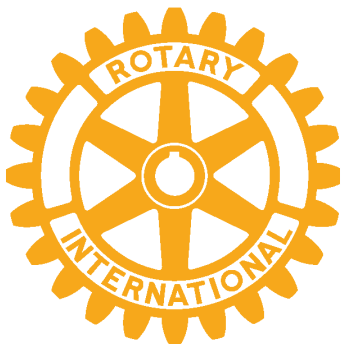


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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July 20, 2017

Today's Program: Dr. Frederick Whitt, 12th President of Lenoir-Rhyne University



When thinking of the number 12, a lot of different ideas permeate the mind. According to author Doreen Virtue, the number 12 is a combination of two numbers, which means: number 1, "Stay positive," and number 2, "Keep the faith." Together, the number 12 is a strong message to stay positive, optimistic, and filled with faith because one's positive thoughts and faith will create a positive outcome.

Not surprisingly, Dr. Frederick Whitt, the 12th president of Lenoir-Rhyne University (LRU), embodies all of these strengths around the meaning of the number 12, as he has brought to the university in the few short months as its leader a very positive aura that has enveloped the campus. It is evident that this constructive mindset is energizing as propitious outcomes for the university are being realized. As Dr. Whitt states, our vision is to be a nationally recognized liberal arts university of choice - "known for excellence in building leaders for

tomorrow, developing patterns of lifelong learning, positioning graduates for success in their professional, personal and spiritual lives, and providing an unparalleled quality of caring within the university community."

With a long history of distinguished leadership in higher education, Dr. Whitt brings over 30 years of successful leadership experience in higher education to LRU. He is the Founding Dean of the Beaver College of Health Sciences (BCHS) at Appalachian State University (ASU) and served in this capacity for a little over six years. This new college, BCHS, doubled in enrollment during the first four years of existence and is now the second largest college at ASU. In addition, Dr. Whitt established a successful partnership with the Wake Forest School of Medicine, which is the first of its kind in the University of North Carolina system.

As noted by the LRU Presidential Search Committee: "Dr. Whitt clearly respects the history, accomplishments, traditions, and values of LRU and is altogether a good fit for the University."

Dr. Whitt grew up in Mt. Holly, North Carolina, about 40 miles south of Hickory. He and his wife Donna, who is also from North Carolina and a nurse educator, have been married for 38 years. They are the proud parents of two adult, married sons. Dr. Whitt earned his Doctorate from the University of Tennessee and his Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science Degrees from Appalachian State University. In his spare time, which is probably very limited, Dr. Whitt enjoys landscaping and yardwork, music, the arts, following college sports, and spending time with his family.

Charles Snipes, Lenoir-Rhyne University Board of Trustees Member and fellow Rotarian, will introduce Dr. Whitt.

Let's give him our warmest Rotary welcome!!

Club Business and Announcements

2016-17 Charitable Giving from the Thursday Club



During the 2016-17 year, the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory distributed almost \$62,500 for educational and other charitable needs in the Hickory area. These charitable giving contributions included:

- Catawba County Partnership for Children – \$25,000
- Service Above Self Scholarship – \$12,500 payable over 4 years
- Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Awards – \$5,500
- The Salvation Army – \$2,500
- Hickory Community Theatre – \$2,000
 - Hickory Museum of Art – \$1,200
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards scholarships – \$1,200
- City of Refuge Community Center – \$1,250
- Stop Hunger Now – \$500
- Hickory Public Schools – \$2,000
- Hickory Greenway Harvest – \$1,000
- PORCH – \$1,000
- YMCA – \$1,667
- Hickory Soup Kitchen – \$2,000
- Patrick Beaver Learning Resource Center – \$1,000
- Hickory Landmarks Society – \$1,000

All of these contributions were made possible by the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's successful fundraising activities, highlighted annually by the Rotarian Idol fundraiser. In the photo above, former president John Rambo hands off the leadership torch to 2017-18 president Mark Teague.

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Mark Teague	President	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
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Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Robert Locke	June 2020
		Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Last week, club members Lynn Loehr, John Bates, David Moore, and Charlie Reeves (pictured at left and below) reported on all the exciting activities that took place at the Rotary International Conference in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center last month. These four Rotarians shared slides, videos,

and personal reminiscences of the terrific opportunity that they had to be a part of the excitement. From Charlie's perspective of attending his first conference to John's of completing his fourth (and will Montreal 2018 be his 5th with Hamburg, Germany, his 6th in 2019?), the talk was lively and interesting. Also pictured below is today's speaker, Dr. Whitt, with his wife Donna.



Next Week

We welcome Jason Reid of the Catawba County Sheriff's Department. Jason and his father, Catawba County Sheriff Coy Reid, were the first father-son SWAT team in North Carolina. When Jason's brother Cory joined the force, the trio became the first father-son-son team. Jason is also a co-owner and instructor at the Reid family business, Reid and Lail's Karate School of Oyama.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	07-20-2017	07-27-2017	08-03-2017	08-10-2017
Greeter	Jan Bohmuller	Tara Bland	George Coates	Jan Bohmuller
Invocation	Dan Duke	Robert Welch	Cliff Moore	Bethany Delany
Visitors	Stan Bumgarner	Tony Reed	Anne Williams	Tony Reed
Rotary Moment	Anne Williams	John Bates		
Program	Charles Snipes	Mark Teague	Tara Bland	Kathy Greahouse
Speaker	Dr. Frederick Whitt	Jason Reed	Julie Walker	Dr. Rand Brandes
Topic	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Catawba County Sheriff's Department	Alzheimer's Association	LRU Visiting Writers' Series
Raffle	Jennifer Clark	Steven Walker	John Olson	Kathy Greahouse
Video Camera	John Olson	John Ross	Thomas Griffis	Anne 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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