

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!
- Another option: View a previous meeting video on the hickoryrotary.org website and inform Leslie.

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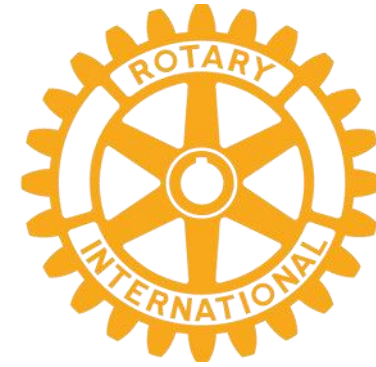
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Today, Austin C. Pearce, Executive Director of Hickory Soup Kitchen will speak to the club.

The mission of the Hickory Soup Kitchen is to help relieve hunger in our community. Being good stewards of resources, we recognize that the total needs of individuals must be addressed, and thus we seek to facilitate the meeting of those other needs.



In March of 1983, lay leaders of six downtown Hickory churches, led by Mrs. Mary Lou Dixon of First Presbyterian Church, began serving hungry residents on a rotating basis. By 1985, the Soup Kitchen was feeding 25-90 people five days a week.

Beginning in 2008, the Soup Kitchen saw its client numbers grow by more than 20% each year. By 2014 we were open 259 days, serving 77,818 meals to more than 46,000 people. We opened a food pantry serving 150 families each month, and offer shower facilities as well as a hygiene program to more than 200 individuals monthly.

Today the Hickory Soup Kitchen serves a well-balanced, nutritional, hot meal to more than 275 people five days a week. In addition to the noon meal, the building is open from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Executive Director of Hickory Soup Kitchen . . .

- Oversaw a recent successful \$1.5 million capital campaign, while

continuing to serve more than 70,000 lunches annually.

- Speaks to businesses, churches and civic groups to raise awareness and educate potential volunteers.

- Served as a member of Alliance on Innovation team, which created a Safe Map application to provide citizens with the ability to direct those in need to area organizations and services.

- Serves on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council and the Hickory Library Strategic Planning Advisory Council and is a member of the Continuum of Care agency collaboration.

- Has served on planning committee for the Foothills Homeless Veteran Stand Down since its inception in 2012 and is responsible for providing two meals to 200+ veterans each year.

- Was named Hickory Sunrise Rotary Club's Rotarian of the Year in 2014.

- Is a charter member of charitable fellowship group SamariTens and an annual volunteer at the Christmas Bureau, Charity Chase and Carolina Cycle Challenge.

For more information, visit hickorysoupkitchen.org or call 327-4828.

Bob Conklin is in charge of the program.



Bill Miller-Zurell

Rotarians can have a positive impact across society in more ways than we tend to think.

Conventional wisdom suggests that we avoid sweeping generalizations in characterizing any group of people. However, I am going to stick my neck out here and say that, in my experience, Rotarians tend to take seriously the application of the Four-Way Test in their lives.

Okay, there are surely times when each of us will let our flawed humanity overtake us and we will think, say, or do something that is less than honorable. However for the most part, the Rotarians with whom I have ongoing relationships... professional or personal... are women or men of character. They are honorable, and they are guided either consciously or subconsciously by the tenets lifted up in the Four-Way Test.

As we are reminded at least weekly, the Four-Way Test considers the following questions in respect to thinking, saying or doing:

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

cerned?

Way back in the summer of 1977, Mr. Fred Turner invited me to the first Rotary meeting I attended (in Charleston, WV). It was 38 years ago, yet I remember being impressed by what I now suspect was their thoughtful attention to their ethical curb.

Friends and acquaintances who are Rotarians in Florida, Maryland, South Carolina, and North Carolina, in every city and town where I have lived, these are people who largely avoid spreading gossip, take the high road in a conversation, vet the information that they wish to share and generally try to apply the Four-Way Test in their lives, not merely in Rotary activities.

