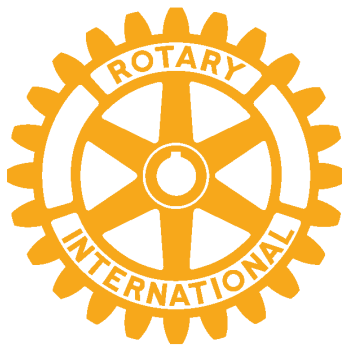


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August 9, 2018

Today's Program: Rotary District 7670 Governor Isaac Owolabi



Today, we are extremely honored to host District 7670's new District Governor, Isaac Owolabi. Dr. Owolabi will be introduced today by Assistant District Governor Jason Herman.

On June 16, 2018, Isaac Owolabi was installed as District Governor of Rotary International for Western North Carolina District 7670. As Governor, Isaac will be responsible for the management and direction of the forty-eight regional Rotary Clubs with approximately 2200 members for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Isaac Owolabi is from the Rotary Club of Asheville-Biltmore, a resident of Asheville, and a Professor of Business/Marketing at Montreat College. He came to the United States from Omu-Aran, Kwara State, Nigeria, at the age of 25, where he had taught high-school mathematics and physics. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Continuing his graduate studies, he earned his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1988. Isaac has twelve years of academic administration experience and has taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate marketing courses for thirty years.

He has been a Rotarian for twenty-eight years. He has been a member of many organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Toastmaster International, Marketing Education Association, and many others during his career. He is also an ordained minister. He is married to Abigail M. Owolabi, and both are blessed with four grown children, as well as a grandchild. Abigail is a licensed social worker with over twenty-five years of work experience. Abigail and Isaac's lives exemplify service.

Please welcome Dr. Owolabi to today's meeting! In honor of his visit, Mary Texer will be accompanying us on two songs: "When the Saints Come Marching in" and "For He's a Jolly, Good Fellow."

Take Me Out to the Ballgame on August 23!

Be sure to make plans for the evening of August 23. That's the night the Rotary Club of Hickory will spend at a home Crawdads game. There is NO Thursday luncheon meeting that day and no *Spoke*. Meet at the L. P. Frans stadium at 5 p.m. for a fun night of Rotary fellowship and baseball!

Club Business and Announcements

My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

At the beginning of the 2018-2019 Rotary year, and the beginning of our time together in Rotary office, we accept the baton of leadership from those who held our offices before us and begin the task of preparing to pass those batons to our successors. If we do our jobs well, we will leave office, one year from now, with clubs and districts that are larger and stronger, more efficient and more effective, and more fully committed to the work and the values of Rotary.

The metaphor of Rotary leadership as a relay race is one we use often, as it so aptly expresses the nature of Rotary office. Yet Rotary leadership is not an individual but a team sport. You and I, and all of your fellow leaders, enter this Rotary year together, as part of a team. We share the same goal: a world transformed by Rotary service, one project, one club, one community at a time.

Our theme in this Rotary year is *Be the Inspiration*. I chose this theme because, throughout my years in Rotary, I have seen that what truly motivates Rotarians is their work. The Rotarians who have the biggest impact through their service aren't always the women and men with the greatest resources, the most experience, or the largest networks. They're the ones who are inspired. Whether it was something they did, something they saw, or someone they met, they've all had experiences that lit them on fire—and inspired them to serve.

This year, I ask each of you not only to seek that inspiration within yourselves but to *Be the Inspiration* for others. Work to build clubs and districts with Rotarians who find meaning in their service, who know they are having an impact, and who are inspired to do even more. Lead with passion, lead by example—and lead Rotary to a future even stronger than its present.

You and I, and every district governor, club president, and Rotary officer around the world, have been chosen this Rotary year. We've been chosen by our fellow Rotarians, who believed that we were the best people to do the work that now lies before us. In the twelve months ahead, I intend to work as hard as I can, as well as I can, and I know that you will do the same. We are all in this together—and together, we will *Be the Inspiration*.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Rassin

Rotary International President, 2018-19

PS - As part of our year together, I'm at your disposal. Follow me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#). You can connect with me on any of these platforms. I want to hear from you so please send your questions and thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you.

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
Tara Bland	President-Nominee	Andy Cote	June 2019
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Kelly Farr	Assistant Treasurer	Phillip Reed	June 2021
Mark Teague	Past President	Anne Williams	June 2021



New Members Inducted

Today, we welcome two new members into the Rotary Club of Hickory – Mike Pilolla and Kathy Wood.

Mike Pilolla – “Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, I’ve been a gypsy most of my life, because of my father’s career and later because of my own. Suzanne and I have been married since 1978, and she has been an incredible life partner, supporting me in my personal and professional development: some of it, she’ll tell you, a bit challenging! I’ve worked in the business technology industry since mini-computers were the size of a large refrigerator and not nearly as functional or beneficial as a large refrigerator! I spent twenty-seven years in management at various levels and different companies. The single thing I’ve enjoyed most in my career is coaching, mentoring, teaching, and developing others to reach their own full potential. My passions have been many. Acting, writing, cycling, hiking, skiing, traveling, photography, cooking, camping, movies, and collecting, but most of all my son, daughter, their spouses and five grandchildren. Hickory is our new home now and likely where we settle for good.”



Kathy Wood – “Part of the Hickory community for almost 28 years, Kathy Wood joined Greater Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry in April, 2018. She has over twenty years of experience in higher education and over thirty years of industry experience including positions in IT organizations, hospitals, physician practices, and long-term care facilities. In addition to holding a PhD in Organization and Management, she completed seminary studies and is in the ordination process. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to blend her experience and education in business, healthcare, and ministry and work with the GHCCM team to serve those who are in need of hope, help, and healing.”

Last Week

Last week’s guest was Tiffany Ervin (left), who shared with us her personal story of “From Passion To Purpose” as a spokesperson for the CART Fund (Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust). She will serve District 7670 as Governor in 2019-2020. Her message to the club is to identify new members who are passionate about what they can bring to Rotary. Remember: “There is no box!”



Next Week

Our speaker next week is Nat Austen of the YMCA, who will be discussing the work that the YMCA does. Joining Mr. Austen will be La la Kozischek, the YMCA’s corporate wellness director.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	08-09-2018	08-16-2018	08-23-2018	08-30-2018
Greeter	Anna Schuszler	Hank Guess	Crawdads Night – 5 p.m.	Patrice Bertrand
Invocation	Dan Duke	Dan Duke		Dan Duke
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	NO luncheon meeting	Tony Reed
Rotary Moment	Bethany Delaney	John Watts		
Program	Jason Herman	Gerry Knox	NO Spoke	
Speaker	District Governor Isaac Owolabi	Nat Austen and La la Kozischek		
Topic	District 7670	YMCA		Club Assembly
Raffle	Juliet Good	David Myers		John Olson



BE THE INSPIRATION
2018 – 2019
Rotary Theme



Rotary International
Barry Rassin
President

Rotary District 7670

Isaac Owolabi
District Governor
Jason Herman
Assistant D.G.



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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