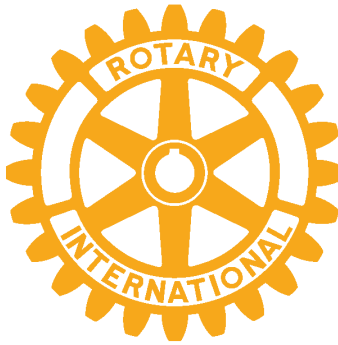


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Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
Chartered 1921 – Hickory, NC - USA



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November 9, 2017

Today's Program: Rod Poole and Transportation Insight



Today's featured speaker is Rod Poole, the president of United Sourcing Alliance. He is also the vice-president of Strategic Partnerships. With more than twenty-five years of sourcing and operational and business development experience, Rod Poole understands how to help clients get the most out of their purchasing dollars.

Prior to joining Transportation Insight's sister company, United Sourcing Alliance, Rod held purchasing, business development, and executive management positions with Alice Manufacturing Company, Cone Mills, and Hanes Industries.

In addition, Rod is much more than a sourcing and operational expert. After earning a degree in chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he served his country in the military, becoming a captain in the United States Army. His values of service and sacrifice make Rod an effective advocate for his clients, as well as a wonderful family man and a valuable addition to the Transportation Insight family.

Today, Rod will be discussing the company, its history, and its involvement globally and locally.

We're pleased to welcome Rod Poole to our Thursday club today!

Club Business and Announcements

New Rotary Member Gabriel Sherwood To Be Inducted Into Club Today

At the November 9 meeting, Gabriel Sherwood will be inducted into club membership.



Gabriel Sherwood: In his own words: "Hello everyone! My name is Gabriel Sherwood, and I am humbled by your welcome and fellowship. I join you as the Business Manager for 3rd Rock Plumbing and am father to two teen daughters and a nearly 5-year-old son. I am a veteran of the United States Navy, have traveled widely, carry corporate management and marketing direction experience, and owned a business in Charlotte for a few years until the recession brought my youngest daughter and me down with the markets. But nothing teaches like a loss, and here I have found a foundation and future.

"Since arriving in Hickory, I have represented low-income citizens and advocated for at-risk youth, earned degrees from CVCC and NC State, married and welcomed a son, watched my daughters mature into great young women, been welcomed as an officer of the Catawba County Democratic Party, appointed as an officer of 3rd

Rock Plumbing, and now am honored by being accepted as a Rotarian. Hickory and Catawba County are home, and I am so very pleased to be your neighbor."

From District Governor Bill Biddle:

November is Foundation Month. First, my heartfelt thanks to the Rotarians of District 7670 who give generously to the Rotary Foundation. During November, we can do more together through contributions to the Foundation. I would like to remind you all that Giving Tuesday is November 28. This is a post-Thanksgiving event to show your support by giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Last Rotary year, our district participated in helping others in need by contributing to the Rotary Foundation. It is important to mention that \$.91 of every dollar donated goes to fund help for those who need what we have to offer. In addition, we have been given high praise from the Association of Fundraising Professionals. When you contribute to the Foundation, you give to fund our causes. There is great joy in knowing that when we give to the Foundation, we give to promote peace in the world. Through our contributions, we help fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation and hygiene, and save mothers and children. We also support education and grow local economies. The Foundation is a 501(C)(3) entity, and contributions are tax deductible. Remember: rich people aren't generous; poor people aren't generous; generous people are generous.

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Andy Cote	Assistant Treasurer	Robert Locke	June 2020
John Rambo	Past President	Cliff Moone	June 2020

Last Week



Last week, Mandy Pitts Hildebrand, a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Hickory, was our featured presenter. Her talk was about the Hickory Metro Convention Center and the Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, which she oversees as the CEO of the Hickory-Conover Tourism Development Authority. Mandy's picture is at the left.



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Also last week, Rotarian Dan Kirby drew the ace of spades in the weekly raffle drawing. In the inimitable words of Bruce Bumbarger: “Dan Kirby single-handedly ruined attendance for the November 9 meeting by drawing the ace of spades and resetting the SAS raffle prize money back to zero. Way to go Dan!” At left, Dan holds the winning card.

Next Week



The acting mayor of Hickory, Jeff Cline, will be our presenter next week. Mr. Cline will speak about a trip to Chernobyl, and the title of his address is aptly named “It’s Complicated: A Vacation in Chernobyl.”



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?

Club Member Weekly Assignments

Date	11-09-2017	11-16-2017	11-23-2017	11-30-2017
Greeter	Cliff Moone	Linda Lutz	NO THURSDAY MEETING	John Millholland
Invocation	Anne Williams	David Williams		Dan Duke
Visitors	Lynn Loehr	Tony Reed	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!	Philip Reed
Rotary Moment	John Ross	Shuford Abernathy		John Olson
Program	Tara Bland	Tara Bland		Tara Bland/Linda Lutz
Speaker	Rod Poole	Jeff Cline		Tim Delaney
Topic	Transportation Insight	Trip to Chernobyl	No SPOKE	The Salvation Army
Raffle	Tony Reed	Gerry Knox		Susan Saylor

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