

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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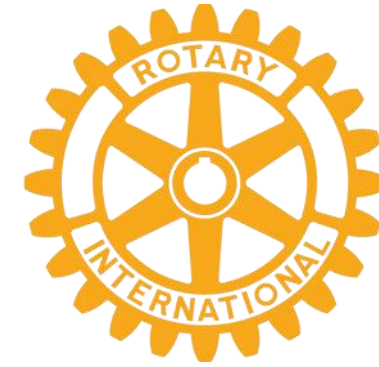
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Hickory Young Professionals

Organization strives to improve the community, helping to attract and retain young professionals to this area. Our goal is to provide opportunities for young professionals to excel professionally, socially, and economically in the Greater Hickory Metro Area.



HYP is committed to this area and we want to make it a place where we will raise our family, where we have fun, where we make a difference, and where we will one day retire. We recognize that we will be the ones who are able to carry on the torch. We will be the ones who potentially will be running companies and holding office in the future with the understanding that our decisions now will highly impact us and those around us going forward.

Hickory Young Professionals are only able to achieve these goals through partnerships within our community, including, but not lim-

ited to our partnership with the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, Education Matters of Catawba County, and Innovate Ca-

tawba, as our outreach effort to know what the next generations think about, expect, and desire for the future of our area.

Not only do we run excellent programming, but the HYP Leader-

ship Council is a great first board for young professionals to be a part of. It helps them grow, under the direction of great mentors; they gain an understanding of their potential and able to positively impact the community. 2015 has been a great year for HYP, but we are not satisfied with great. We'll continue to work to grow our membership, improve our programming, and reach out more to the young professionals each and every year.

For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/aicTeb>.

Bob Conklin is in charge of the program.



Robert Locke

Sitting down to write this week's Spoke article, I thought back to an article written by Judge Noble about the government's role. (Judge, you can rest easy knowing that at least one person read your article from last year!) In his article, Judge Noble pointed out the juxtaposition of a truck driving down a State road, with a bumper sticker complaining about the very taxes that paid for it. I was engaging in a friendly debate with a Rotarian who was skeptical of the City of Hickory's ability to turn Hickory's economy around and who was particularly upset with the bond referendum. I pointed out to them that things were heading in a good direction, and there was a lot to be excited about. Our Chamber of Commerce just won Chamber of The Year, there are two articles circulating on Facebook naming us as a top place to live or visit, we've recently become eligible for a multi-million dollar TIGER grant and the Lackeys have unveiled some impressive plans for the river-front. However, this article isn't a celebration because there is work still to be done. And what's needed most for Hickory's success will be the continued involvement of Rotarians and our principles.

We need to ensure that the bond commission and our elected officials are telling the truth, that we are asking hard questions, nitpicking all of the details and establishing accountability. We can't sugarcoat the realities of our community. Unemployment or underemployment continues to be high and above the national average. We continue to suffer from enormous obesity rates and many non-profits struggle with the impact of a

Great Recession that affected their funding. Optimism is a wonderful attitude but we have to be honest about our successes and our failures.

We must continue to seek the balance of being fair to all-concerned. To be blunt, minorities are grossly underrepresented in our city's government and in our own Rotary club. While progress is great, change can bring nasty side-effects like gentrification, raised taxes and an unequal benefit to the haves versus the have-nots. We live in a political environment where the method by which we elect Council members was within a few hundred votes of being changed recently because of dissatisfaction with the way we handle our affairs.

The only answer is to build goodwill and better friendships. It's not helpful to reference that ridiculous article about miserable places to live in the U.S. or to criticize our business and political leaders without offering our own time or plans to aid them. We can't continue to rely on our past successes and ways of operating. We've got to think of new ways to connect and build our community.

Which naturally leads to benefitting all concerned. As Rotarians, we need to continue to lead the way. Though we don't agree on everything politically, this Rotarian and I are committed to Hickory's success and it shows in our club's record. We've championed early-childhood education, supported various other non-profits and kick started the funding for the Friends of Hickory downtown park. We can do more.



WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER?

A Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member is an individual who personally contributes US\$100 or more each Rotary year to the Annual Fund. These contributions also count toward Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, Major Donor, and club recognition. After donating \$100.00 per year for 10 Rotary years, he/she becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. We have 106 Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members in our Club.

For \$1.92 per week, you too can be a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member! CAN I SIGN YOU UP?



Last week . . .

The club got a preview of Hickory Community Theatre's production of *Legally Blonde The Musical*, the cast of which includes our own Rotarian John Rambo. For tickets and show information, visit hickorytheatre.org.



Legally Blonde The Musical: John Rambo, Pamela Livingstone (director), Shannon Underwood, Tad Fulbright and Emma Lee Kurts.



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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?

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Club Assignments

Date	Today	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep
Program	Bob Conklin	Bob Conklin	Bob Conklin	Bob Conklin
Speaker	Laxton/Walden	Terry Clark	Alan Jackson	Austin Pearce
Topic	Young Prof.	Regional Airport	Footcandle Film	Soup Kitchen
Rotary Moment	John Watts	David Millholland	Mitzi Gellman	Charles Young
Raffle	Gerry Knox	Dana Killian	Rich Brown	Joe Britt
Visitors	Mitzi Gellman	Steven Walker	Tom Adkins	Anne Williams
Greeter	Anne Williams	Kathy Greathouse	Doug Rongo	Tara Bland
Message	Robert Locke	Guy Guarino	Michael Blackburn	Bill Miller-Zurell
Invocation	John Bates	Linda Lutz	Susan Walker	Thomas Griffis
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