

**PROGRAM: MIKE ANANIAN TOPIC: Portraits, Characters, and Music at Pennybyrn**

**Introduction:** Sarah Barker

**Sgt. at Arms:** David Jackson & David Wall

**Invocation:** Lee Gann

**Greeters:** Roger Davis & Jessica McKnight



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## This Week at ROTARY



Michael Ananian is a painter and Old Time musician from Greensboro, NC. Painting and drawing are his calling, his pastime, his passion, and his joy of existence, but a close second

is Old Time music and the banjo. Since 2014, Mike has interwoven his two passions in his large format oil paintings that are currently on exhibit in at Pennybyrn Fine Arts Gallery. His solo exhibition will be on display until April 8, 2025. We encourage you to see his exhibit!

Mike, as he likes to be called, was born and raised in Haverhill, Massachusetts and spent his high school years in Atkinson, New Hampshire. He received his BFA from Rhode Island School of Design in 1987 and his MFA from Yale University in 1990. In 1994, he moved to Greensboro, North Carolina to teach at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as an assistant professor of painting and drawing. He is still there but is now a tenured, full professor.

Interested viewers can see and read more about Mike's Old Time Music series and also see his other artworks, such as his digital paintings, on his website: [michaelfananian.com](http://michaelfananian.com).

But be sure to be at Rotary and hear Mike in person as he shares about the Portraits, Characters, and Music at Pennybyrn!

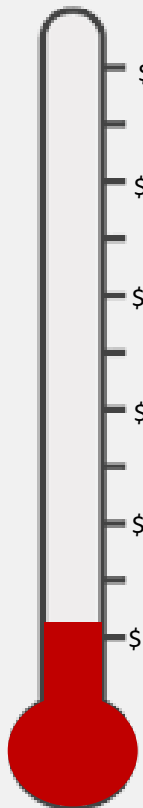
## Last Week at ROTARY



### We Got Snowed Out!

Jeff Benfield's Program Will Be Rescheduled

### The Polio Plus Challenge



\$ 6,000  
\$ 5,000  
\$ 4,000  
\$ 3,000  
\$ 2,000  
\$ 1,000

A donor has generously offered to match donations to the Polio Plus Campaign up to a total max of \$ 6,000. Won't YOU take up the challenge?

Help us reach this goal in Record Time!  
To make your donation, see, call, or email Kristen Hoskins.

Thanks to date to: Nancy Baker, Tom Blount, Ken Esposito, Eric Foushee, Carol Hughes, Slade Lewis, Marshall Morgan, Clark Pierce, Mary Sizemore, Carl Wright

Let's Get Going Rotarians!

**MEALS ON WHEELS IS THURSDAY**  
(See Page Three)

**MOUNTAIN HOPE**  
A New Opportunity to Help our Mountain Neighbors (see page 3)

Thurs. March 6th Carl Vierling Greater High Point Food Alliance	Thurs. March 13th A.C.C. Day ↓	<b>COMING ATTRACTIONS</b>	Thurs. March 20th Sadie Elder Working Wardrobe Combating Clothing Insecurity	Thurs. March 27th Ken Esposito & Gus Schwenk All About Lacrosse ↓
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**ACC Day**  
THURSDAY  
MARCH  
13th  
NOON

*Sweet Old Bill's*  
BURGERS, OUE & BREW

You can pick BBQ and trimmings or select a salad with grilled chicken and we will bill you. Or, you can order off of the regular menu at S.O.B.'s and pay your own tab. As always, all alcohol is on you!

Food, Basketball, Fellowship & Fun  
Call of E-Mail Ken Esposito with your choice of

- 1) BBQ & Fixings
- 2) Salad with Grilled Chicken
- 3) I'll order off their Menu

Please include how many will be attending (i.e. bring guests!)  
(336-253-4722)  
(www.kesposito@piedmontfederal.com)

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

**Rotary**

February marks Rotary Peace Building and Conflict Prevention Month, a time for Rotary members worldwide to come together in celebration of their commitment to building peace and mitigating conflicts.

Now that you know all there is to know about lacrosse, consider attending the Hobart at H.P.U game at Noon on Sat. March 29th at Vert Stadium. Incidentally, Gus Schwenk is a letterman in lacrosse and a 1960 graduate of Hobart.



"We are greater when we look beyond ourselves and when we do for others, it is our purpose."

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

first  
**Is it the TRUTH?**

second  
**Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

third  
**Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

fourth  
**Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

**NO ROTARY MEETING, NO QUEEN OF HEARTS**

# MEALS ON WHEELS

Thursday, Feb. 27th

Call Clark Pierce to Help!  
clarkpierce72cu@gmail.com  
336-918-2894

## H.P. Rotary's Annual Owen Bertschi Open

Thursday, May 8th  
at HPCC's Willow Creek Golf Course



**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES &  
PLAYER SIGN UPS  
COMING SOON!**

### Now Accepting Nonprofit Beneficiary Applications

We are seeking a beneficiary  
of funds raised from the  
2025 Owen Bertschi  
Memorial Golf Classic.

