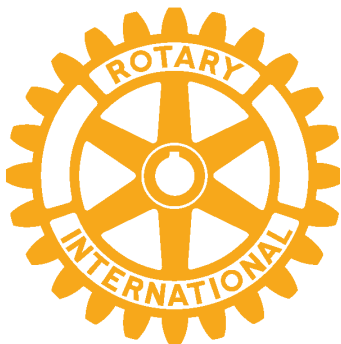


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Today's Program: Scott Millar and the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation



Today's featured speaker is Scott Millar, president of the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation.

Scott has served the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation since 1993 and has been president since 1998. He currently serves on the North Carolina Economic Development Association Board and has served as the organization's president. He was recognized as North Carolina's Economic Developer of the Year in 2010.

Millar has worked with Catawba County leaders to announce over \$6 billion in new investments and thousands of jobs in facilities such as Apple, CommScope, Poppelmann Plastics, Sarstedt, Sutter Street, and many others. Millar is currently working with the implementation of the K-64 educational initiative, targeted recruitment initiatives, spec buildings and parks/site development, and other community programs.

The topic of Scott's discussion today will be an update of the Economic Development Corporation's activities-to-date.

Club Business and Announcements

Meet New Club Members Kelly Farr and Hank Guess



Kelly Farr (left) was born and raised in Hickory, North Carolina. He attended East Burke High School in Burke County and received his Bachelor of Science degree in economics from East Carolina University in 1996. In 1998, he started working in the banking industry. He has held several positions in banking and is currently the Commercial Relationship Manager and Catawba Valley Market President with SunTrust Banks, Inc. He has spent his entire career working in the Hickory market.

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Kelly is also very committed to the community in which he lives. He serves on the Catawba Valley Community College Foundation Board and the Lenoir-Rhyne Business Council. He has also served on various Boards in Catawba County during the past 20 years and was also a former member of the Lake Hickory Rotary Club.

He is married to Lorie, a native of Lenoir, and they have three children – Lindsey, Andrew, and Lauren. They currently reside in Granite Falls and attend Granite Falls Methodist Church. In his free time, he loves to golf, enjoys watching college and professional sports, and coaches his son in travel baseball and basketball.



Hank Guess (left) has lived in Hickory for the past 50 years. His parents are originally from Hickory; they moved back to Hickory when he was eight- years-old after his father retired from military service. Hank attended Longview Elementary School and Grandview Middle School before graduating from Hickory High School in 1977. Soon after graduating from high school, he started his career at the Hickory Police Department as a civilian telecommunicator. In 1980, he was sworn in as a police officer and spent the rest of his career working in every division within the police department. He retired in 2008 with thirty years of service at the rank of police lieutenant. During his time at the police department, he continued his education and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Gardner-Webb College in 1986. He is also a graduate of the 210th session of the FBI National Academy.

In 2009 he was elected to his first term on the Hickory City Council as the Ward 4 Alderman. He was re-elected and served a second term until 2017. On November 7, 2017, Hank was elected mayor for the City of Hickory. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pregnancy Care Center, Family Guidance Center, Community Services Block Grant, and the Hickory Aviation Museum. He is a volunteer with North Carolina Special Olympics and is a member of the Western Catawba Kiwanis Club and Winkler’s Grove Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon, usher and Sunday school teacher. Hank has been married to his wife Tammy for thirty years, and they have two adult sons, Justin Guess (wife Monica) and Jacob Guess, both of whom reside in Hickory.

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Last Week



Last week, the club hosted its annual Christmas Social at Highland Avenue Restaurant. Two weeks ago at the November 30 club meeting, our guest speaker was Tim Delaney of the Salvation Army. A photograph of Tim is at the left.

Next Week

We do NOT meet the next two weeks (December 21 and 28) because of Christmas and New Years. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, when our guest speaker will be John Ellis, who will talk about providing fresh drinking water in Latin America, where he has recently visited.

Have a wonderful and cheery holiday season!

From District Governor Bill Biddle:

Fellow Rotarians,

400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. Rotarians lead efforts to eradicate disease through our Rotary Foundation. Our focus is attacking diseases such as polio, Alzheimer's, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, MS, and others. Disease will not eradicate itself, and that's why our efforts are so important. We focus on prevention through health education to bring individuals routine hearing, vision, and dental care. We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases around the world. The efforts of Rotary are ongoing throughout the world.

Recently, I was privileged to hear past Rotary International Vice-President Anne Matthews give a presentation. I am sharing some of what Anne shared with us. "Over one billion people throughout the world have no access to any type of healthcare. 66% of children who die annually could be saved with inexpensive technology. Over 45 million people are living in extreme poverty, over 13 million people starve to death annually, and every 3 seconds, a child dies of starvation. Unclean water plays a major role in disease. Each day over 25,000 people die from drinking contaminated water and 6,000 children die daily because of contaminated water."

Please join us in our combined efforts to improve the quality of life for individuals throughout the world who desperately need what Rotary has to give. *DG Bill Biddle*

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	12-14-2017	12-21-2017	12-28-2017	1-04-2018
Greeter	Philip Reed	No meeting	No meeting	Robert Welch
Invocation	Clarence Pugh			Linda Lutz
Visitors	Linda Lutz	Week of Christmas	Week of New Years	Tony Reed
Rotary Moment	John Watts			
Program	Economic Development Corporation	No SPOKE	No SPOKE	Tara Bland
Speaker	Scott Millar			John Ellis
Topic	Christmas Luncheon			Fresh drinking water for Latin America
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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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