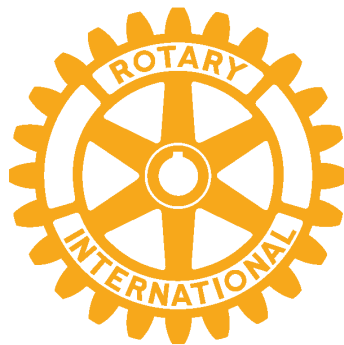


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Rotary Club of Hickory
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September 13, 2018

Today's Program: Ward 4 Alderman and Rotarian – David Williams



Council Member David Williams currently serves as Ward 4 Representative on Hickory City Council. He won this seat in November, 2017, less than a year ago, with 99.28 % of the vote. His vision is to bridge the divide of opportunity that exists in his community.

David describes himself as part of the new generation of leadership. As he stated during his campaign, he is bringing the voices, vision, cares, and concerns of his constituents to City Hall.

An entrepreneur, David is owner and creator of Plush Kutz Barbershop and PK Products, appealing to men, women, and children. He also is a licensed barber instructor and remains active as a member of the Hickory Branch NAACP and the Hickory Rotary Club. Prior to his election David served on the Hickory Parks and

Recreation Commission.

David is married to Deliska Culbreath Williams, and they have an 8-year-old son, David T Williams. He devotes much of his work to assuring a bright future for his son and other youth.

In a July, 2018, interview, David had the following to say about his feelings on good government: "People feel like, if you invest in them, they'll believe in our system, believe in the city. Because people lost belief...Now that we have this new leadership in place, they're starting to believe again."

Also today, we will hear from Dr. Robbie Adell, superintendent of the Hickory City Schools. He'll be sharing the excellent news regarding Hickory test scores from the state. Hickory has NO low performance schools! They came up from a "D" to a "B"!

Club Business and Announcements

Basic Education and Literacy (From District Governor Isaac Owolabi)

Rotary reports that “more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate.” That’s 17 percent of the world’s population. Rotary’s goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotarians support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

How Does Rotary Make Help Happen?

- We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.
- Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.
- Rotary members invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our communities.
- A university president and Rotary club fight Boko Haram to bring education and food to refugees in Nigeria.
- Realizing that getting children into school isn’t enough, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers.
- The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery has a strategy for fighting modern slavery that’s working at the local level.
- Rotary clubs pair students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.
- We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.
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(Adapted from Rotary International Publication)

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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Lynn Loehr	Treasurer	Cliff Moone	June 2020
Kelly Farr	Assistant Treasurer	Philip Reed	June 2021
Mark Teague	Past President	Anne Williams	June 2021

Last Week



Last week, we celebrated the first of our Rotary Students of Distinction from Hickory Day School, which is in its 26th year in the community. The middle-school students are: Annabella Bernhardt, Alex Cordora, Addie Duke, Ethan Harris, Erika Limezs, and Deeya Majeed. They are pictured at left along with HDS Head of School Rick Seay and Head of the Lower School Alison Tompkins.

John Bates spoke about contributing levels to the Rotary Foundation. President Linda Lutz was recognized as a Benefactor. Sandi Fotheringham and Lynn Loehr presented a Paul Harris Fellow award to Jonathan Waters of A-1 Printing. Jonathan has donated the printing of Rotarian Idol programs, tickets, posters and banners **AT NO CHARGE** to the club. His generosity has helped enormously to keep down Rotarian Idol expenses, thereby making more Rotarian



Idol revenue available to the club for our mission of educational initiatives in Catawba County.



Also receiving Paul Harris awards last week were Clarence Pugh (Paul Harris + 3), Ronald Gardner (Paul Harris + 2), and Sandi Fotheringham (Paul Harris + 1).

Next Week

Next week, our featured guest will be Keith Sipe to talk about Catawba Valley Community College's Leadership Academy. According to publicity for the academy, Catawba Valley's Leadership and Management Academy provides professional development and training addressing:

- Continuous improvement;
- Supervisory, management and executive leadership;
- Project management;
- Human resource management

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	09-13-2018	09-20-2018	09-27-2018	10-04-2018
Greeter	Kelly Knetsche	Michael Roper	Kit Cannon	Deaton Smith
Invocation	Thomas Griffis	Thomas Griffis	Thomas Griffis	Cliff Moone
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Tony Reed
Sunshine				
Program	Doug Auer	Tara Bland	Tara Bland	Doug Auer
Speaker	David Williams and Dr. Robbie Adell	Keith Sipe	Brian Malahy	
Topic	Hickory City Council	CVCC Leadership Academy	GKN Driveline	Hickory High School Students of Distinction



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Rotary District 7670

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District Governor
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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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