

Hickory Rotary Club Roster

How to make up meetings online

- Go to www.Rotary7670.org and click on Makeup On Line (this takes you to the eClub One web site)
- Click on the tutorial on the left, or listen to the helpful Rotarian who pops up on the screen, for instructions. Spend 30 minutes on the site reading articles or watching videos, all of which can be found at top under Makeup Programs (be sure to record the titles of the programs you read or watched – you'll need those later)
- When you have completed your 30 minutes, click on Request Makeup (also at top) and donate if so inclined (recommended amount is what you might normally pay for lunch at your club and simply helps to maintain the site)
- Click on Request Makeup Form button, answer questions on form, including the program titles
- Give them Leslie Middleton's email address: lferrell@catawbacountync.gov . . . You're done!
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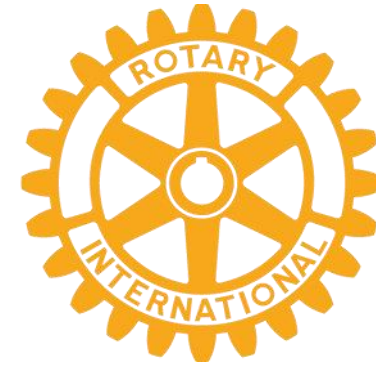
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Today's program is a preview of the Hickory Community Theatre's upcoming production, Legally Blonde the Musical. Joining us are the Director, Pamela Livingstone, who is also the Artistic Director of the Theatre, and three members of the cast. The cast



members are Shannon Underwood, who plays the leading role of Elle Woods, Tad Fulbright, who plays Elle's law school mentor Emmett Forest and John Rambo, who plays the ruthless attorney and Harvard law professor. They plan to perform three musical selections from the show for us, while Ms. Livingstone provides background on the story of the show. Underwood is a Hickory native who grew up on stage here, first performing at age 11 in Charlotte's Web, and who recently worked as a featured performer at Dollywood. Fulbright likewise has local

theatre roots in the youth theatre program at HCT, going back to when he played Tigger in Winnie the Pooh. John Rambo is a Rotarian, who serves as Managing Director at the Theatre and has performed in six productions here since starting his job in 2005.

Livingstone is beginning her 16th season as Artistic Director at the Theatre and Legally Blonde is the 60th show she has directed here. She has an MFA in Directing from UC Irvine in California and completed her undergraduate work at the University of Indiana. Legally Blonde opens on Friday, September 4th, at 8 p.m. and continues through September 20th. The full schedule and ticket prices are available on the Theatre's website, www.hickorytheatre.org. John Rambo is in charge of the program.



Mitzi Gellman

One of Rotary's enduring projects has been to bring water to communities that have none. Last week I watched a segment from CBS's Sunday Morning about the plight of the Navajo to have clean drinkable water. Lee Cowan, a reporter for CBS News documented their story. Is it possible for a small Rotary club in Hickory, NC, to make a difference in the lives this community? I think we can through a concerted fundraising effort. This is an excerpt from that program. To see the full story, go to <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-water-lady-a-savior-among-the-navajo>.

In a corner of the Navajo Nation, 100 miles west of Albuquerque, most things pass the Reservation right by, including progress. Many of the roads are unpaved. Electricity is spotty. Unemployment in the area hovers near 70 percent.

But perhaps most shocking of all? An estimated 40% of the people don't have access to running water.

"We don't use the sink because there's no running water," said Loretta Smith. She and her husband share a small mobile home with their disabled seven-year-old old granddaughter.

With no indoor plumbing, what little water the family has is carried in, bucket by bucket, stored in plastic barrels outside.

The area's main source of drinking water is miles away, in the parking lot of the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission, in the town of Thoreau, New Mexico. Getting water here can mean a 100-mile round trip for some families, and many don't even own a car.

When a family runs out of water, they're out until they can make the trip or until the "Water Lady," Darlene Arviso, arrives with her big yellow tanker truck to deliver something most of us take for granted.

Arviso, a Navajo, born and raised on the Res-

ervation, has 250 homes on her water route, and she can only get to each family once a month, weather and road conditions permitting.

