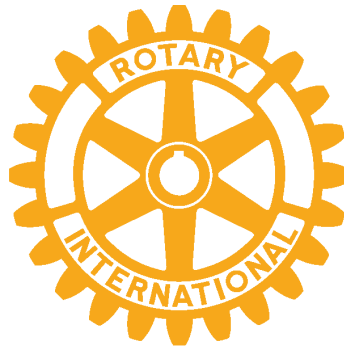


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Rotary Club of Hickory
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December 6, 2018

Today's Program: Austin Pearce and the Hickory Soup Kitchen



Austin Pearce is the Executive Director of the Hickory Soup Kitchen. He regularly speaks passionately about the soup kitchen's mission to numerous businesses, churches, and civic groups to raise awareness and educate potential volunteers.

Pearce served as a member of the twelve-person Alliance on Innovation team, which created a Safe Map application to provide citizens with the ability to direct those in need to the appropriate area organizations and services. In addition to serving on the Cooperative Extension Advisory Council to help support and address community needs, Pearce also served on the Hickory Library Strategic Planning Advisory Council and is a member of the Continuum of Care agency collaboration. In this capacity, he coordinates with city officials, area churches, and other local charities to create warming stations for the

homeless during extreme weather conditions.

Pearce has served on the planning committee for the Foothills Homeless Veterans Stand Down since its inception in 2012 and has been responsible for providing meals to the 200+ veterans and volunteers at the event each year.

Mr. Pearce is a member of the Hickory Sunrise Rotary Club and was named their "Rotarian of the Year" in 2014, his first year in the club.

Pearce is also a charter member of the innovative local charitable fellowship group called "SamariTens," formed in January, 2007. SamariTens has raised over \$40,000 for worthy causes in our community to date. He also volunteers annually at the Christmas Bureau, Charity Chase, and Carolina Cycle Challenge.

Club Business and Announcements

There's still time to sign up for Salvation Army bell ringing. Our club is asked to fill shifts from 9 a.m. to about 8:45 p.m. on both December 7 and December 14.

Also and if you haven't done so already, remember to contribute today to the project to thank the staff of Lake Hickory Country Club for the terrific job they do for us each and every Thursday. The Christmas Collection Box will be passed around at today's meeting. Please contribute!

Board Meeting Highlights – November 27, 2018

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on November 27, 2018. In an effort to bring more transparency to our members, you will find a brief summary of that meeting on page 2.

Board Meeting Highlights

Thomas Griffis presented a report from the SAS (Scholarship) committee: “On behalf of the Service Above Self Scholarship Committee, I would like to request that the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Hickory allocate funding for a second SAS Scholarship for 2019 and beyond as funds allow. This would mean two SAS Scholarships with a total value of \$24,000 over a four year period or \$6000 a year. The two recipients would receive \$3000 each academic year for four years payable to the school they attend.”

Additionally the SAS committee is recommending that seniors attending Hickory Career Arts and Magnet (HCAM) are also eligible for scholarship awards in addition to Hickory High School seniors.

The BOD approved the additional scholarship request as well as the HCAM concept but asked the committee to provide additional details regarding the process to access HCAM student criteria and qualifications since their educational curriculum and service differs from Hickory High students. This would allow all candidates to compete on equal footing as they pursue Rotary scholarship opportunities.

Tara Bland discussed some of the ideas that have been proposed for our club’s Centennial Celebration in 2021:

- \$100,000 of charitable giving in our community to mark the club’s 100th anniversary.
- Donation of a marker or monument to be placed at Geitner-Rotary Park in conjunction with the city’s River Walk which will include a network of picturesque pedestrian walkways that will extend from Geitner-Rotary Park along Lake Hickory into the surrounding landscape along the Catawba River on the periphery of the city to US-321.
- Publication (digital or printed) of an anniversary book that will include the history of our club in addition to the present status and future goals of the club. If you would like to assist with this endeavor, please contact Alan Huffman folkpot@charter.net.
- A special Centennial Celebration “shindig” for current and formers members of the Rotary Club of Hickory.
- If you would like to be a part of the Centennial Celebration Committee or have ideas for the event, please contact Tara Bland tbland@saltblockfoundation.org.

