

A.C.C. DAY at Sweet Old Bill's

Remember, no meeting this Thursday at High Point Country Club.
We will be meeting at Sweet Old Bill's, 1232 North Main Street



Rotary Club of High Point

Email: hprotary@northstate.net
Web: www.highpointrotary.org (club)

Thursday 12:00 Noon

Rotary Zone 33 Rotary District 7690
www.rotary7690.org (district)

800 Country Club Drive

Rotary Club # 6062
www.rotary.org (int'l)



— Last Week at ROTARY —

We were relocated to the grill room last Thursday into confines that seemed pleasing to many in attendance. Nice chairs, décor, and intimacy awaited us. President Slade Lewis called us to order and led the Pledge. George White offered our invocation. We had several guests that included Dusty Lucas, Tiras Harder, and Jayden Pipes, all of Wesleyan Christian Academy.

John Anderson started Special Recognitions time with a story that drew mixed reactions that ran the gambit . . . laughs, groans, and chuckles. He continued with birthdays and anniversaries. Kristen Hoskins gave an update on the Polio Plus Campaign. It wasn't a very happy update as we stand at \$ 1,200 to date, a long way from our \$ 6,000 match goal. Get going Rotarians!

Ken Esposito had all sorts of news. First was the fact that next week we would be a Sweet Old Bill's for ACC Day. And, Thursday at Rotary was the final chance to sign up for the special menu

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ACC Day

Sweet Old Bill's
THIS TUESDAY
MARCH 13th
BURGERS, OUE & BREW

Food, Basketball,
Fellowship & Fun

Plus the Squares Game

Didn't sign up in advance for the special food options? You can still come and just order off Sweet Old Bill's great menu and pay your own bill. Or just stop by and not eat. All are welcome! This event is always a blast! First tip is at noon, but feel free to come and go as you can.

Adult Beverages **NOT** Included. Cash Bar.

MOUNTAIN HOPE:

Last Chance to Help our Mountain Neighbors With This Initiative. Bring Items to Sweet Old Bill's and Jamie Lee will get them to the deserving mountain folks! (see page 3)

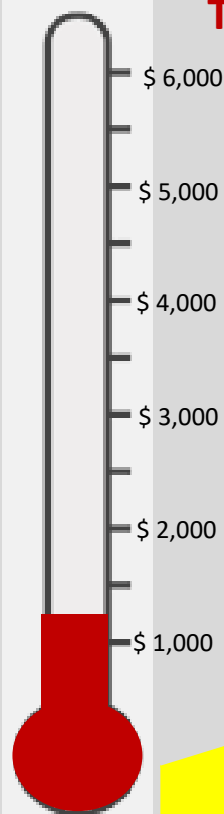
The Polio Plus Challenge

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: Allison Aldridge, Nancy Baker, Tom Blount, Ken Esposito, Eric Foushee, Carol Hughes, Slade Lewis, Marshall Morgan, Clark Pierce, Mary Sizemore, George White, Carl Wright



Let's Get Going Rotarians!

\$ 1,200 and counting

SPONSORSHIPS



Club of High Point

2025 Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic

Presented by



REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Payment Information:
Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Check Enclosed
 Please Invoice Me

Make Checks Payable to:
Rotary Club of High Point
Mail to:
PO Box 5503
High Point, NC 27262
For Questions, Contact:
Jeff Benfield 336-848-8505
Wil Elder 336-905-1859

Deadline for Submission is
April 10th

Join us on Thursday, May 8, at the High Point Country Club (Willow Creek Golf Course)
(Rain Date: Tuesday, May 13)

Sponsoring the Tournament is an excellent opportunity to gain visibility, network with local professionals, and support a meaningful cause. Your sponsorship directly benefits a local Nonprofit (to be named very soon!), helping to make a lasting impact in our community.

As a Sponsor, you'll receive:

- Brand Exposure
- Social Media & Website Recognition
- Networking Opportunities
- On-Site Promotion
- Community Impact
- Tax Deductibility
- Complimentary Tournament Entry

By sponsoring the Tournament, you're not only elevating your brand but also making a direct impact on our community.

Ready to sponsor? Check the level of sponsorship below to secure your spot!



ALBATROSS - (SOLD)

- Presenting

EAGLE - \$2,750

- Golf Cart Sponsor
- Address Golfers
- One Foursome

BIRDIE - \$1,100

- "Control-the-Hole" (activities must be approved)
- Opportunity to display, give away items, or run a game
- One Foursome

FAIRWAY - \$1,750

- Lunch Sponsor
- Table for Sponsor Information at Lunch
- One Foursome

MULLIGAN - \$1,750

- Beverage Cart Sponsor
- One Foursome

PAR - \$850

- Hole Sponsorship
- One Foursome

HOLE SPONSOR - \$400

- Hole Sponsorship

TEAM - \$600

- One Foursome

PLAYER - \$150

- Individual Golfer

OWEN'S TEAM - \$100

- Individual Virtual Golfer
- Special Recognition Sponsorship

Preferred Round:

- Morning (8:45 AM)
- Afternoon (1:30 PM)

We'll do our best to honor preferences but may need to adjust.

