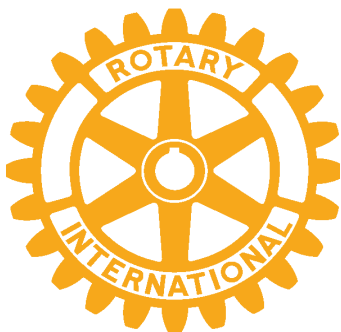


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA



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February 9, 2017

Today's Program: Anniversary Luncheon



The Hickory Hotel, meeting spot for the Rotary Club of Hickory from 1926 to 1970

Today, we celebrate 96 years of the Rotary Club of Hickory as well as welcoming "sweethearts" to this special meeting.

The Rotary Club of Hickory was founded by Watt Shuford (1873-1935), who pursued interests in the dairy business and farming. Shuford attended a Rotary club meeting in Asheville in 1920 and became interested in forming a club in Hickory. Ten members of the Asheville club attended the organizational meeting of the Hickory Club, held Friday, February 11, 1921, at Hotel Huffry; 18 charter members were in attendance. Elected as officers were Shuford (president), Kenneth C. Menzies of the First National Bank (vice-president), George R. Wootten of First Building and Loan Association (treasurer), Albert C. Hewitt of Hickory Ice & Coal

Company (sergeant-at-arms), and Frank A. Henderson of Hickory Overall Company (secretary). The board of directors included Neil W. Clark (Yoder-Clark Clothing Company) and George L. Lyerly of the Shuford Hardware Company. The other charter members were Fred A. Abernethy (livestock dealer), Bascom B. Blackwelder (Shuford Mills executive), John H. P. Cilley (Piedmont Foundry and Machine Company), J. Lenoir Cilley (First National Bank), Hugh D'Anna (Hickory Hosiery Mills), Joseph D. Elliott (Elliott Building Company Contractors), Sam H. Farabee (*Hickory Daily Record*), Rusk G. Henry (Hickory city manager), Robert E. Martin (Whitener and Martin Retail Grocery), A. Alex Shuford (A. A. Shuford Mill Company), and Jake H. Shuford, (surgeon and owner of Richard Baker Hospital).

At its first regular meeting on February 17, the club voted to meet every Thursday at 1p.m. except on the last Thursday of each month when it would meet at 7:30 p.m. The secretary selected in 1923, Edgar L. Fox, set a record for 25 years of service. He set aside the duties for one year in 1935-36 when he served as president. One of his successors, George Warlick, served for 19 years. In 1926, the club moved to the new Hotel Hickory and hired music teacher Mary McFarland as pianist; she provided background music for over 51 years. After 44 years, the club moved to Lenoir-Rhyne College, then to the Holiday Inn, and finally to Mom and Pops Restaurant, carting a piano to some meetings. In 1993, the meeting was moved to Lake Hickory Country Club.

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Club News and Announcements

Welcome New Club Member George Coates!



Reverend George Marcell Coates is Senior Pastor at Hartzell Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC) in Hickory and McQueen's Chapel UMC in Conover. He is a member of Prince Hall Masonic Lodge of North Carolina, the NAACP, Hickory Area Ministries, and the Greater Hickory Ministerial Alliance. He is a graduate of UNC Pembroke and Hood Theological Seminary. He enjoys Historical Research and Martial Arts. He and his wife live in Hickory with their son Peter and their new baby daughter, who was born on January 27.

Anniversary Luncheon (continued from page 1)



Glenn C. Hilton Memorial Park

The Rotary Club of Hickory celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1970-71 by initiating the development of the 19-acre Rotary Park. In 1982, the club joined hands with the City of Hickory to develop a second park, later named for Rotarian and City Alderman Glenn Hilton. In 1994, the Club began closing meetings with the Four-Way Test. In the early years, meetings closed with the motto, "He profits most who serves best."

For much more information about our club, visit hickoryrotary.org/site/club-history, from which this article was adapted.

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2016 – June 2017	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
John Rambo	President	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2017
Mark Teague	President-Elect	Robert Locke	June 2017
Linda Lutz	President-Nominee	Cliff Moone	June 2017
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Dana Killian	June 2018
Bryan Setzler	Treasurer	John Ross	June 2018
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Tara Bland	June 2019
Mark Seaman	Past President	Gerry Knox	June 2019

Last Week



Past-President Mark Seaman began last Thursday's program by discussing the Hickory Metro Sports Commission. The goal of the HMSC is to enhance the quality of life in the Hickory area by promoting sports activities. The group accomplishes this task through events like the Catawba County Sports Hall of Fame and the Dick's Sporting Goods' Classic Basketball Tournament, which raised enough money to contribute over \$3000 to each of the area schools participating in the tournament this year. A new possible event for the group is a collaboration with the Lady Bass Anglers Association. The

program closed with remarks about that group from Lady Bass Angler professional Angela Mayo (see photo above).

Next Week

Next week's program will be presented by Bill Loehr of Stop Hunger Now. Mr. Loehr will be joined by Ms. Valerie Carpenter, the program manager for Stop Hunger Now. This organization has a bagging event coming up on March 4 at St. Albans Episcopal Church. Mr. Loehr and Ms. Carpenter will be talking about the impact of the event as well as demonstrating techniques for bagging food for families.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	02-09-17	02-16-17	02-23-17	03-02-17
Greeter	George Coates	Gerry Knox	Ellen Horn	David Millholland
Invocation	Thomas Griffis	Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson	Bill Miller-Zurrell
Visitors	Andy Cote	Kathy Greathouse	Linda Lutz	Tony Reed
Rotary Moment	John Watts	David Millholland	Meg Locke	Thomas Griffis
Program	Anniversary Luncheon			Mark Seaman
Speaker	Anniversary Luncheon	Bill Loehr		Brian Tracy
Topic	Anniversary Luncheon	Stop Hunger Now		ASU Senior Associate Athletic Director
Raffle	Rick Seay	James Carper	Bethany Delany	George Coates
Video Camera	Robert Welch	Anne Williams	David Williams	Frank Young



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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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