

Rotary

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory
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Spoke

November 16, 2017

Today's Program: "It's Complicated: A Vacation in Chernobyl"



Today's featured speaker is Jeff Cline, a member of the Lake Hickory Rotary Club, manager of BB&T Insurance Services, and – through December 5 – the mayor of Hickory. Jeff will be talking to us about his trip to Chernobyl, Ukraine, the site of the world's worst nuclear disaster. In addition to Chernobyl, we'll go with Jeff and friends to Mezhyhirya, a presidential mansion called a "monument to corruption." Twelve stories underneath the mansion is a Soviet-era nuclear missile base where the push of a button could have started WWII.

Jeff, a Hickory native, is a Senior Vice-President for BB&T Insurance Services. With a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Business Administration from Wake Forest University, Cline joined the family business as a commercial insurance agent at Cline Southern Insurance agency, which was later sold to BB&T.

An active community member, Cline served on the Hickory City Council from 1995 to 1999. He has also served as the President of the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Economic Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Board for Catawba Memorial Hospital, which is now Catawba Valley Medical Center.

On May 16, 2017, the Hickory City Council voted unanimously to appoint Jeff Cline as Mayor of the City of Hickory after the death of long-time mayor Rudy Wright. Cline was sworn in on June 6, 2017.

Cline and his wife, Joy, are members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, parents to three married daughters, and the proud grandparents of one baby granddaughter.

We're pleased to welcome Rotarian Jeff Cline to our Thursday club today!

Club Business and Announcements

Rotary Day at the United Nations Pushes Peace from Concept to Reality

By Geoff Johnson (Reprinted from the Rotary International Website – rotary.org)

On the 99th anniversary of the end of World War I, more than 1,200 people gathered in Geneva, Switzerland, for Rotary Day at the United Nations. Representing 87 countries, they convened on Saturday, 11 November, at the Palais des Nations, originally the home of the League of Nations, and dedicated themselves to the theme enunciated by Rotary President Ian H. S. Riseley: “Peace: Making a Difference.”

Rotary International honors six champions of peace at the United Nations on 11 November. “The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace have always been among Rotary’s primary goals,” said Riseley. “It is past time for all of us to recognize the potential of all of our Rotary service to build peace, and approach that service with peacebuilding in mind.” For the first time in its 13-year history, Rotary Day at the UN was held outside of New York. Rotary Day culminated Geneva Peace Week, during which John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, noted the “close and longstanding ties between Rotary and the UN in (their) mutual pursuit of peace and international understanding.”

Rotary members “can transform a concept like peace to a reality through service,” said Ed Futa, dean of the Rotary Representative Network. “Peace needs to be lived rather than preached.” As a highlight of Rotary Day, Hewko introduced Rotary’s 2017 People of Action: Champions of Peace award winners. He praised them as “an embodiment of the range and impact of our organization’s work,” and saluted them for providing “a roadmap for what more peaceful, resilient societies look like.”

Rotary honored six individuals, who each made brief remarks. The six peace honorees joined a stellar panel of speakers and experts in workshops devoted to sustainability and peace, as well as a workshop on education, science, and peace designed by and for young leaders in which Rotaract members from around the world played a prominent role.

Dr. Michel Zaffran, the director of polio eradication at the World Health Organization, joined Her Excellency Mitsuko Shino, the deputy head of the permanent mission of Japan in Geneva and co-chair for the Polio Partners Group, Global Polio Eradication Initiative, to provide an update on efforts to eradicate polio. They noted the tremendous progress made by Rotary, WHO, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other partners in eliminating 99 percent of all global incidences of polio.

Returning the focus to peace, Zaffran sounded a positive note. “This same international relationship (that’s eradicating polio),” he said, “can be used to achieve world peace.” In his keynote address, Riseley made a similar observation. “The work of polio eradication, has taught us . . . that when you have enough people working together; when you understand the problems and the processes; when you combine and leverage your resources; when you set a plan and set your targets — you can indeed move mountains,” he said. “And the need for action, and cooperation, is greater now than ever before.”

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Last Week



Last week, we heard from Rod Poole of Transportation Insight. Mr. Poole is the president of United Sourcing Alliance and is also the vice-president of Strategic Partnerships. In his Thursday talk, he discussed Transportation Insight, its history, and its involvement globally and locally. At left is a photo of Rod Poole during his address to the Thursday club.



Also last week, both Gabriel Sherwood (left) and Patrice Bertrand (right) were inducted into club membership. At left is a photograph of their induction ceremony, performed by President Mark Teague and their sponsors, Philip Reed and Cliff Moone. Gabriel's biography was in last week's edition of the *Spoke*, and Patrice's will be featured in the November 30 edition.



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Next Week



Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. We'll have no meeting that day and hope that everyone enjoys a peaceful and relaxed holiday with family and friends. At the November 30 meeting, our featured speaker will be Tim Delaney of the Salvation Army. Tim will be introduced by his wife, Thursday club member Bethany Delaney.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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	11-16-2017	11-23-2017	11-30-2017	12-07-2017
Greeter	Linda Lutz	NO THURSDAY MEETING	John Millholland	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Invocation	David Williams		Dan Duke	6 – 8 p.m.
Visitors	Tony Reed	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!	Philip Reed	
Rotary Moment	Shuford Abernathy		John Olson	Highland Avenue Restaurant
Program	Tara Bland		Bethany Delaney	
Speaker	Jeff Cline		Tim Delaney	
Topic	Trip to Chernobyl	No SPOKE	The Salvation Army	No SPOKE
Raffle	Gerry Knox		Susan Saylor	

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