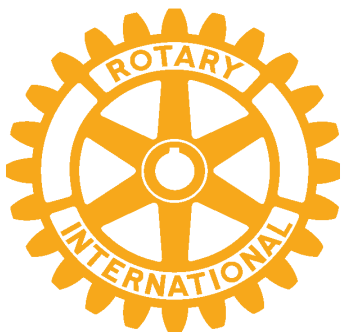


# Rotary



# Spoke

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

May 11, 2017

## 2017 Rotary District 7670 Conference and Youth Leadership Convention

Over the weekend of April 28 – 30, Rotary District 7670 hosted nearly 240 Rotarians and guests from all over western North Carolina for our annual conference at the Crown Plaza in Hickory. The theme of this year's conference was "Be Heroes." Those fortunate enough to be in attendance heard from and saw many wonderful examples of how Rotarians from all across our district embody heroism every day, both in their local communities and around the world.

DG Gary Dills opened the conference Friday evening with a wonderful performance by the Newton-Conover High School Chamber Choir led by director Cammie Adams. These talented youths gave a beautiful and stirring performance for our Rotarians. The evening concluded with a bevy of special awards for our Clubs of Distinction, Public Image, Membership, and Youth Exchange. We also recognized the Rotary Club of Catawba Valley for the highest percentage of members attending the conference and the Rotary Club of Madison County for the largest group of youth attending the Youth Leadership Convention held earlier in the day.

Saturday's program was packed with great Rotary content from all around the district. The morning session included Sherry Reinhardt from the Rotary Club of Denver-Lake Norman speaking about a wonderful Rotary-supported program called PANDA – Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness. The final morning program came from PDG Dennis Sanders from Franklin and PDG Bill Shillito from Catawba Valley about the scourge of Alzheimer's disease and the progress being made with help from CART and thousands of supporting Rotarians. Our district alone has generated nearly \$92,000 in CART donations so far this Rotary year.

The afternoon sessions focused on young professionals and the future of Rotary. These hot topics garnered a lot of interest, questions, and discussion from those attending. The Saturday evening banquet kicked off with some extraordinary entertainment provided by the Rotary Club of Hickory's 2017 Rotarian Idol performers. Three young, local vocalists blew the crowd away with their powerful and excellent performances. The night ended with a number of additional awards for Clubs of Excellence, various service awards, a TRF Meritorious Service award for Ted Carothers from Valdese, and of course the "Margaret," which was presented to and named after Margaret Gormley-Chapman for her many years of extraordinary service to Rotary and District 7670.

Sunday morning wrapped up the conference with a brief but powerful memorial service in memory of the lives of Rotarians. The 2017 District 7670 Conference was truly a very special event. Heroes were recognized, heroes were inspired, and new heroes were created. All those attending and presenting earned their capes and left Hickory primed to take action to better their communities and serve humanity.

Everyone needs a hero to look up to. District 7670 Rotarians are those servant heroes.

# Club News and Announcements

## Thursday Rotary Club's 2017 Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year Award



At the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory, Rotarian David Moore announced the 2017 Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year for Hickory Public Schools. The award is given annually in memory of Wilmer M. Jenkins, who served as superintendent of Hickory Public Schools from 1958 to 1967 and was a member and past President of the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory. This year, the selection committee chose Madison Yount, who teaches English at Hickory High School. Ms. Yount (pictured at left) is a product of the Hickory Public School system and a graduate of Hickory High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Lenoir-Rhyne University. She is also the advisor of Interact and the National English Honor Society. Madison says she is "so excited to be teaching at my alma mater. Go Tornadoes!"

Teachers nominated for this year's award were: Tony Crouch, Firefighting Technologies Academy Instructor at Hickory Career Arts and Magnet School; Jessica Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Jenkins Elementary School; Christina Lancaster, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade math and science teacher at Grandview Middle School; Catlin Norton, kindergarten teacher at Viewmont Elementary School; Elizabeth Rollins, pre-K teacher at Southwest Elementary School; Jason Stephens, chorus teacher for grades 6, 7, and 8 and coach at Northview Middle School; Diane Urtel, Exceptional Children teacher at Oakwood Elementary School; Janice Walker, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Longview Elementary School; and Madison Yount, English teacher and Interact Club advisor at Hickory High School. Each nominee (pictured at right) received a plaque and a check for \$500, and the Teacher of the Year received \$1,000.



(L-R): Caitlin Norton, Janice Walker, Diane Urtel, Madison Yount, Christina Lancaster, Jason Stephens, Tony Crouch, Jessica Johnson, and Elizabeth Rollins

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Officers	July 2016 – June 2017	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
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## Last Week



Last week's meeting featured the presentation of teachers nominated for this year's Wilmer Jenkins Teacher of the Year award (see the complete article on page 2). Also at last week's meeting, Dallas Abee pulled the ace of spades in our Service Above Self raffle. In the photo at left is Dallas (left) and Tony Reed (right).

At the District 7670 conference over the weekend of April 28 – 30, our club won the Governor's Award for Superior Public Image Service. In the photograph at right, Bruce Bumbarger holds the certificate. For a complete recap of events at the conference, see the article on page 1 of this *Spoke*.



## Next Week

In lieu of meeting next week at Lake Hickory Country Club, we'll gather at Groucho's Deli to celebrate ongoing efforts toward the eradication of polio. There won't be a *Spoke* for May 18.

### Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	05-11-17	05-18-17	05-25-17	06-01-17
<b>Greeter</b>	David Williams	MEETING NOT AT LHCC THIS THURSDAY	Steven Walker	Joe Britt
<b>Invocation</b>	Susan Smith Walker		Bob Shoffner	Mike Johnson
<b>Visitors</b>	Tony Reed	Fellowship at Groucho's Deli for Polio	Susan Saylor	Rick Seay
<b>Rotary Moment</b>	Bob Bumbarger		John Watts	David Millholland
<b>Program</b>	John Rambo	NO SPOKE	John Rambo	
<b>Speaker</b>	John Rambo		John Rambo	Ralph Griffith
<b>Topic</b>	Club Assembly		Club Assembly	Lenoir-Rhyne University
<b>Raffle</b>	Jan Bohmuller		Kathy Greathouse	Carol Kammer
<b>Video Camera</b>	Anne Williams		Dana Killian	James Carper



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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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