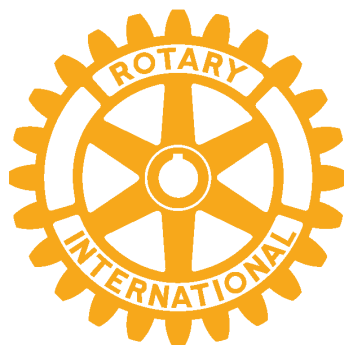


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Today's Program: Kim Pate and the Athletics Program of Lenoir-Rhyne University



Kim Pate was hired in 2016 and recently completed her second year as Lenoir-Rhyne University's Director of Athletics. Pate has brought dynamic growth to Lenoir-Rhyne during her short time in Hickory. The most recent example would be the announcement of a \$2.6M state-of-the-art facility addition named in honor of former LR Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Executive Director of the Bears Club, Neill McGeachy. The facility will feature 14,000 square feet of new and enhanced multiuse training space, a weight room, nutrition bar, and indoor turf training area as well as a covered pavilion for Bears Club hospitality.

In her second year at the helm, Pate continued the Bears' recent run of success. Lenoir-Rhyne won three South Atlantic Conference Championships (softball, men's lacrosse, and women's lacrosse) while five programs earned berths to NCAA Division II postseason play. Lenoir-Rhyne also finished third in the prestigious Echols South Atlantic Conference Award Standings for Excellence, and five student-athletes earned NCAA Division II All-American honors. The Bears also hosted the softball NCAA regional and the men's lacrosse NCAA regional while the men's lacrosse team advanced to host their first men's lacrosse NCAA Semifinals Championship game this past May.

In the classroom, the Bears put a league-high 198 student-athletes on the SAC Commissioner's Honor Roll which was the second year in a row where Lenoir-Rhyne led the conference with the highest number of awards. The Bears also posted a record high number of D2 ADA Academic Achievement Awards. Lenoir-Rhyne tied for the most representatives in the SAC with 123 and had the eighth-most recipients in Division II. The combined grade point average for all of the Bears' sports in the spring semester was an unprecedented 3.29 while 18 of Lenoir-Rhyne's 22 teams posted a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Prior to LR, Pate served as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois Springfield for five years, where she was responsible for the administration and oversight of a sixteen sport NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletics program in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Prior to that, she worked at Brevard College as the Director of Athletics from 2007 to 2011. She oversaw eighteen NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletic programs in the South Atlantic Conference at Brevard for over three years.

Pate's experience also includes over six years of active involvement on numerous national athletic committees and organizations. She is also a member of the DII Athletic Directors Association (DII ADA) and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Pate currently serves on the D2ADA Board of Directors and was recently appointed to the NCAA Division II Athletic Directors Association Regulatory Advisory Group. In 2015, Pate was recognized by the Springfield Business Journal as a Woman of Influence Honoree. She received her Masters in Business Administration from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. Her undergraduate studies were completed at Brevard, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Business and Organizational Leadership, graduating *Summa Cum Laude*.

Club Business and Announcements

From District Governor Isaac Owolabi: Economic and Community Development

During the month of October, Rotary focus is on economic and community development. According to a Rotary publication, “nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day.” Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

The Rotary Club of Arden operates as a micro lender in several countries of the world. They lend funds to poor men and women who want to become self-sufficient business owners. The website is KIVA.org. Currently, they have loaned a total of \$3,600 with 118 loans made to people in 68 countries: 61% of the loans were lent to women and 39% to men. These businesses include agriculture, manufacturing, construction, arts, clothing, wholesale, transportation, retail, and food. Most of the loans have been made in small amounts of \$25.

Despite strong economic growth and a burgeoning middle class, most countries of the world are still mired in high poverty rates, inadequate health care, and water insecurity. Rotary Club of Highlands Mountain-Top has a project in Bolivia led by Dr. John Baumrucker, called Bolivian Mission, which includes water projects, medical and dental clinics, home building, and a foster home for street boys.

There are still large and immediate challenges facing many communities in the Rotary world. This is where Rotary is at its best, finding solutions to these problems through global projects.

We surpassed our 2017-18 goal of \$360 million and raised more than \$414 million for the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations on such a successful year! On behalf of The Rotary Foundation, thank you for all you've done to support Rotary and promote the Rotary Foundation. Our zone 33 raised \$6,146,805 for the Annual Fund. District 7670's goal was \$312,017, but we raised \$361,145.90!

DG Isaac

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Lenoir-Rhyne Day at Rotary Club of Hickory

Rotary Lenoir-Rhyne University Day is being celebrated this Thursday on October 11. You are asked to wear LRU shirts, caps, etc. Those who do not comply with this request will be compelled to place an extra dollar in the CART Buckets for Alzheimer's Research. I would be very afraid to face these LRU Bear supporters without complying with these rules!! However, Susan Saylor, our Alzheimer's chairman, noted that she will keep you very, very safe. (She wants your dollars – and any additional contributions!!!)

Last Week



Last week, Hickory High School Students of Distinction were recognized. These students come from HHS' Rotary Interact Club. Rotarian Doug Auer introduced Madison Yount, Hickory High School's Rotary Interact advisor; she has been the sponsor of the group for the past three years. In her brief comments, Ms. Yount revealed that there are 24 clubs at HHS. Interact is the second

largest club behind the Beta Club and is the largest service organization at the school. Students in all grades (9 – 12) can be members of Interact, and some of its programs include Help-a-Teacher and weekly school recycling. Students recognized as Rotary Students of Distinction were: Ioana Costescu, Aaliyah Deaton, Noah Griffin, Matt Kennedy, and Grecia Hernandez. These students are pictured above in that order (L – R) with sponsor Madison Yount.

Next Week

Next week's guest is Zack Cranford. Zack is a young, local serial entrepreneur. Directly after graduating from college, he founded Foothills Distillery in 2014, a small grain-to-glass distillery that went on to produce the first bourbon made in North Carolina. He then founded Standard Oyster Company in 2016, a restaurant that offers a vast array of fresh oysters and seafood. He has a passion for creating sustainable food and beverage ventures. Join Zack as he discusses the entrepreneurial mindset.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	10-11-2018	10-18-2018	10-25-2018	11-01-2018
Greeter	Patrice Bertrand	Mike Pilolla	NO MEETING	Rodney Garren
Invocation	Cliff Moone	Cliff Moone		Clarence Pugh
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Joint meeting with the Tuesday club on October 23	Tony Reed
Sunshine	Clarence Pugh	Shuf Abernathy		
Program	Terri Livingston	Tara Bland	NO Spoke	HCAM Students of Distinction
Speaker	Kim Pate	Zack Cranford		Susan Saylor
Topic	Lenoir-Rhyne University	1712 Distillery		Alzheimer's CART
Raffle	Bonita Ferretti	Juliet Good		John Olson



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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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