Plans are underway for the celebration of International Rotary Day on February 23, 2019. Mayor Hank Guess will be issuing a proclamation officially recognizing February 23, 2019, as Rotary Day in the City of Hickory with the goal of acknowledging notable achievements of all of the Rotary Clubs that call Hickory home. Cliff Moone and John Bates are working on a list of achievements for our club and Madame President Dr. LuLu is working with Assistant District Governor, Jason Herman, to include achievements of the other Rotary Clubs in Hickory. It was noted that the other area Hickory clubs have **NOT** indicated whether they wish to participate, nor have they provided a list of their club’s accomplishments. It was suggested that they do both at the next meeting of area club presidents before the end of the year. **Clubs who do not provide necessary information will still be honored on February 23 Rotary Day in Hickory but will NOT be included in the proclamation.** Since February 23 is a Saturday, locations for the event are being assessed, vis-à-vis suitability and any permitting required.

Cliff Moone said plans for “The Miracle of Hickory” 75th Anniversary are proceeding on schedule. Several artists submitted proposals for a mural in downtown Hickory and a sculpture at the site. **The winning proposal has been selected**, and the name of the artist selected will be revealed once the unsuccessful applicants are notified and thanked for their proposals. Cliff is going through the exhaustive red tape to invite Bill and Melinda Gates to attend the celebration as their foundation is tasked with eradicating polio worldwide. Additionally, Cliff said he would invite the governor, Roy Cooper. Dates and site for the event are still to be determined.

Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2018 – June 2019	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Linda Lutz	President	John Bates	June 2019
Gerry Knox	President-Elect	David Williams	June 2019
Tara Bland	President-Nominee	Andy Cote	June 2019
Leslie Ferrell	Secretary	Michael Blackburn	June 2020
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Lynn Loehr	Treasurer	Cliff Moone	June 2020
Kelly Farr	Assistant Treasurer	Philip Reed	June 2021
Mark Teague	Past President	Anne Williams	June 2021

Last Week



Last week's meeting was a club assembly. Rotarian John Bates (left) was the featured speaker and presented a program on the Rotary Foundation...AKA Paul Harris Fellowship. In an effort to kickstart the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Hickory's founding, John announced that every member of the current Board of Directors is a Paul Harris Fellow. Board members Andy Cote, David Williams, Kelly Farr, and Leslie Ferrell received PHF recognition. Also receiving PHF recognitions (photo below right) were Kathy Wood, Bonita Ferretti, and Rick Seay (not pictured). John's comments on the Rotary Foundation will

be printed in next week's *Spoke*.

Also with us last week were members of the Hickory High School Interact Rotary Club. Members pictured below from left to right are: Rotarians Linda Lutz and Cliff Moone, students Braden Kelly and Ioana Costecu, Interact Club advisor Madison Yount, Rotarian Doug Auer, and students Macie Bengé, Aaliyah Deaton and Sidney Brockenborough.



Next Week

Next week is our annual Rotary Christmas Luncheon. Join us for this fun and festive event. The luncheon will be our regular buffet. The meeting will be full of holiday cheer and will include special music from the Hickory Schools String Program. This group is under the direction of Sally Ross, wife of Rotarian John Ross. The group will be playing some carols while we eat and will then do a musical version of "The Night Before Christmas" complete with narration and sound effects. In addition, there will be Rotary (Dis)Harmony for the event. After next week's meeting, we won't meet again until Thursday, January 3, 2019!

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	12-06-2018	12-13-2018	12-20-2018	12-27-2018
Greeter	Patrice Bertrand	Colton Sexton	No meeting	No meeting
Invocation	Bob Shoffner	Bob Shoffner		
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tony Reed	Happy Holidays!	Happy Holidays!
Sunshine	Cliff Moone	Clarence Pugh		
Program	Sarah Willis	Music of the Season	NO <i>Spoke</i>	NO <i>Spoke</i>
Speaker	Austin Pearce	John and Sally Ross		
Topic	Rotary Project at the Hickory Soup Kitchen	Christmas Luncheon and the Hickory Schools String Program		
Raffle	Bonita Ferretti	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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