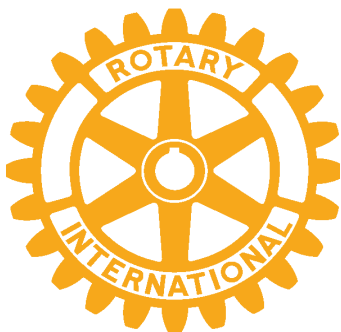


# Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory  
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# Spoke

February 2, 2017

## Today's Program: Hickory Sports Commission



Today's program has two components. First up is a report from the Hickory Metro Sports Commission.

Hickory Metro Sports Commission (HMSC) was founded in 2001. The HMSC is a

nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to "Further the quality of life through the development, promotion, and recruitment of sporting events and activities to the Greater Hickory area." HMSC currently oversees three major events in the area.

First is the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame, which currently resides in the Highland Recreation Center. New members are inducted into the Hall of Fame each year during the Hall of Fame banquet, held annually at Highland Recreation Center. The banquet is on the first Monday after Mother's Day (May 15 this year). The Great Smokies Shootout (GSS) is an annual, three-day basketball tournament played over Memorial Day weekend. Last year, over 200 teams participated. Third is the DICK'S SPORTING GOODS' Classic Basketball Tournament, held annually at Catawba Valley Community College. The tournament features boys' and girls' teams from eight local high schools. It has been held between Christmas and New Year's for the last 30 years. The proceeds from the tournament gate are donated back to the schools. Last year, each participating school received over \$3,000.

HMSC is adding two new events this year. First, a local high-school preseason lacrosse tournament will be held at Lenoir-Rhyne University on Saturday, February 28. St. Stephen's High School and teams from Concord, Denver, and Mooresville will compete in the event. HMSC is also partnering with the Lady Bass Anglers and Angela Mayo to bring a tour event to Hickory. See page 2 for further details about this event.

# Angela Mayo and the LBAA Lady Bass Anglers Association



The second part of today's program comes from Angela Mayo with the Lady Bass Anglers Association. LBAA is home to some of the world's best bass anglers. Its mission is to provide women with the opportunity to fish professionally while growing the sport of bass fishing. Its efforts to build this program ensure that the next generation of young lady anglers has even greater opportunities in competitive bass fishing.

The LBAA, now in its seventh season, is comprised of women from across the US - from Washington State to Texas to North Carolina. The 2017 season will include stops in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, and now, Hickory, North

Carolina!

I am excited to be a part of bringing the women's tour to Hickory. 2017 will be my 4th year fishing with the LBAA. In 2015, I won three of the five events, including the Ladies Classic in the Co-Angler Division, and I was awarded the Angler of the Year title in the Co-Angler Division. I made the leap to the pro division in 2016 and had another successful season, including the Rookie of the Year title. I am looking forward to seeing what 2017 holds as the LBAA continues to grow not only in size but also in its relationships with communities across the county as we connect with other like-minded organizations.

In March, during the season opener on Sam Rayburn Lake in Texas, the Lady Bass Anglers Association and the Outdoor Freedom Network will host the Deep East Texas High School Fishing Series on Friday. The week will include an Angler Meet and Greet on Thursday, March 16. At some point during the event, some of the lady pros and local volunteers will take the Gold Star children, Combat Vets, and Disabled Lady Veterans fishing. We hope to be able to make these same types of events happen here in Hickory!

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## Last Week



Our guest speaker last week was Lance Shealy, FCA Area Director for Northwest North Carolina. Mr. Shealy spoke about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the role coaches play in the lives of young people throughout the country.

FCA's goal is to build relationships with coaches and move them towards a life of spiritual growth and impact so that they may, in turn, bring life transformation to their athletes. The Northwest North Carolina FCA area serves primarily Catawba County as well as Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Iredell, Mitchell, Watauga, and Wilkes counties. For more information visit [www.hickoryfca.org](http://www.hickoryfca.org).

Also last week, new member George Coates was initiated into the club. A full biography will be in next week's *Spoke*.



## Next Week

Next week, we celebrate the 96th anniversary of the founding of our club. We'll have fellowship and fun, with a plated lunch rather than our usual buffet. We will also be welcoming and celebrating our Rotary Sweethearts, so please feel free to bring your spouse or significant other. Since this is a plated lunch, we need you to RSVP right away. You may use the sign-up sheet at Thursday's meeting or send an email to [jennifer@teammetro.net](mailto:jennifer@teammetro.net) or [tbland@saltblockfoundation.org](mailto:tbland@saltblockfoundation.org).

### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	02-02-17	02-09-17	02-16-17	02-23-17
<b>Greeter</b>	Cuyler Dunbar	Rich Brown	Gerry Knox	Ellen Horn
<b>Invocation</b>	Cliff Moore	Thomas Griffis	Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson
<b>Visitors</b>	James Carper	Andy Cote	Kathy Greathouse	Linda Lutz
<b>Rotary Moment</b>	Susan Allshouse	John Watts	David Millholland	Meg Locke
<b>Program</b>	Mark Seaman	Anniversary Luncheon		
<b>Speaker</b>	Hickory Sports Commission	Anniversary Luncheon	Bill Loehr	
<b>Topic</b>	Hickory Sports Commission	Anniversary Luncheon	Stop Hunger Now	
<b>Raffle</b>	Gerry Knox	Rick Seay	James Carper	Bethany Delany
<b>Video Camera</b>	Drew Van Horn	Robert Welch	Anne Williams	David Williams



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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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