

Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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Spoke

November 30, 2017

Today's Program: Tim Delaney and the Salvation Army



Today's featured speaker is Tim Delaney, husband of Thursday club member Bethany Delaney. Tim is seen in the photo at the left.

The following comes from the Hickory Salvation Army branch's website.

"We have all heard the ringing of Salvation Army bells during the Christmas season. It serves as a reminder for the great needs that so many people face during this time of the year and the work that the Salvation Army does to comfort those who find themselves in difficult situations. We help to spread joy during what should be a very joyful time of the year.

"While that is an important part of our identity, the Salvation Army is so much more than bell-ringers!

"The Salvation Army has been active in North and South Carolina since 1887 - opening units in Raleigh, Wilmington, and Spartanburg in that year. Today, the Army operates hundreds of facilities and services in over 50 'commands' around North and South Carolina. These range from daily character building programs such as the Boys and Girls Clubs and community centers, to providing shelter for families in need of transitional housing, to holding weekly worship services and to providing safe and affordable housing to seniors.

"These commands are normally headed by an 'Officer' of the Salvation Army - individuals or couples who have accepted positions of full-time ministry with the Salvation Army. Officers are responsible for leading a force of local volunteers, employees, and soldiers (those who choose the Salvation Army as their home "church" and commit to regular worship and service).

"So, while you can expect to see us around the community in full force during the holidays, it may surprise where else you may run into a 'Salvationist.' We're committed to helping in so many aspects of community life and to 'Doing the Most Good' with the resources with which you entrust us."

Club Business and Announcements

Meet New Club Member Patrice Bertrand – In His Own Words



Born in the 1957 in Paris, I grew up in the hills of "Le Perche" in Normandy in a small farming village. I stayed until the end of secondary school and lived in a Paris suburb. I finished high school and attended a superior school in St. Louis Stanilas, Math Superior and Math Special. During my studies, I attended on weekends the military-preparation school for the Navy and graduated in 1977. During summers, I was ranging and farming with my family in the national forest of Rambouillet near Paris. I attended the Chemical Engineer School of Toulouse from which I graduated in 1982. Along with my chemical engineering classes, I attended the School of Administration (IPA/IAE) in Toulouse and graduated in 1983.

Upon completing my chemical degree, I joined the Army as Reserve Officer at the artillery school of Draguignan near Grace in southern France. Upon graduation and receiving my lieutenant rank, I served as a training officer for the 35th Regiment of Artillery Parachutist in the southwest of France near the

Pyrenees where I performed multiple airplane jumps and military exercises with the French Legion and British and German forces. Upon my discharge from the military, I went to work with Exxon Chemical in Normandy near Le Havre and my family. I ran the manufacturing plant of Vistalon as a Chief Unit Assistant in the rubber drying section of the chemical plant.

I left in 1987 and join Siplast, a manufacturer of waterproofing membranes for roofing. My mission was to move to Arkansas to their US plant to oversee the operations. There, I worked in manufacturing and started learning about computers and software. I developed an interest in the information systems environment and rapidly was in charge of the network and maintenance development of the computing systems. I moved to Dallas and then Arkadelphia, Arkansas, until 1993.

I married in 1991 and had two children Stephanie and Sebastien. I joined the Soprema group in Wadsworth, Ohio, to run the plant as a plant manager. Soprema is the direct competitor of Siplast and a French company based in Strasbourg. In 1998, I moved to Hickory to run the operations of Roll-Tech. In 2005, the company sold its US operations to me. We make wheels for the material handling Industry, mostly for residential trash-can manufacturers and hand-truck manufacturers. In 2014, we were an innovator in creating new products with recycled rubber. We make interlocking tiles for flooring and rubber targets for shooting ranges. We currently employ over 50 full-time personnel and use several million pounds of recycled rubber supplied by recyclers of truck tires and car tires. We are one of the largest transformers of recycled rubber and plastics in North Carolina.

I remarried this year and my step-sons attend universities in Nantes, France, and Geneva, Switzerland. My children attend UNC Chapel Hill and New York University. They study computer science and math.

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Mark Teague	President	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Linda Lutz	President-Elect	Philip Reed	June 2018
Gerry Knox	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Andy Cote	June 2019
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Tara Bland	June 2020
Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Robert Locke	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

Board Meeting Highlights (November 16)

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2017. The board approved 2 membership applications which will be on the tables at the next 2 meetings: Hank Guess, new mayor of Hickory; and Kelly Farr, a transfer from the Lake Hickory (Tuesday) Club. Board member Dana Killian has accepted a promotion with Duke Life Point and will be moving to Michigan. Phillip Reed has agreed to serve the remainder of Dana's term on the board. Board member Robert Locke has taken a "Leave of Absence" from the club. There is nothing in the bylaws allowing a Leave of Absence from the board so if Robert is unable to fulfill the remainder of his term on the board, another opening on the board will need to be filled to serve out the remainder of Robert's term. If you would like to serve on the board, please see Mark Teague.

Tara Bland and Linda Lutz were recognized for the outstanding job they are doing scheduling a wide variety of interesting and compelling programs for the club.

December 7th: Christmas social at Highland Avenue, 6PM-8PM. Cost: member and one guest FREE. Additional guests; \$15. February 8th: Sweetheart luncheon, noon at Lake Hickory Country Club. Rotarian Idol will be March 24, 2018 at P.E. Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir Rhyne University. The BOD will NOT meet in December. Next BOD meeting is schedule for 11AM, January 18th at 11AM at LHCC. All members are welcome to attend. The club will **NOT** meet December 21 or 28. The club **WILL** meet January 4, 2018

The following charitable giving requests were approved: SAS Scholarships: \$12,500; Catawba County Partnership for Children (Imagination Library): \$25,000; Paul Whitener Art Show: \$1,200; Interact Advisor stipend: \$1,000; Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Awards: \$5,500 (\$1,000 for the winner, \$500 for all nominees); Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now): \$1,000; RYLA Scholarships: \$1,200; Salvation Army Book Buddies program at the Christmas Bureau: \$2,500; Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing fundraiser: \$2,500; Catawba Science Center: \$2,500; Hickory Landmark's Heritage Days at Maple Grove \$1,000. Additional charitable giving requests are now being accepted for review and approval in March, 2018



Last Week

Last week was Thanksgiving, and there was no Thursday meeting. On November 16, we heard from Jeff Cline about his visit to Chernobyl. A photo of Mr. Cline is at left.

Next Week

Next Thursday is our club Christmas Social at Highland Avenue Restaurant (see details above). On December 14, we have our club Christmas Luncheon. Scott Millar, president of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation will be the featured speaker.

Club Member Weekly Assignments				
Date	11-30-2017	12-07-2017	12-14-2017	12-21-2017
Greeter	John Millholland	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL	Philip Reed	No meeting
Invocation	Dan Duke	6 – 8 p.m.	Clarence Pugh	
Visitors	Philip Reed		Linda Lutz	Christmas week
Rotary Moment	John Olson	Highland Avenue Restaurant	John Watts	
Program	Bethany Delaney		Economic Development Corporation	No SPOKE
Speaker	Tim Delaney		Scott Millar	
Topic	The Salvation Army	No SPOKE	Christmas Luncheon	
Raffle	Susan Saylor		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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