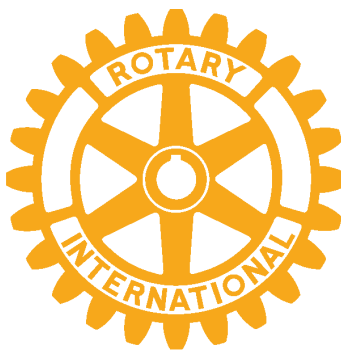


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA

August 10, 2017

Today's Program: District Governor Bill Biddle



Greetings Fellow Rotarians!!

Rotary year 2017 – 2018 is off to a great start. While District 7670 has changed leadership, our mission remains the same: "Service Above Self." The essence of our existence is service. We are here to serve humanity, and our focus is to do collectively what we can to improve the quality of life in our community and around the world. Daily, we strive to have a positive impact on those in need. I've heard it said: "You can't change the world." Perhaps; however, we can "change our world." When we become Rotarians, we agree to

embrace the charge to become citizens of the world. We embrace the mandate to regard others as equals and to make every effort to make the world a better place.

President Riseley's theme for this Rotary year is "Rotary. Making A Difference." Our current class of presidents is known as "The Difference Makers." It is our mission to make our communities better places so that our citizens can enjoy a high quality of life. That is the purpose of our "Outreach." That, however, is only half of our focus. We also have a purpose of "In-reach." We need to be aware of our Rotary brothers' and sisters' needs as well. We never know when a fellow Rotarian might be experiencing difficulties, which may be related to financial hardships, marital issues, problems with a son or daughter, loss of a job, or a medical diagnosis. Life has a way of sneaking up on us, and when we see one of our own going through difficulties, it is our duty to extend a helping hand. Sharing a kind word may be the very act of kindness needed at a certain point in time.

There are many aspects to service. Perhaps it can be summed up with the following statement: "The best definition of the Rotary field of service is the piece of real estate between the tip of your toes and the one you're facing." Joanne and I look forward to sharing this new Rotary year with you.

DG Bill and First Lady Joanne

DG Bill and Joanne Biddle with

RI President Ian and Juliet Riseley

The letter above is from District Governor Bill Biddle as published in the July 26 district newsletter. In the photograph, DG Biddle and wife Joanne are seen with RI president Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet.

Club Business and Announcements

New Members Inducted

At the August 3 meeting, two new members joined the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory. President Mark Teague (far right in picture below) inducted both Doug Auer and Bonita Ferretti. A picture of their induction, along with their sponsors Linda Lutz (far left) and Cliff Moone (center), is below. Below the photograph is a biography for Doug. Bonita's bio will be included in a future edition of the *Spoke*.



Doug Auer – For all the current hand-wringing in Hickory over population stagnation and the exodus of young adults, we need to remind ourselves: Hickory is a great place to raise a family. I moved my family to Hickory in 2000 from Jamestown, North Carolina, a small town that lost its identity, squeezed between expansionist High Point and Greensboro. Hickory remains a well-grounded, family-oriented community, close to larger economic and cultural centers, yet retaining its essential character. The hosiery industry in 1992 brought me to North Carolina from a small Upstate New York manufacturer of wool socks. I am a product of Upstate New York - a distinction often lost on non-New Yorkers. The politics, sensibilities, and values experienced in North Carolina's Piedmont are very akin to those of the rolling Finger Lakes region.

Still involved in hosiery, a reborn, core industry of the Catawba Valley, we are now more broadly a growing supplier of team sports apparel and custom embellishment. Our business, Custom Design Group, is located two blocks from Hickory High. My older daughter Shannon and her daughter Teagan reside in northeast Hickory. Siobhan, my younger daughter, married Caldwell County native Nick Heavener, and we expect them to return from Charlotte to Hickory soon because Hickory, for them, will be a great place to raise their family.

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

Last week's meeting was a busy one for the club. In addition to inducting two new members (see the article on page 2 of this edition of the *Spoke*, members heard from Hickory High School students Christopher Probst and Grecia Hernandez, who represented the club at this year's RYLA conference in Brevard, North Carolina. Rotarian Tony Reed introduced these very deserving students, and their photo is below.

The main topic of Thursday's discussion was the results of Alzheimer's disease. The chief speaker was Meghan Laughten, and she was joined by Julie Cook-Walker, Education Specialist for the Foothills Region of the Alzheimer's Association. Ms. Laughten shared with the club a very informative brochure about Alzheimer's, its warning signs, and resources for support with the disease. The talk helped emphasize how meaningful weekly contributions to the Alzheimer's buckets on our luncheon tables are. On the right below is a photograph of Ms. Laughten.



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District 7670
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Next Week

Next week, Mack McLeod, Parks and Recreation Director for City of Hickory, will be our guest speaker. He will discuss with us what he calls "The 3 P's": Parks, Partnerships, and Programs. Mack began employment with the City of Hickory as Assistant Recreation Center Supervisor way back in 1982. Join us next week, and let's find out from Mack what has been happening during his 35 year tenure with the city!!



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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Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	08-10-2017	08-17-2017	08-24-2017	08-31-2017
Greeter	Jan Bohmuller	Joe Britt	Marvin Qualls	John Hall
Invocation	Bethany Delany	Anne Williams	David Williams	Dan Duke
Visitors	Tony Reed	Tara Bland	Ellen Horn	Carol Kammer
Rotary Moment	David Williams			
Program	Mark Teague	Linda Lutz	Frank Young	
Speaker	District Governor Bill Biddle	Mack McLeod	Warren Wood	Lindsay Keisler
Topic	The Rotary Year	Hickory Parks and Recreation	City of Hickory	Chamber of Commerce
Raffle	Kathy Greathouse	Linda Lutz	Tony Reed	Jan Bohmuller
Video Camera	Anne Williams	Ellen Horn	Dana Killian	James Carper

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