Enter into the story a red-headed young man, George McGraw, who runs a non-profit called DigDeep, that normally only works in developing countries—digging wells in places like South Sudan, Kashmir and Cameroon.

But now the problem is right in his backyard. "I really had no concept that this kind of material poverty existed in the U.S.," McGraw said.

In a complicated merge of politics, geography and environmental contamination, water wells can be drilled, but they have to be deep and are extremely expensive, according to Dan McCool, a political science professor at the University of Utah, who has studied Indian water rights for the last 40 years. "It should be regarded as a national embarrassment," he said of the water situation.

Working with hydro geologists, engineers, and construction specialists all over the country, this is one of the most challenging projects they've seen.

Even if they can find water, it might not be drinkable. Much of the water located above 600 feet is laced with uranium after years of mining on the reservation during World War II. While older water wells dot the landscape, few dare drink from them after people began getting sick.

George McGraw's DigDeep well is coming along, but it will cost close to \$500,000 to complete, all of it funded by donations. Even then a new well doesn't mean homes will suddenly have new plumbing. The next phase of the project will be to install gravity-fed storage tanks that are hooked up to faucets in the homes.

But that's several years—and probably countless fundraisers—away.



R.I. President-elect K.R. Ravindran introduced a member benefits program at the 9 June closing session of the 2015 Rotary International Convention, saying that many more hands are needed to continue Rotary's work around the world.



The program, Rotary Global Rewards, aims to boost membership and enhance member satisfaction. It will debut on 1 July.

"This innovative new program will allow Rotary members to connect with hundreds of businesses and service providers from around the world -- and that number is growing," said Ravindran. "These establishments will offer Rotarians discounts and concessions on the everyday business that you do. And, in many cases, not only will you benefit, but our Foundation will as well, by receiving a contribution with each transaction."

The program will include discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. Discounts on more products and services from companies worldwide are expected to be added throughout the year.

"It will be another way to benefit from being a Rotarian and being part of the Rotary network," said Ravindran, whose presidential theme for 2015-16 is Be a Gift to the World. "I urge all of you to become a part of that scheme."

Read more at <https://goo.gl/lz61mr>.



K.R. Ravindran

R.I. President

District 7670

Billi Black,

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Last week . . .

FBI agent Jim Meade gave the club an update on the threats faced by our country and how the FBI prioritizes those threats.



The Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

All the world's a stage. — William Shakespeare

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S ANNUAL FUND?

The Rotary Foundation is funded in two different ways: the Annual Fund and the Endowment Fund. The primary source of unrestricted support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation, the Annual Fund supports programs in more than 200 geographical regions. From digging clean water wells for villages in Africa to reaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment in a day, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that all contributions given to the Annual Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects. In the 2012-13 Rotary year, US\$115 million was donated to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund (Making History in Rotarian generosity). The Annual Fund is comprised of donations from Rotarians, friends of Rotary, corporations, workplace giving vehicles and can be matched by corporate matching gifts to leverage your donation. There is even a place on the rotary website that allows you to see if your company has a charitable matching program...check it out at: www.rotary.org

WON'T YOU SUPPORT THE ANNUAL FUND WITH AT LEAST \$10 A MONTH OR \$120 THIS YEAR?



Club Assignments

Date	Today	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep
Program	John Rambo	Bob Conklin	Bob Conklin	Bob Conklin
Speaker	Cast	Laxton/Walden	Terry Clark	Alan Jackson
Topic	Legally Blonde	Young Profession-	Regional Airport	Footcandle Film
Rotary Moment	Ernie Masche	John Watts	David Millholland	Mitzi Gellman
Raffle	Lindsay Lawhon	Gerry Knox	Dana Killian	Rich Brown
Visitors	Linda Lutz	Mitzi Gellman	Steven Walker	Tom Adkins
Greeter	Cliff Goddard	Anne Williams	Kathy Greathouse	Doug Rongo
Message	Mitzi Gellman	Robert Locke	Guy Guarino	Michael Blackburn
Invocation	Clarence Pugh	John Bates	Linda Lutz	Susan Walker
Video Camera				

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