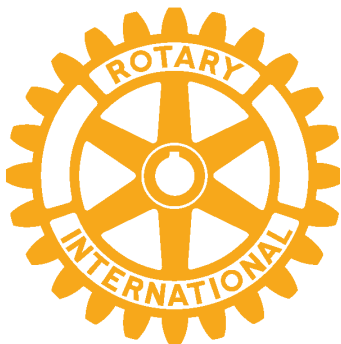


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA



Spoke

August 24, 2017

Today's Program: Warren Wood, City Manager of the City of Hickory



Warren Wood currently serves as Hickory's City Manager. Wood manages all city operations provided by more than 600 full-time employees and an annual budget of over \$100 million. He executes policies as directed by the City Council and as prescribed by the North Carolina General Statutes. He advises the City Council on issues related to municipal operations as well as interacts daily with department heads, staff, and citizens.

A native of Hickory, Wood began his career as Town Manager of Badin, North Carolina, in 1991 before beginning work for the City of Hickory in 1993. In Hickory, he worked as Purchasing Agent, Human Resources Director, Director of Administration and Budget, and ultimately, Assistant City Manager and Chief Financial Officer. He then went on to be Town Manager of Waxhaw, North Carolina, before returning to Hickory to assume his current role as City Manager.

Wood holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC Chapel Hill and a Masters of Public Administration degree from Appalachian State University. Additionally, Mr. Wood is a graduate of the Municipal Administration Course at the UNC School of Government and holds a North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Certification.

Wood is married to Dr. Amy Browder Wood, who is Assistant Provost and Dean of Graduate and Adult Education at Lenoir-Rhyne University. They are the parents of three children.

Club Business and Announcements

Board Meeting Highlights – August 17, 2017

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2017. In an effort to bring more transparency to our members, below is a brief summary of that meeting:

- We're exploring on-line payment options for club meeting meals, club dues, Rotarian Idol tickets, *etc.*
- Sandi Fotheringham and Lynn Loehr have reënlisted as co-chairs for 2018 Rotarian Idol.
- Gerry Knox is the club's President-Nominee and is scheduled to serve as president during the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

The Board of Directors is asking all members who are behind in paying club dues to remit their past due balances. Invoices mailed semi-annually to club members include:

Rotary International Dues	\$100
Century Club*	\$ 50
Paul Harris Fellowship*	\$ 50
Rotarian Idol Tickets (4)*	\$ 80
Total	\$280

* Paul Harris and Century Club, as well as Idol tickets are all optional.

Included with each member's invoice for dues is the option to contribute \$50 for both the Rotary Foundation (Paul Harris Fellowship) and Century Club, as well as one half (\$80) of the Rotarian Idol ticket allotment each member is encouraged to sell – 8 tickets at \$20 each, totaling \$160 annually.

The Paul Harris award is given to members who contribute \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation. It is included in the dues statement as a convenience to members who wish to achieve Paul Harris recognition but don't want to write a \$1000 check. By including \$50 with your Rotary Dues twice a year, a member can earn a Paul Harris Fellowship in 10 years. Of course, a member can write a check to the foundation anytime or in any amount to decrease or increase the time it takes to reach the \$1000 threshold. Again – it is optional.

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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
Linda Lutz	President-Elect	Dana Killian	June 2018
Gerry Knox	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Andy Cote	June 2019
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Tara Bland	June 2020
Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Robert Locke	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Last week's guest was Mack McLeod, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Hickory. Mr. McLeod, who has been in Hickory since 1982, has seen the growth of many public parks and programs within the past four decades. His talk to the club described those parks and highlighted programs of which the department is very proud. He also discussed future plans for parks within the Hickory area. Mack McLeod is pictured at the left.

Next Week

Next week's guest is Lindsay Keisler of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce. Currently, Ms. Keisler is the Senior Vice President of the Chamber. She has served in this role since 2013.

Board Highlights *(continued from page 2)*

Members are also encouraged to contribute \$100 to the Century Club annually in an effort to provide a sound base for the club's annual fundraising efforts and charitable contributions. As a convenience, the club includes it as a \$50 line item with your semi-annual statement. It is encouraged, but optional as well.

Ideally, members would contribute \$100 annually for the club fundraiser and sell 8 Rotarian Idol ticket to friends and colleagues. That way, a member is making a personal contribution of \$100 for the fundraiser and raising an additional \$160 by selling tickets. Of course, some members prefer to purchase their ticket allotment rather than sell the tickets, and that's fine. Often, members who do this will donate their tickets to schools or churches in order to help "fill up the auditorium" for the Rotarian Idol event.

Paul Harris and Century Club are both tax deductible. Rotarian Idol tickets are not deductible since you receive something of comparable value – *i.e.*, the tickets.



2017 – 2018
Rotary Theme



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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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Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	08-24-2017	08-31-2017	09-07-2017	09-14-2017
Greeter	Marvin Qualls	John Hall		Bethany Delany
Invocation	David Williams	Dan Duke	New Member Social	Clarence Pugh
Visitors	Ellen Horn	Carol Kammer		Tony Reed
Rotary Moment	Tara Bland	Cliff Moone	Hickory Museum of Art	Shuford Abernathy
Program	Frank Young	Linda Lutz		Anne Williams
Speaker	Warren Wood	Lindsay Keisler	5 – 7 p.m.	
Topic	City of Hickory	Chamber of Commerce		Piedmont Wagon Story
Raffle	Linda Lutz	Jan Bohmuller	No <i>Spoke</i>	Rick Seay
Video Camera	Dana Killian	James Carper		Lynn Loehr

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