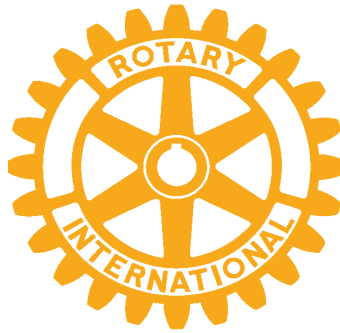


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA



Spoke

October 19, 2017

Today's Program: Habitat for Humanity



Founded in 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Catawba Valley is a non-profit, faith-based affiliate of Habitat International dedicated to constructing, renovating, and repairing safe, decent, and affordable housing with hard-working people. Although Habitat for Humanity is known for new house construction, the organization also repairs existing homes due to an increasing need in the community. Through Habitat Repairs! volunteers, professional contractors, and Habitat staff address the home restoration need of eligible, low-income homeowners with the goal of helping people live better and longer in their homes.

Utilizing the Habitat self-help model, homeowners are required to perform sweat equity, as they are able, and pay a portion of the repair based upon their income. In most cases the repairs are basic homeownership necessities: a sound roof, a working HVAC system, or functioning plumbing.

In a presentation recently held at Conover City Council, Board of Directors' President Bobby Boyd stated: "If you can just imagine with me for a moment that we are standing in front of an ocean of demographics. (The waters) are getting a little rough because out at sea there is a giant, humongous silver tsunami. That silver tsunami is a tidal wave of aging."

The aging population in Catawba County, along with the nation, is increasing rapidly and represents a growing concern. In the last 75 years, the average life expectancy has increased from 62/63 to 79 years old. If that same trend happens in the next 75 years, we are looking at 96 as an average life expectancy. Additionally, the number of people over the age of 85 will increase threefold by 2040.

Today's program will be presented by Mitzi Gellman, Executive Director, and Richard Greathouse, Habitat Repairs! manager. Prior to joining the Habitat staff, Richard was a dedicated volunteer and Board of Directors' member while managing his own residential construction company, Greathouse Construction. Mitzi has worked with Habitat for more than twenty years.

Club Business and Announcements

REMINDER: On Tuesday, October 24, which is World Polio Day, we will meet jointly with Lake Hickory Rotary Club at LHCC at noon. There WILL NOT be a club meeting on Thursday, October 26.

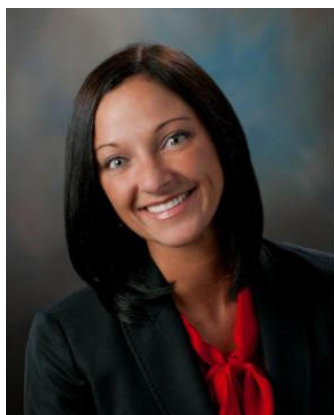
We Went to the Roof!

Rotary members were treated to an exclusive tour of the renovated 1889 Piedmont Wagon Building the evening of October 9. Richard Swartzel, President of Cornerstone United, showed the group through the entire building, recounting renovation decisions and success along the way that added up to a stunning office complex. The tour included Swartzel's collection of Piedmont Wagons, including one- and two-horse wagons. The evening concluded on the rooftop with an awesome view of Hickory and the Blue Ridge mountains.

Miracle of Hickory Documentary Screening

On Thursday, October 26, at 6 p.m., Footcandle Film Society will host the premiere of the Miracle of Hickory documentary film in Drendel Auditorium at the SALT Block. The "miracle of Hickory" refers to a hospital established in Hickory during the summer of 1944 to treat infantile paralysis (polio).

New Rotary Member Juliet Good Inducted into Club



At last week's meeting, Juliet Good was inducted into club membership. She is the owner of Juliet Good State Farm Agency in Hickory. Born and raised in Sarasota, Florida, she attended Appalachian State University where she graduated with a double major in Business Marketing and Management. She began her career in Finance in Charlotte and ultimately opened her insurance agency in 2012. Her past involvement in the community includes the Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood College, Hickory Jaycees, and Habitat for Humanity volunteer work. She currently serves on the Women's Resource Center's Board of Directors along with being an active mentor for their Women to Work Program.

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
Gerry Knox	President-Nominee	John Ross	June 2018
Leslie Ferrell Middleton	Secretary	Andy Cote	June 2019
Jan Bohmuller	Assistant Secretary	Tara Bland	June 2020
Brian Setzler	Treasurer	Bruce Bumbarger	June 2020
Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Robert Locke	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Last week, our speaker was two-time Olympian Anthony Famiglietti. Mr. Famiglietti was the keynote speaker for this year's United Way Cross Country Invitational, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary. He coaches and teaches aspiring young runners. His photo is at the left.



Also last Thursday, Juliet Good was inducted into club membership. Her biography is on page 2, and a photo of Juliet with Gerry Knox and Mark Teague is at the left.

Next Week



Next week, we will have NO Thursday luncheon meeting, and there will be no *Spoke*. Our club meets jointly with the Tuesday club at LHCC on October 24 at noon. There will be no *Spoke* next week. The following week, on November 2, Mandy Pitts from the Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors' Bureau will be our featured guest.

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	10-19-2017	10-26-2017	11-02-2017	11-09-2017
Greeter	David Myers	NO THURSDAY MEETING	Marvin Qualls	Cliff Moone
Invocation			Bethany Delany	Anne Williams
Visitors	Tony Reed	JOINT MEETING WITH TUESDAY CLUB	Kathy Greathouse	Lynn Loehr
Rotary Moment				
Program	Mitzi Gellman	Tuesday, October 24 LHCC – noon	Tara Bland	
Speaker	Richard Greathouse		Mandy Pitts	Rod Poole
Topic	Habitat for Humanity	No SPOKE	Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors' Bureau	Transportation Insight
Raffle	Carol Kammer		Tony Reed	Tony Reed



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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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