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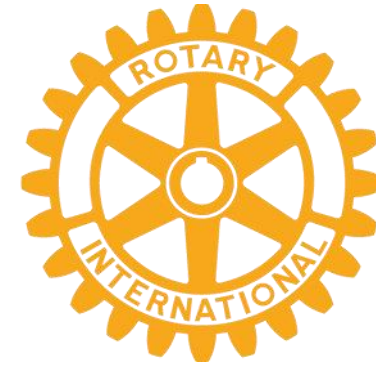
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**Today, Dr. Robbie Adell,** newly-appointed Superintendent of Hickory Public Schools, will speak to the club. Dr. Adell took office on September 14, 2015.

During the search process, the HPS Board of Education carefully reviewed applications and supporting documentation from a diverse field of 20 excellent candidates. Although many qualified candidates applied, the board believes that Dr. Adell's visionary leadership, breadth of experience, and dedication to students will best serve the HPS students, staff, and community for years to come. The board is confident that Dr. Adell will lead the Hickory Public Schools to even higher achievement.

According to Reginald Hamilton, chairperson of the HPS Board of Education, Dr. Adell is a great fit for the school district. "Dr. Adell is passionate about engaging the community in support of public education—particularly the Hickory Public Schools," said Hamilton. "He desires to retain our teachers to avoid teacher turnover, and he places the future of our students as a top priority—including the continuation of an improved drop-out rate. We are looking forward to Dr. Adell's leadership, and we welcome his family to the Hickory community."

An Asheville native, Dr. Adell has achieved a successful career in public education spanning over three decades in western North Carolina. He currently serves as an Assistant Superintendent in Buncombe County Schools. In this role, Dr. Adell is responsible for oversight of facilities, capital outlay, maintenance, transportation, student services, purchasing, and athletics, among other areas.

Prior to his current role with Buncombe County, Dr. Adell served Buncombe Coun-

ty Schools as Director of Safe Schools, Athletics, and Community Relations. With considerable principal experience, Dr. Adell led A.C. Reynolds Middle School in Buncombe County from 2004-2012.

Since 2007, Dr. Adell has also served as an adjunct professor at University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Dr. Adell began his educational career as a middle school special education teacher in Asheville for 13 years before his selection to serve as assistant principal for both the high school and middle school level in Buncombe and Henderson Counties.

Earning a bachelor's degree in special education and later a master's degree in school administration from Western Carolina University, Dr. Adell returned to school in 2008 to obtain his Education Specialist degree and ultimately his Doctor of Education from the University of the Cumberlands in Kentucky.

Dr. Adell looks forward to the opportunity to lead the Hickory Public Schools. "I am deeply honored to have been selected as Superintendent of Hickory Public Schools," said Dr. Adell. "Hickory Public Schools carries a rich tradition of high academic achievement, community engagement, skillful teachers, and a supportive school board. I am excited for the opportunity to be a part of a talented team that will lead our children and community to new heights."

Dr. Robbie Adell and his family, including wife, Melody, and their two daughters Kayla and Kristina—are excited about becoming a part of the Hickory community.

Bob Conklin is in charge of the program.







Ernie Masche

As I think about the Rotary Motto, *Service Above Self*, it makes me wonder about the many ways we can and do serve others during our normal daily routines. How many of these do you realize are putting others above yourself that you take for granted or you never really thought about as *Service Above Self*?

1. Your jobs or your boss. We get up every day and go to work to make a living or pay our bills. Sure, most of us enjoy what we do, but do we consider it service? We put our family's needs or our bosses or companies needs before our self. Sure, in return for our performance or duties at work, we are compensated with money, but it can and should be considered *Service Above Self*. When we put so much into our work so our family can live comfortably, it is definitely putting others needs above our own personal needs.
2. Your country. Many people enjoy public service or government service. The most obvious is the military, where many men and women give the ultimate sacrifice for their country and fellow citizens to protect their freedoms and rights. Also you can hold a publicly appointed or elected office and serve other people in an official

capacity. This can range from being a Scout leader at your local church to being elected to Congress or even President of the United States. Some may argue that some "politicians" are only out for personal selfish gain but that is another story and would require many more than just 400 words. For the most part, many people give of themselves everyday to help their fellow citizens without worrying about what they may get in return.

3. Your God. No matter what religious belief you may have, we all pray on a daily basis and serve a God. Some of us do it more intentionally than others but we all ask for many different things to be given or happen to us. Most of us would agree that there is a much higher power that is in control of our every thought, word and deed. God gives us opportunities and options along our everyday activities for us to decide how we serve him and how we serve others.

Ultimately we are all servants in many different ways to many different people for many different reasons. So I ask you in closing, whom and how do you serve? Can you count the ways?

**The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.**  
— Martin Luther King, Jr.



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**Nigeria declared polio-free, removed from endemic list**

The World Health Organization (WHO) announced on 25 September that Nigeria is now polio-free and has been officially removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. It's been 14 months since any cases of polio caused by the wild virus have been detected there.



With Nigeria's historic achievement, polio remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. That means transmission of the virus has never been stopped there.

Nigeria was the last country in Africa where polio was endemic. The continent celebrated its own first full year without the disease on 11 August. Once three years have passed without a case in WHO's entire African region, officials will certify polio eradicated there.

"Rotary congratulates Nigeria on its tremendous accomplishment in stopping polio," says RI President K.R. Ravindran. "On behalf of the entire Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), we thank volunteers, health workers, and parents in communities across Nigeria for their tireless commitment to ensuring every last child is protected against this devastating disease. In the months ahead, their dedication will remain as important as ever, as we work to keep Nigeria polio-free and to eliminate polio from its final strongholds in Pakistan and Afghanistan."

Nigeria's success is the result of several sustained efforts, including domestic and international financing, the commitment of thousands of health workers, and new strategies that reached children who had not previously been immunized because of a lack of security in the country's northern states.

**Last week . . .**

*Austin Pearce told the club about the important work of the Hickory Soup Kitchen. To learn how you can help, visit [hickorysoupkitchen.org](http://hickorysoupkitchen.org).*



**Club Assignments**

Date	Today	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct
<b>Program</b>	Bob Conklin	Club Fellowship	Suzanne Trollan	
<b>Speaker</b>	Dr. Robbie Adell	Club Fellowship	Judith Domer	
<b>Topic</b>	Hickory Schools	Club Fellowship	School in Kenya	
<b>Rotary Moment</b>	Robert Bumbarger	John Ross	Meg Locke	Thomas Griffis
<b>Raffle</b>	Jamie Brown	Dean Doucette	Tony Reed	Jennifer Clark
<b>Visitors</b>	S. Fotheringham	Cliff Goddard	Andrea Surratt	Mark Teague
<b>Greeter</b>	Pam Barbour	Carol Kammer	Gerry Knox	Steven Walker
<b>Message</b>	Ernie Masche	Andrea Surratt	Susan Walker	Rich Brown
<b>Invocation</b>	Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson	Bill Miller-Zurell	Cliff Moone
<b>Video Camera</b>	Steve Mull	Ray Cerda	Cori Tingen	Tara Bland



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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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