

Hickory Rotary Club Roster

How to make up meetings online

- Go to rotaryclubone.org, then look at "Makeup for a missed meeting" on the right. Follow instructions.
- When you have completed your 30 minutes, click on Request a Makeup Confirmation and donate, if so inclined (recommended amount is what you might normally pay for lunch at your club and simply helps to maintain the site).
- Complete the "Request a Makeup" form (club secretary email is lferrell@catawbacountync.gov) and submit. You're done!
- Another option: View a previous meeting video on the hickoryrotary.org website and inform club secretary Leslie Middleton.

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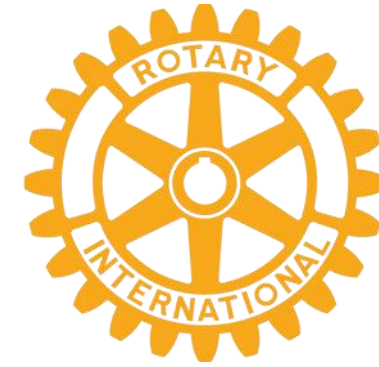
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Today the club will learn about the weather!

Dr. Ray Russell is a Computer Science professor at Appalachian State University. His PhD is in Computer Science from Georgia Tech (1989); weather has been a long-time passion. He started posting a "snow forecast" on the university website back in the mid 1990s, which evolved into RaysWeather.Com in 2000. Ray lives in Boone and has taught at Appalachian State since 1991.



Ray's wife, Rhonda, taught kindergarten and pre-kindergarten in

Avery and Watauga Counties for sixteen years before becoming an Instructor at Appalachian State University in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Ray and Rhonda have two

grown daughters, Leah and Laura, and one granddaughter, Amelia.

For more information, visit www.raysweather.com.

Philip Reed is in charge of the program.

Spin Doctors

In Cuernavaca, Mexico, cobblestone streets and sidewalks can wreak havoc on wheels and bearings. For people who get around using a wheelchair, a mechanical breakdown only exacerbates the social isolation they often face. But an enterprising group is training people with disabilities to fix wheelchairs – and even bringing the concept of roadside assistance to wheelchair users in other cities.

Erik Friend, a member of the Rotary Club of Cuernavaca-Juárez, Mexico, had been volunteering with a group called Autonomy, Liberation Through Movement (ALEM) and was intrigued by the simple efficacy of its vision and work. ALEM's employees design, build, and repair standard and sports wheelchairs, recumbent tricycles, and other custom wheeled devices. They work out of a garage workshop in Cuernavaca and staff mobile units that travel to cities such as Puebla and Veracruz.

Other groups distribute wheelchairs, but ALEM is the only wheelchair repair operation in the state of Morelos. It provides an essential service in a place where new wheelchairs frequently break down within a year—and where people with disabilities are often viewed as unable to work. ALEM's technicians also offer general welding, upholstery, and painting services.

Read more in the December 2015 issue of The Rotarian or at <https://goo.gl/hukmD2>



Cori Tingen

The Christmas season is my favorite time of year. It's magical in so many ways. The colorful lights, the merry carols, baking holiday cookies, the excitement of little children in anticipation of a visit from jolly old Saint Nick. It's easy to get wrapped up in the Christmas spirit. Sometimes we get so occupied with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season that we don't see that there are others right in our own community who may not find this time of year as joyful. I cannot think of a better chance for us as Rotarians to live out our motto of *Service Above Self*.

This is such a great opportunity for us

to involve our families as well in serving others right here in our community. Whether it's bringing your kids/grandkids to ring the Salvation Army bell with you, or volunteering with your spouse at the Hickory Soup Kitchen, or maybe your family can adopt a less fortunate family this Christmas. There is still plenty of time and many opportunities to make a difference to someone who may not feel that this is the most wonderful time of the year. And when we take the time to serve others at the holidays, we really do make the Christmas season "merry and bright." I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store. — Dr. Seuss



WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP?

Established in 1947, the original Ambassadorial Scholarship program, valued in excess of \$20,000, was designed to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. With the launch of the Rotary Grants model, scholarships are now used to fund study by graduate students whose career goals support an area of focus. The funding is the

same as a Humanitarian Global Grant with a minimum scholarship amount of US\$30,000. Upon returning home, Rotary Scholars share with Rotarians and others their experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country, and what career they will go into in order to meet the six areas of focus and spread good will and understanding.

WHY DON'T YOU NOMINATE A GRADUATE STUDENT FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

An Entrepreneur and a Gentleman

On a clear spring day at the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, the sky is azure, cherry blossoms and lilacs are exploding across the green landscape, and the majestic Doric columns of Angell Hall glow golden in the sunlight. This is the place that gave serial entrepreneur John W. Barfield his start.



But Barfield, 88, is not an alumnus. He didn't have the opportunity to go to college, or even to finish high school. He grew up in a family of sharecroppers in the segregated South. In search of a better life, his family migrated north to Pennsylvania, where his father worked in the coal mines, and later to Michigan, to look for manufacturing jobs. After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, Barfield was hired to wash walls in the massive Angell Hall. It was 1948. Thorough, reliable, and efficient, he soon secured a job as a custodian, making \$1.75 an hour.

Like many African American men of his generation, Barfield faced limited options. He was a good custodian, but he didn't want to be a lifelong one. So he used the job as a springboard. He came to understand the value of his time and his talents, and he learned everything he could, including how to ask for help, and how to win friends and influence people (assisted by a Dale Carnegie course in the 1950s and by his Rotary Club of Ypsilanti in the '60s). He took what he knew and built a successful business around it—and he did it without compromising the principles of humility, integrity, and faith that his parents had instilled in him.

Read more in the December 2015 Rotarian or at <https://goo.gl/74AbJV>.



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Last week . . .

Tiffany Ervin spoke about the importance of inviting new members into the club. Visit Tiffany at www.tiffanyervin.com.



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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Club Assignments

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