Deadline or submission is  
2/28/25. Send to  
jessica@carneyco.com

Kristen Hoskins can send you  
an application.

Jeff Benfield can answer  
your questions.

**Whatever Rotary may mean  
to us, to the world it will be  
known by the results it  
achieves." - Paul P. Harris,  
Founder of Rotary International**

## District 7690

### Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest

#### THE DISTRICT CONTEST

The Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest for District 7690 is scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. The contest will take place at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC. The Contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. In case of inclement weather, the contest will take place in the same location the following Saturday, March 1, 2025.

#### THE CLUB'S CONTEST

The Club's Competition produced the following winners:

First Place	Second Place	Third Place
<b>SAM COZART</b>	<b>TIRAS HARDER</b>	<b>JAYDEN PIPES</b>
\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 50

We will be rescheduling our speech contest winners to appear at our meeting on March 6th!

# FEEDING LISA'S KIDS

Wednesday Mar. 5th

Contact Carroll Brown to help!  
adpcorp@triad.rr.com  
336-689-0056

## MOUNTAIN HOPE

### AN EFFORT SPEARHEADED BY OUR OWN JAMIE LEE:

Hey guys, good morning! For my Birthday, Chris and I are headed to the mountains. The town of Swannanoa has reached out as they are still in a bad place and need help. Won't you, fellow Rotarians, consider helping? For the next three weeks, the 27th, 6th and 13th, bring items on the list below to Rotary. I'll be glad to load items up and Chris and I will deliver on March 19th?

I appreciate you. God Bless!

Jamie Lee

Questions? 336-307-0288

- Heated Throws/Blankets
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Clothes Detergent
- Dish Detergent
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Cutlery
- New Shoes & Work Boots
- Men's & Women's Good Thick Socks

- Deodorant for Men & Women
- Large Propane Tanks
- Connector Hoses for large tanks
- Water Purifiers
- Pasta Sauces
- Dry Beans
- All Vegetables in Cans
- Fruit in Cups

Register Now

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE LIVE FROM CHEROKEE

MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2025

Visit the Website: [LiveFromCherokee.com](http://LiveFromCherokee.com)

DACDB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



# MAGIC ALL AROUND



Register today at [convention.rotary.org](http://convention.rotary.org) ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA

# Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Learning Event Sponsored by District 7690

Saturday, March 29, 2025  
Randolph Community College  
JB and Claire Davis Corporate Training Center  
413 Industrial Park Avenue  
Asheboro, NC 27205

Please contact District Chair Joanne Iwan for assistance and questions  
iwanjoanne@aol.com



Courses must be taken in sequence  
Tuition: \$95 (includes lunch)  
Registration: 8:15am  
Classes: 9:00am - 3:15pm



Register on DACdb at: <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77809658>

The Crescent Rotary Club led Global Grant to provide clean water to a village in Bluefields, Jamaica needs volunteers for the Jamaica trip.



## Jamaica Rainwater Catchment System

**Rotary**  
District 7690



## Global Grant & Humanitarian Trip April 2025

**Travel Package Includes:** Airport Transfers, 6 nights in a 6 room home with overnight security (2 per room), five dinners / four lunches / drinking water supplied

Daily Transportation to worksites, plus local Rotary Meeting on Tuesday eve, and community tour / excursions to YS Falls on Thursday.

### BLESSING FAMILIES WITH CLEAN WATER

More info at

[highervibesttravel.com/discover-jamaica/rotary2025](http://highervibesttravel.com/discover-jamaica/rotary2025)

From Beth Crise, recent speaker to our Club and a Summit Rotary Club Member.



She invites us to participate in the Food for Families Meal Packing Event. Boxes are packaged for students and their families. High Point Schools that are included in the initiative are Union Hill, Montlieu, and Parkview Village. It is a great Service Above Self opportunity that only takes a two hour commitment. Click to QR Code for more information.



## Food for Families Meal Packing Event



*Our neighbors are struggling to put food on the table. YOU CAN HELP*

**Where:** Out of the Garden  
300 NC Highway 68 South, Greensboro, NC 27409  
(Warehouse in the rear of Church)

**When:** Saturday, March 15, 2025  
Two Sessions Available:  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
(Pizza available at noon.)  
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Questions? Contact  
Lynn Pitman at [lynn.pitman@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.pitman@gmail.com) or  
Beth Crise at [beth@outofthegardenproject.org](mailto:beth@outofthegardenproject.org)

## WELL KNOWN POLIO OVERCOMERS



**Justin  
Whitlock  
Dart Jr.**

8/29/30 -  
6/22/02

Dart was an American activist and advocate for people with disabilities. He helped to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, co-founded the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), and is regarded as the "Godfather of the ADA".

Dart came from a wealthy Chicago family. His father, Justin Whitlock Dart Sr., was president of Dart Industries. His mother Ruth Walgreen Dart was the daughter of Walgreens founder Charles R. Walgreen and his wife Myrtle Walgreen. Justin's brother Peter Dart also developed polio.

Dart contracted polio in 1948 before entering the University of Houston, where he earned undergraduate degrees in history and education in 1954; however, the university refused to give him a teaching certificate because of his disability.

