

Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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Spoke

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Today's Program: Rotary International

Today's program is provided by fellow Rotarians Lynn Loehr, John Bates, David Moore, and Charlie Reeves. What do all of these people have in common? They all attended the Rotary International Conference in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center last month, and they want to share with you the excitement of being there.

More than 33,900 members from 174 countries gathered in Atlanta to renew friendships, find inspiration, and celebrate the Rotary Foundation's 100 years of Doing Good in the World. The Rotary Foundation Centennial bell, handcrafted in Italy by the Marinelli brothers, marked the convention's official start.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was the keynote speaker and spoke about our joint efforts to eradicate polio in the world. Polio eradication efforts began in 1985 with 350,000 cases. Since the beginning of this year, there have been 5 cases in 3 countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. During the meeting, Rotary pledged \$50 million *per* year for the next 3 years, with every dollar to be matched with 2 additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This translates to \$450 million. Other world governments (announced at the meeting) and donors have pledged to contribute US\$1.2 billion total.

Other notable speakers were actor Ashton Kutcher, who led a panel discussion on ending modern slavery and human trafficking, Jack Nicklaus, golf icon and philanthropist, who spoke about the fight to end polio, and WWE superstar John Cena.

One of the most enjoyable parts at the convention is the House of Friendship, which contains endless booths featuring everything from clothing to massage chairs to Rotary Action Groups and special-interest groups. Do you know there is a group for wine drinkers, beer drinkers, and whiskey drinkers? Something for everyone! It is amazing to see people from all over the world in brightly colored native clothing speaking different languages.

It is an experience like no other. Where else can you go and find so many people who all have a common thread? Rotary!

Heart of Rotary Award



At the June 29 meeting of the Rotary Club of Hickory, Tony Reed received the Heart of Rotary award for exemplifying Rotary spirit by stepping in as Sergeant-at-Arms when the member who served in that role for many years had to take a leave of absence. Sergeant-at-Arms requires hundreds of hours of dedicated work every year, and Tony took it on enthusiastically. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Tony! At left, Tony receives his Heart of Rotary award from John Rambo.

Club Business and Announcements

Meet New Rotary Member Jon Carfagno



Jon Carfagno was tapped as the Thursday Rotary Club's newest member on June 15 and is the Executive Director of the Hickory Museum of Art. In that post, Jon succeeds Rotary member Lisë Swensson, who retired after 13 successful years as the museum's Executive Director. Jon holds an M.A. in Art History with a Distinction from the University of Massachusetts and completed Kendall College of Art and Design's MBA Certificate Program in Design and Innovation Management.

After serving internships at museums in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Berlin, Jon joined the Education Department of the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas, in 2005. He then joined the Grand Rapids Art Museum in 2009 to serve as its Director of Learning and Audience Engagement. He led numerous initiatives that brought local, statewide, and national recognition to the museum during his tenure there.

Currently, Jon serves as the Vice President of the Board for the Museum Education Roundtable, a national board that publishes the Journal of Museum Education. He led the Education Department at GRAM in receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Art Education Association in 2013. Last fall, he was invited to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, to participate with a group of art museum education department leaders to envision a professional-services organization designed to support of the future of leadership in the field.

Jon is married to Megan Carfagno, and they have two children.

Board Meeting Highlights – June 20, 2017

Your Rotary board held its regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2017. There was no quorum, but a few items were mentioned for future board consideration.

1. Move Rotarian Idol to a Thursday night so as not to compete with ACC basketball and other weekend plans that potential attendees may have
2. Check the feasibility, cost, *etc.* to allow on-line payment of dues or get a credit-card terminal to use at weekly meetings for the same purpose in addition to payment for meals or anything else that may come up

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory Officers and Board of Directors

Officers	July 2017 – June 2018	Board of Directors	Terms Expiring
Mark Teague	President	Jennifer Clark	June 2018
Linda Lutz	President-Elect	Dana Killian	June 2018
	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Andy Cote	June 2019
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Gerry Knox	June 2019
Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Tara Bland	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Robert Locke	June 2020
		Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Awards Day was the focus of the June 22 meeting. Mark Seaman (photo at left) was recognized as 2017 Rotarian of the Year for the mentorship, guidance, and assistance he provided to President John Rambo. President Rambo also recognized 4 members with Rotary “Making a Difference” awards: Bruce Bumbarger, public image chair; Rick Seay, editor of the *Spoke*, and Sandi Fotheringham and Lynn Loehr, co-chairs of the Rotarian Idol fundraiser.

Sixteen Rotarians were recognized with Rotary “Spirit of Service” awards – committee service: Linda Lutz; weekly programs: Tara Bland; Polio Plus: Cliff Moone and Meg Locke; Christmas Bureau project: Bethany Delaney, Susan Huffman, Anne Williams, and Sarah

Willis; CART: Susan Saylor; community service: Robert Locke and Jeff Butler; membership: Phillip Reed and David Williams; SAS Scholarship: Thomas Griffis; Teacher-of-the-Year awards: Kathy Greathouse and David Moore; club service: Thomas Griffis, Invocation; Leslie Middleton, club secretary; and Clarence Pugh, Sunshine Chairman. A Rotary Star was awarded to Dan Kirby for his exemplary service.

Also recognized were eleven members with forty or more years (in parentheses) of service: Bob Bumbarger (66), Charles Snipes (49), Leroy Lail (46), Al Spivey (46), Bob Bisanar (45), Ron Gardner (44), Clarence Pugh (44), Bob Warmuth (43), Steve Thomas (42), David Myers (41) and Charles Young (41).

At the officer induction meeting on the evening of June 29, new officers took on their 2017-18 duties, and Tony Reed was honored with the Heart of Rotary award (see photo on page 1).

Next Week

We welcome Dr. Frederick Whitt to our Thursday meeting next week. Dr. Whitt is the current president of Lenoir-Rhyne University. He succeeded Dr. Wayne B. Powell on February 1, 2017, to become the university's 12th president.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	07-13-2017	07-20-2017	07-27-2017	08-03-2017
Greeter	Robert Welch	Jan Bohmuller	Tara Bland	
Invocation	David Williams	Dan Duke	Robert Welch	
Visitors	Tony Reed	Stan Bumgarner	Tony Reed	
Rotary Moment	John Olson	Anne Williams	John Bates	
Program	Lynn Loehr, David Moore	Charles Snipes	Mark Teague	Tara Bland
Speaker	Lynn Loehr, David Moore	Dr. Frederick Whitt	Jason Reed	Julie Walker
Topic	Rotary International	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Catawba County Sheriff's Department	Alzheimer's Association
Raffle	Steven Walker	Jennifer Clark	Anne Williams	
Video Camera	Cliff Moone	John Olson	John Ross	



2017 – 2018
Rotary Theme



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International
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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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