

Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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Spoke

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Today's Program: Rebecca Hart and Hart Square



For over forty years, Dr. Bob Hart of Hickory has rescued and restored pioneer life of the 19th century, creating in the rolling countryside of Catawba County an entire village—the largest collection of original, historical log structures in the United States. Today, the Hart Square village boasts 101 structures dating from 1763 to 1860. Hart has worked tirelessly over the years to move each cabin and record the corresponding oral family histories. His special attention to detail and authenticity is evidenced in every nail, floorboard, and soapstone chimney rock. This dedication to storytelling and architectural accuracy is why over half of the structures at Hart Square Village have been donated by the families who built and grew up in them.

Every cabin is furnished with Appalachian antiques, accurately displaying various professions and 19th-century experiences. The cabin's interiors honor authenticity from every pewter spoon on the dining table to every butter churn or rope bed. Hart's expansive collection includes one of three functioning pre-Civil War cotton gins in the U.S., a print shop, a doctor's office, a one-room schoolhouse, and countless artifacts that will never be found anywhere else, even in the Smithsonian.

The story behind Hart Square Village is just as fascinating and awe-inspiring as the place itself. Usually, historic homes and spaces have been preserved because they belonged to families of financial means or prestige; however, at Hart Square Village, cabins and stories are preserved in order to tell a much larger and diverse American story. Visitors to the site can see the full spectrum of early American experiences walking through this unique collection of cabins.

Dr. Hart, now in his 80s, has donated the entire village to the 501(c)(3) organization, Hart Square Foundation, so that his life's legacy can live on for future generations to savor. The Foundation, along with our community, has decided to turn the village into an educational facility for school children of all ages.

Club Business and Announcements

Rotary Helps Disaster Victims

Severe storms, an earthquake, and hurricanes are wreaking havoc across the globe from the United States and Mexico to South Asia and Africa. The Rotary Foundation and Rotary clubs in affected areas are helping bring emergency aid to battered communities. The Rotary Foundation is collecting emergency relief funds to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. “The power of Rotary is in the Foundation's ability to pull help from around the world while local clubs provide immediate relief in their own communities,” says Don Mebus of the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas.

How to contribute

Two Rotary Foundation donor advised funds have been set up to accept donations for disaster relief and recovery in response to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma:

Hurricane Harvey

Account name: Gulf Coast Disaster Relief Fund

Account number: 608

Hurricane Irma

Account name: Hurricane Emergency Relief Fund

Account number: 296

Rotary's partner, ShelterBox, is providing support to families displaced by the storms. ShelterBox teams are working with Rotarians to assess the damage and provide emergency supplies and temporary housing in Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

In Texas, hundreds of light privacy tents were deployed to evacuation centers for families to use temporarily.

If you have questions about how you can help, contact relief@rotary.org.

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Last Week



Last week, the club heard an informative talk from Richard Swartzel, president and CEO of CornerStone United. Mr. Swartzel discussed how CornerStone rehabilitated the 1889 Piedmont Wagon and Manufacturing Building in downtown Hickory and gave new life to one of the city's important heritage buildings. He showed a very interesting video that described what the origins of the building were and how the renovation project came about. A photo of Mr. Swartzel is above on the left. At the right is a wagon made by the Piedmont Wagon Company, one in which Rotarian Leslie Ferrell Middleton rode when a child!

Next Week

Next week's program features Madison Yount, Hickory High School (HHS) Interact Advisor, and her students. Our club continues to sponsor this fine group of young students who have a heart for service. Having a heart for service is groomed: our club's job for many years has been to enable the growth of young people in the area of service, and we continue to support these youth in their numerous avenues of service. Look at the legacy of service our club is providing for the future! Let's proudly welcome Madison and the students as they share upcoming projects and the service they are providing at HHS and in the community. Come and find out why one of their major projects this year is to raise awareness and money for bone cancer eradication!!!! See you next Thursday!



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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	09-21-2017	09-28-2017	10-05-2017	10-12-2017
Greeter	Robert Welch	David Millholland	Steven Walker	Stan Bumgarner
Invocation	Linda Lutz	Thomas Griffis	Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson
Visitors	Dana Killian	David Williams	Cliff Moone	Anne Williams
Rotary Moment	John Olson	John Watts		
Program	Tara Bland	Linda Lutz	Sarah Willis	Tara Bland
Speaker	Rebecca Hart	Madison Yount	Glenn Paige	Mandy Pitts
Topic	Hart Square	Hickory High School Interact Rotary	Navy Seal Foundation	Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors' Bureau
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