He died in Washington, D.C., on 22 June 2002 at the age of 71 from congestive heart failure related to complications of post-polio syndrome.

**OVERHEARD AT THE WATER COOLER:** *This morning my son said his ear hurt and I said on the inside or outside, so he walks out the front door, comes back in and says both. Moments like this got me wondering if I'm saving too much for college.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Jim Gayle**  
Sunday  
Feb.  
23rd



**Steve Ilderton**  
Thurs.,  
Feb.  
27th



**KAREN McNEILL POND**  
Sat.,  
March  
1st

**Proposed New Member**  
**DOTTIE CLARKE**  
Retired Judge  
Classification: Judge  
Sponsors: Marshall Morgan & Jeff Benfield  
*Comments to Mary Sizemore by March 3, 2025*

**MAKE-UPS 2/13/25:**  
Hughes, Lackey Siordia, Wagoner, West

**ABSENT 2/20/25:**  
No Meeting.  
No Absences.

**MAKE-UPS 2/20/25:**  
No Meeting.  
No Make-Ups.

## HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY



**Tony Bertschi**  
Feb.  
24th  
3 yrs. HP  
11 total

**PROGRAM IDEA ?**  
*Contact Tom Blount or David Jobe*

## HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



**Dwight & Jodi Shaw**  
February  
24th  
35 years



**Hayden & Nancy McKenzie**  
February 26th  
42 years



**Guy & Jane Lucas**  
February  
27th  
26 years

**IF YOU THINK SWIMMING WITH DOLPHINS IS EXPENSIVE, YOU SHOULD TRY SWIMMING WITH SHARKS . . . . COST ME AN ARM AND A LEG!**

ROTARY CLUB of HIGH POINT 2024-2025 Officers, Boards, Committees	
President	Slade Lewis
President Elect	Ricardo Siordia
Vice President	Scott Wagoner
Secretary	Mary Sizemore
Treasurer	Amy West
Immediate Past President	Ken Esposito
Executive Secretary	Kristen Hoskins
Sergeant-At-Arms	George White & Gus Schwenk
District Liaison	Joanne Iwan
Membership Retention	George White
Special Recognitions	John Anderson, Joel Gentry Gus Schwenk, Barry Nelson
Condolences	Sharon Smith
Greeters	Steve Ilderton
Blue Badge Administration	Jamie Lee
Football Pool Master	Tony Bertschi
Rotary History	David Wall
Birthday Cards	Nancy Baker
Membership Recruitment	Jeff Benfield
Classification	Gus Schwenk
Orientation	
Attendance	Mary Sizemore
Social Events	
Club Public Image	Guy Lucas
Spokesman Newsletter	Mark Pierce
Website Development	
Social Media	Carol Hughes
Press Releases	Wayne Rutherford
Photography	Myra Clodfelter
Club Administration	Catherine Mendenhall
Luncheon Committee	Don Shaw
District Conf. Contacts	S. Lewis / R. Siordia
Youth Services	
Interact	Jeff Fuller
RYLA	
Local Scholarships	HPRF decision
School/Student Relations	Jeff Fuller
Job Shadowing	
Children's Christmas Party	Ricardo Siordia
4 Way Test Speech Contest	Don Shaw
Community Srvc Projects	Jamie Lee
Literacy (Read-A-Thon)	Mary Sizemore
Concern For The Elderly	Clark Pierce
Feeding Lisa's Kids	Carroll Brown
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	-
Service Projects	
Fundraising Projects	Allison Aldridge & K. Esposito
BBQ & Raffle	Allison Aldridge & K. Esposito
Poinsettia Sale	Don Shaw
Golf Tournament	
ACC Day	Ken Esposito
Allocations	Joel Gentry
Foundation & Inter. Srvc.	Don Shaw
Polio Plus	
District Grants	Mark Pierce
Programs	Tom Blount/David Jobe
HPRC Impact Club	
Satellite Club Rep	

Board Class 2024-2025
Guy Lucas
Jeff Benfield
Don Shaw
Board Class 2025-2026
David Jobe
Debbie Johnson
Jeff Fuller
Board Class 2026-2027
Catherine Mendenhall
Allison Aldridge
Jamie Lee

**Easy Make Ups!**  
You can now receive make up credit through the Internet. Just go to the web-site: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org). This site gives you another make up opportunity you can do from the comfort of your own home. This is a fully chartered club by Rotary International. You can choose a 'Program' that you want to read, answer some question, and print out the makeup slip. All they ask is that the person donate the cost of maintaining the site. If you contribute the cost of your meal, please be sure and let Mary Sizemore or Kristen Hoskins know so that you will receive meal credit on your next statement.

**Rather do a Make-up in Person?**  
**Use your Ignite App.**  
Click on Rotary Resources. Then click on Club Search. Under Search, select Clubs. Enter the Club you are interested in visiting or just select High Point, click on 25 miles and you will get every club meeting within 25 miles. You can even be more specific and add what day of the week on which you would like to find a meeting for your make-up. Click on the Club name and you will see information on the day and meeting time as well as the facility name and address for the meeting. It is easy and can be done right from your phone.