Player Information:

1. Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____
Email: _____

2. Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____
Email: _____

3. Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____
Email: _____

4. Player Name: _____ Handicap: _____
Email: _____

Thank you for supporting the Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic presented by Crescent Ford



MOUNTAIN HOPE

AN EFFORT SPEARHEADED BY OUR OWN JAMIE LEE:

The town of Swananoa has reached out as they are still in a bad place and need help. Won't you, fellow Rotarians, consider helping? Bring items to ACC Day and I'll collect them. Chris and I will deliver on March 19th? Items needed are:

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

Questions?
Call Jamie Lee
336-307-0288

Food for Families Meal Packing Event



OUT OF THE GARDEN PROJECT
GIVE · TEACH · GROW

Rotarian Beth Crise 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.

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

WHERE: Out of the Garden
300 NC Highway 68 South
(warehouse rear of Church)

WHEN: Saturday, March 15th
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 or
Beth Crise at beth@outofthegardenproject.org

Register Now

DISTRICT CONFERENCE LIVE FROM CHEROKEE

MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2025

Visit the Website:
LiveFromCherokee.com

DACDB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

No Queen of Hearts Last Week as We Prepared For the Squares Game at ACC Day



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

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

Clemmons
Rotary
Club

An Evening for Rotary

- Spring Fundraiser Dinner -

Saturday, April 5th 6:00 p.m.
Bermuda Run Country Club

\$10,000
WHEEL OF CASH
Raffle

Live & Silent Auction
Dinner & Entertainment
Need not be present to win

BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY
Share our EventBrite page.

TICKET \$125.00

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



June 21-25 Calgary, Canada

WE REMEMBER our former District Executive Secretary **Margaret Padgett** who recently passed away after a brief illness. She held the position for 27 years. Her late husband was a former District Governor. They were a true Rotary couple. Her funeral was this past Saturday.

Thurs. March 20th Sadie Elder Working Wardrobe Combating Clothing Insecurity	Thurs. March 27th Ken Esposito & Gus Schwenk All About Lacrosse	COMING ATTRactions	Thurs. April 3rd Sherea Bennett Partners Ending Homelessness	Thurs. April 10th Van Lankford All About District Conference
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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.



at



**The Rotary Club of High Point & District 7690
Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest**



(L to R) Jayden Pipes, Tiras Harder, Dusty Lucas, & Slade Lewis



Sam Cozart, the winner of our Club's Contest, could not make the District competition nor be at Rotary Thursday.

Tiras represented our Club at Districts and finished second there winning \$ 500.

Congratulations to Sam, Tiras, and Jayden

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



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>

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Jamal Bennett

High Point University Community Director

Classification: Community Director, University

Sponsor: Carol Hughes

Comments to Mary Sizemore by 3/24/25

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

**FEEDING LISA'S
KIDS**

Wed. April 2nd

Contact Carroll Brown
to help!

adpcorp@triad.rr.com
336-689-0056

**MEALS ON
WHEELS**

Thurs., March 27th

Call Clark Pierce
to help!

clarkpierce72cu@gmail.com
336- 918-2894

ABSENT 2/27/25: Byrd, Draelos, Dunbar, Foushee, Gibson, K. Hughes, D. Johnson, Lessard, Liebscher, McKnight, Mendenhall, Morgan, Morris, Nelson, Newcomb, Patterson, Ross, Rutherford (LOA), Sizemore, S.A. Smith, Whitley

MAKE-UPS 2/27/25: Brown, Foushee, Hoskins, D. Johnson, Schwenk

ABSENT 3/6/25: Aldridge, Bowman, Byrd, Clarke, Davis, Draelos, Dunbar, Eller, Fuller, Gibson, Jackson, Lackey, Lessard, Maille, McKnight, Morris, Nelson, Patterson, Ross, Rutherford (LOA), S.A. Smith, Suire, Webster, Whitley



FLK Pick Up Site Shifts in April to First UMC on Wrenn

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. Srv.	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. 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.

WELL KNOWN POLIO OVERCOMERS



Joni Mitchell

Singer, Songwriter, painter, Joni Mitchell contracted polio as a child in the early 1950s and later saw a resurgence of her symptoms.

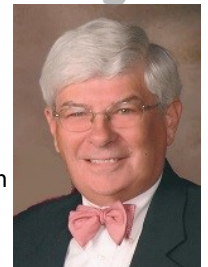
"I had polio at the age of 9," Mitchell told *Star* magazine. "My spine was twisted up like a train wreck. I couldn't walk. I was paralyzed. Forty years later, it comes back with a vengeance."

Mitchell was 51 when she started feeling "mind-numbing fatigue" and muscle weakness set in for the second time. Post-polio syndrome affects 25-40% of polio survivors decades after their initial illness, according to the CDC.

Happy Birthday



Mary Sizemore
Tuesday March 11th



Mark Pierce
Thursday, March 13th

Happy club anniversary



Nancy Bowman
March 9th 9 yrs.



