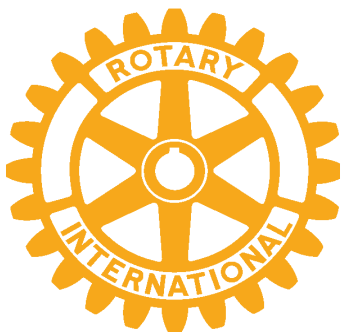


# Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory  
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# Spoke

August 17, 2017

## Today's Program: Mack McLeod and the City of Hickory's Parks and Recreation Department



This day and time, it is indeed rare that one is employed in the same field for an entire career and even rarer that the career is with only one employer and only in one city. Such is the case with Mack McLeod, who serves as our city's Parks and Recreation director. He began his professional career in 1982 with the City of Hickory as Assistant Recreation Center Supervisor, and he was promoted to his current position in 1998. No one knows better than Mack that parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in any community, and this has been his mantra for 35 years as he has worked to create a robust system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment by the citizens of Hickory. Today, Mack will discuss what he calls "The 3 P's": Parks, Partnerships, and Programs.

A 1981 graduate of North Carolina State University, Mack earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Resources Administration. He is also a 1987 graduate of the National Recreation and Parks Association School of Sports Management. Holding membership in the National Recreation and Parks Association and the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association, Mack serves as Treasurer of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Scholarship

Foundation.

Mack's affinity with sports is evidenced by his service as the District 2 director for the Youth Baseball/Softball Organization of Tar Heel Leagues, Inc. Additionally, he is a member of the Board of Directors of Hickory Metro Sports Commission and the Board of Directors of Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame.

As a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Mack serves as the church treasurer and president of United Methodist Men. He is a member and past president of Kiwanis Club of Western Catawba County. He and his wife, Rebecca, have two adult sons, Ian and Morgan. Welcome Mack!! Linda Lutz will introduce today's program.

# Club Business and Announcements

## New Members Inducted

At the August 3 meeting, two new members joined the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory – Bonita Ferretti and Doug Auer. Last week, Amy Powell was also inducted as a member of the club. Doug's biographical information was featured in last week's edition of the *Spoke*. This week, we feature Bonita, and a photograph of Amy's induction and her biography may be found on page 3.



Bonita Ferretti – For the last 24 years, Bonita Ferretti and her husband, Vince, have made Hickory their home. In that time, she has been involved in leadership roles with many different organizations including church, schools, and other non-profit groups.

Bonita has a passion for community service and the arts in particular. She currently serves as the Immediate Past President of the United Arts Council of Catawba County and is a Past President and Board Member Emeritus at Hickory Community Theatre. She is also an officer of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation Board and the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee for the Service League of Hickory. Bonita holds a Business Management degree from Towson University. Prior to living in Hickory, she also served in leadership roles in several military

service organizations while her husband was a Navy submarine officer. Bonita is currently employed as the Business Office Manager for the Hickory Choral Society. She is a native of North Dakota and mother to two grown children, Morgan and Matthew.

## Race for the Cure Seeking Volunteers

Susan G. Komen Northwest North Carolina's annual Foothills Race for the Cure is on September 30 at 9:30 a.m. It will be located at the L.P. Frans Baseball Stadium, 2500 Clement Blvd NW, Hickory, 28601. The Komen group is looking for volunteers to assist with setup on Friday, September 29, and on the race day. Contact Ebony Pratt if interested: [epratt@komennorthwestnc.org](mailto:epratt@komennorthwestnc.org), 336-721-0037.

### Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
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## Last Week

Our speaker for last week's meeting was District Governor Bill Biddle. DG Biddle began his term on July 1, and we were honored to have him in attendance. He is pictured below on the left.



Also, last week, Amy Powell was inducted as a member of the club (above right), bringing the total number of August inductees to three. Amy is a branch manager for Manpower in Hickory. Manpower is a global organization that provides staffing solutions for companies large and small worldwide. The Hickory office has won the Circle of Stars award twice in the past 5 years and continues to be one of the largest Manpower offices in the southeast region with 400+ employees working for local businesses.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Catawba Valley Society for Human Resource Managers as sponsorship chair, is on the Advisory Board for the Manufacturing Academy at CVCC, and is an ambassador for Safe Harbor Rescue Mission.

Amy is a native New Englander and a New England Patriots fan. Her favorite time of the year started when the Patriots played the Jaguars in their first preseason game since the comeback of the century on February 5. Amy moved to Hickory fifteen years ago with her children Nicole, Holly, and Stephen. She has one grandchild, Leighton Jane – 3 ½ going on 16.

## Next Week

We welcome Warren Wood, Hickory's City Manager. Mr. Wood manages all city operations provided by more than 600 full-time employees and an annual budget of over \$100 million. Frank Young will be in charge of the program and will introduce our speaker.

Club Member Weekly Assignments				
Date	08-17-2017	08-24-2017	08-31-2017	09-07-2017
Greeter	Joe Britt	Marvin Qualls	John Hall	
Invocation	Anne Williams	David Williams	Dan Duke	New Member Social
Visitors	Tara Bland	Ellen Horn	Carol Kammer	
Rotary Moment				Hickory Museum of Art
Program	Linda Lutz	Frank Young	Linda Lutz	
Speaker	Mack McLeod	Warren Wood	Lindsay Keisler	5 – 7 p.m.
Topic	Hickory Parks and Recreation	City of Hickory	Chamber of Commerce	
Raffle	Tony Reed	Linda Lutz	Jan Bohmuller	No Spoke
Video Camera	Ellen Horn	Dana Killian	James Carper	



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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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