Last Week

We didn't meet last week because of the July 4th holiday. Two weeks ago, our program was the end-of-Rotary-year wrap up and the installation of new officers. Next week's edition of the *Spoke* will feature more in-depth coverage of the awards presentation and officer installation.

This week, we have the initiation of two new club members, Tara Hicks and Kelly Knetsche. Tara's biography is below, and Kelly's will appear in next week's *Spoke*.



**Tara Hicks** has been an insurance/financial associate with Thrivent Financial for over a year. With 25 years of experience in the travel industry, she has also served as Director of Sales & Marketing for the Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Burlington/Alamance County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Sales Manager for the Sheraton Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. She is a graduate of Leadership Catawba, Finalist for Supplier of the Year for the NC/SC Meeting Planners International, and a volunteer coach for both the Hickory YMCA and the Hickory Parks and Recreation for over ten years. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Hickory Sports Commission, NC Sports Association, Carolinas Chapter of Meeting Planners International, Association Executives of NC, NC Association Convention

and Visitor Bureaus, and State Government Meeting Planners.

Tara played soccer for both the Maryland State Team and Elon University and was the 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked long jumper while at Elon. She holds undergraduate degrees in marketing, management, and accounting and a Masters of Business Administration Degree from Elon University. She and her husband, Wayne, have resided in the Hickory Metro area for sixteen years and have two teenaged children, Nicole and Troy.

## Next Week

Next week's program will feature Rotarian Cliff Moone with a presentation about the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Polio Plus. On Tuesday, June 12, the Piedmont Post Polio Support Group became the second such group in the world to become associated officially with Rotary International as a Rotary Community Corps. Cliff spearheaded this effort for the club. Cliff will be joined at next week's meeting by Immediate Past District Governor Bill Biddle and Assistant Governor O'Neal Shelton.

### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	7-12-2018	7-19-2018	07-26-2018	08-02-2018
<b>Greeter</b>		Kelly Farr	Juliet Good	Denton Smith
<b>Invocation</b>	Wallace Johnson	Wallace Johnson	Wallace Johnson	Dan Duke
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
<b>Rotary Moment</b>				
<b>Program</b>	John Ross	Cliff Moone	Lynn Loehr and Sandi Fotheringham	Philip Reed
<b>Speaker</b>	Gene Moorhead	Cliff Moone	Lynn and Sandi	Tiffany Ervin
<b>Topic</b>	Western Carolinas Regional Director for the Rotary Foundation	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Polio Plus	Rotarian Idol Wrap Up and Kick Off	Membership
<b>Raffle</b>	David Myers	Bonita Ferretti	John Olson	David Williams



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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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