Carol Hughes
March 10th 9 yrs.



Jeff Benfield
March 10th 9 yrs.

David Jackson
March 11th 14 yrs.



Jordan Lessard
March 14th 8 yrs.

Happy Anniversary



Bill & Caroline McGuinn
March 12th
65 years



Carl Vierling

Last Week at Rotary (from page one)

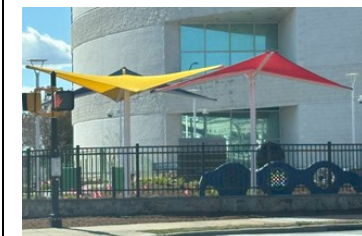
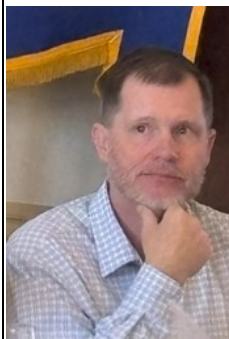
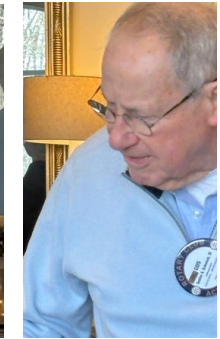
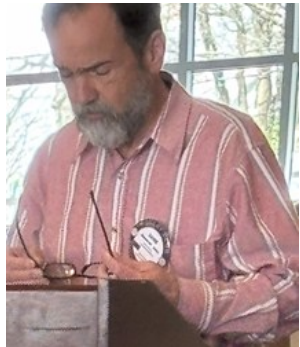
selections offered by our host. You can still come, but you will have to order off of their regular menu and pay your own tab that day. We'll be there throughout game one and maybe game two as well. And I am sure everyone noticed that there was no Queen of Hearts at Rotary Thursday, replaced by the Squares Game Sign Up. You can still get squares at SOB's Thursday if any remain.

Ken also alerted the crowd to an upcoming program that are lacrosse gurus, Roger Davis, Gus Schwenk, and himself will do a program on lacrosse. These guys have played, coached, and officiated lacrosse games. He announced plans for all that want to gather on Saturday (March 27th) to watch Hobart take on H.P.U. at Vert Stadium can sit together and fellowship. We'll all be 'experts' by then!

Mark Pierce announced a social opportunity being offered at Pennybyrn on March 15th. The two purposes for the party are to honor the sisters that will be returning home in June and to raise funds in support of the Resident Care Fund. The \$100 ticket gets you heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer, liquor and Irish Coffee. Music will be provide by Seven Nations, the internationally known high energy Celtic Rock Band. And you would hate to miss Ken Hughes dressed in his Leprechaun suit. Talk to Mark or Sarah Barker for more information.

During Happy Dollars time, Jamie Lee announced great success in collecting assistance for the Swannanoa area in the mountains and reminded us we have one more chance to help by bringing items to Sweet Old Bill's next week. Delivery to the hard hit area is on the 19th.

Don Shaw welcomed and introduced our guests from Wesleyan. Teacher Dusty Lucas accompanied these gifted students who participated in our club's 4 Way Speech Contest. Sam Cozart won our Club's contest but was not able to be at the District Competition or join us at Rotary. Our club's second place contestant, Tiras Harder,



We are getting closer! The Sensory Garden

represented us at District and finished 2nd Place. Well done! They each picked up checks from our competition, but Tiras secured a \$ 500 one from the District event too. He gave his talk to the club on 'Cheating'. Rotarians responded by asking him to run for office and we'd all vote for him!

David Jobe introduced our speaker, Carl Vierling of the Greater High Point Food Alliance. He started with a blockbuster statement. He said 'we will never end homelessness without the will to do so. We have the resources, not the will. People make too much money off of poverty!'

As Carl winds down to retirement on March 31st, he took us through a lot of the history of the Alliance. One high point was obviously the network of collaborating non-profits that are working together. It hasn't always been that way. And the All-American City people took special note of that milestone.

Their areas of emphasis include food education, food access, research and policy advocacy, senior task force, food security fund, and urban agriculture. And the target areas still include Burns Hill, Highland Mills, Washington Street, and West End. The 27260 zip code area is the fourth poorest in the entire state. In the last survey it had 23% food insecurity numbers. And even with 2.5 million meals served last year, insecurity numbers are creeping up. (overall 11% to 13.7% and children's insecurity 1.8% to 23.3 %).

And it isn't just children as seniors are factors too. Many skip their meds just to eat. 1,500 kids ae being raised locally by grandparents. Other stats he shared include that there is a 29 year difference in lifestyle by zip code. (just 54.5 yrs. In Bush Hill) . Demand for help is up while donations and food drive success are both down. SNAP benefits will likely be scaled back too. Mobile Meals serves 100 in our area, but their wait list contains over 200 names. Carl fielded many questions, especially on food deserts.

Slade presented the speaker's gift and adjourned us after the 4 Way Test.