You and I know that this is, indeed, a generalization. We're far from perfect. Yet I am not stretching the truth one bit to say that Hickory will be a far better place, indeed this country will be a far better land, when we apply the Four-Way Test in our public and social lives as well as we apply it here in Rotary functions.

Is it the truth? Is it fair? Will it build community? Will it help? If not... then pass it up and find the path that meets the test.

Thank you, Rotarians. You rock!

There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

— Mahatma Gandhi



WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION MAJOR DONOR AND ARCH C. KLUMPH MEMBER?

The Rotary Foundation recognizes individuals or couples whose combined giving has reached US\$10,000, regardless of the gift designation. This recognition level can be achieved only through personal contributions. Major Donors may elect to receive a crystal recognition piece and pin(s) commemorating the gift at each new recognition level. Since Rotary's Major Donor recognition began there are over 18,000 Major Donors.

Donors whose cumulative gifts total us\$250,000 or more are considered an Arch C. Klumph Society members and are inducted AT THE World Headquarters in Evanston and permanently displayed. (There were 453 Arch C. Klumph Society members as of 30 June 2013.)

WHO WANTS TO HAVE HIS OR HER PICTURE DISPLAYED IN EVANSTON?!!?

Dear fellow Rotarians:

It is our pleasure to announce Rotary's annual World Polio Day kickoff event on 23 October in New York City. We'll use this occasion to shine a light on Rotary's leadership in the fight that has brought us This Close to ending polio.

The Livestream event, co-sponsored by UNICEF, will bring together our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, government officials, and global health leaders from nongovernmental organizations and will mobilize more than 30,000 supporters.

July and August brought great milestones in the polio eradication effort. For the first time in history, Nigeria -- then all of Africa -- marked one year with no new polio cases caused by the wild virus.

We are closer to making good on our promise to end polio forever, but there's still work to be done. As we protect the progress made in Africa, we focus even more sharply on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our World Polio Day kickoff event is our opportunity to update participants around the world on our progress and next steps and inspire them to share their voices, donate, or advocate for eradication as we near the finish line.

We invite you to join us and watch the event live, starting at 18:30 New York time (UTC-4) or later—a recording will be made available. We also ask you to raise awareness of our polio eradication effort in your own community and build a local audience for our World Polio Day event. Visit the End Polio Now website to download resources that can help you raise awareness and funds. Share this information with your Rotary clubs, districts, communities, and elected officials.

Thirty years ago, we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of polio. Our dream is becoming reality. For every child, on World Polio Day, let's push ahead to the reality of a polio-free world.

Warm regards,
Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran
Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith

Last week . . .

Chris Frye and Alan Jackson told the club about the Footcandle Film Society's upcoming film festival, scheduled for September 25-27. For information and tickets, visit footcandlefilmfestival.com.



K.R. Ravindran

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The Rotary Four Way Test

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Club Assignments

| Date | Today | 1-Oct | 8-Oct | 15-Oct |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Program | Bob Conklin | Bob Conklin | Club Fellowship | Suzanne Trollan |
| Speaker | Austin Pearce | Dr. Robbie Adell | Club Fellowship | Judith Domer |
| Topic | Soup Kitchen | Hickory Public | Club Fellowship | School in Kenya |
| Rotary Moment | Charles Young | Robert Bumbarger | John Ross | Meg Locke |
| Raffle | Joe Britt | Jamie Brown | Dean Doucette | Tony Reed |
| Visitors | Anne Williams | Sandi Fothering- | Cliff Goddard | Andrea Surratt |
| Greeter | Tara Bland | Pam Barbour | Carol Kammer | Gerry Knox |
| Message | Bill Miller-Zurell | Ernie Masche | Andrea Surratt | Susan Walker |
| Invocation | Thomas Griffis | Bob Shoffner | Mike Johnson | Bill Miller-Zurell |
| Video Camera | Bruce Bumbarger | Steve Mull | Ray Cerda | Cori Tingen |