



PROGRAM: Our Own Ken, Gus, & Roger **TOPIC: Everything About Lacrosse**

Introduction: Tom Blount
Invocation: David Jobe

Sgt. at Arms: Warren Lackey & Ron Wimberly
Greeters: Ken Esposito & Marshall Morgan

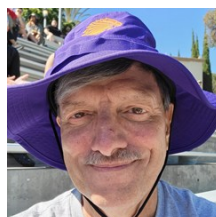
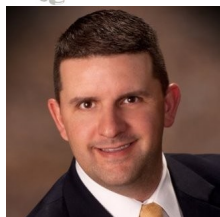
Rotary Club of High Point **Thursday 12:00 Noon** **800 Country Club Drive**
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This Week at ROTARY

Ken, Gus, and Roger

Everything About Lacrosse



Ken Esposito has refereed for over 20 years at all levels of lacrosse. Did multiple state HS championships, multiple conference championships and been yelled at by numerous coaches. I have met many peers, coaches and players that have become friends for life.

I started on defense for 3 years back in the 50's at Hobart College, a small college in Western NY. I was out of touch with the game for many years. And, then I met Roger Davis, coaching the men's club team at HPU. We became friends, and then after learning more from him than

Roger Davis played lacrosse at Bethpage High School on Long Island and the University of Virginia. Has coached ages from kindergarten through college at High Point University. This is his 57th year and counting, loving, and teaching the great Native American game.



I ever forgot about the game, I ended up helping him, coaching the defense for HPU's club team for 9 years



Last Week at ROTARY

President Slade Lewis kicked things off Thursday with words of welcome and an invitation to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Sizemore shared an invocation and Lee Gann welcomed our visitors. John Anderson, as part of his Special Recognitions time, welcomed the first day of Spring, but couldn't resist a trip back to earlier this week and St. Patrick's Day with the telling of a wee bit of Irish humor. With two weeks of birthdays on his docket due to last week's ACC Day Festivities, John stayed in his St. Patty's Day role and served up toasts to the celebrants in his best Irish brogue. Carol Hughes even called Jamie Lee (getting her voice mail) on her birthday so we could all sing to her.

Happy Dollars was up next with Marshall Morgan saluting High Point U's Men's Basketball team, who were making their first ever NCAA tournament appearance during our noon meeting. Slade praised his wife who has put up with him for 31 years of marriage.

Kristen Hoskins made a Polio Plus appeal and update. Jeff Benfield announced Working Wardrobe as our golf tournament's lead beneficiary. With that, he pushed sponsorships and challenged golfers to sign up to fill both morning and afternoon flights for this year's event. Slade offered thanks to Tony Bertschi and Crescent Ford for stepping up as our presenting sponsor.

Slade urged us to bring in items in support of our Micro-Project Drive supporting the Human Trafficking Resource Center. Brianna Racchini will be with us on the 27th to collect the items members donate. See Page three for a full list of the items they need.

Ken Esposito had the floor next and he also pushed the golf tourney urging golfers to sign up. He went on to plug the lacrosse program slated for the 27th and urged members to join him on Saturday the 29th at HPU to watch the Panthers battle Hobart. Tickets are just \$ 5 and rotarians can sit together and fellowship. Then we turned our attention to the Queen of Hearts drawing and the \$1,604 pot. No Queen for Allison Maille as. Pulled the King of Spades from an ever dwindling deck of cards. Play On the crowd cheered.

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Dr. Sadie Leder Elder was



Introduced by Wil Elder

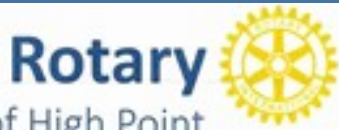


READY FOR SOME LIVE LACROSSE ACTION?

Since, after Thursday, 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. Tickets are just \$ 5



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

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



LEAD PROCEEDS BENEFICIARY



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: _____



**ASK
SOMEONE
TO
JOIN
US
&
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**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**

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



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



Register Now

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
LIVE FROM CHEROKEE
MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2025**

REGISTRATION



Visit the Website: LiveFromCherokee.com

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**



June 21-25 Calgary, Canada

**MEALS ON WHEELS
Thurs., March 27th**

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

**FEEDING LISA'S
KIDS**

**Wed.
April 2nd**

Contact Carroll Brown to help!
adpcorp@triad.rr.com
336-689-0056
Please Note ↓
Beginning in April, the FLK Pick Up Site will Shift to First United Methodist Church's rear entrance on Wrenn Street. Line up on Wrenn for Loading.

FRESH START BAGS



**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
RESOURCE CENTER**

They give a fresh start bag to any of their clients in need, as well as to those at risk of being trafficked. Each bag is filled with brand new clothes, full-sized hygiene items, an age appropriate Bible, and comfort items

ALL

- Sweatpants
- Hoodie
- Two T-shirts
- Pack of underwear (Men get boxers & briefs)

GIRLS

- Hairbrush & hair ties
- Pair of Leggings
- Pajamas
- Toy
- Blanket

Socks

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Hand sanitizer
- Reusable water bottle
- Age-appropriate Bible

BOYS

- Comb
- Pair of Athletic shorts
- Pajamas
- Toy

WOMEN/TEEN GIRLS

- Hairbrush and hair ties
- Feminine products- Pack of tampons & pads
- Face wash
- Nail clippers and nail file
- 2 sports bras
- Journal & Pen
- Pair of Leggings

MEN/TEEN BOYS

- Comb
- Nail Clippers
- Face Wash
- Journal & pen
- Pair of athletic shorts

High Point Rotary

Micro-Project

**BRING IN ITEMS TO DONATE
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 27th**

WANT TO KNOW MORE:

<https://www.nchtrc.org/fresh-start-bags>

Brianna Racchini, Executive Director
336-300-2398

**Thurs. April 3rd
Sherea Bennett
Partners Ending
Homelessness**

**Thurs. April 10th
Van Lankford
All About District
Conference**

**COMING
ATTRACTIONS**

**Thurs. April 17th
Miss High Point &
Miss High Point
Teen**

**Thurs. April 24th
Jeff Benfield
Membership &
Recruitment**

DON'T FORGET ITEMS FOR THE FRESH START BAGS THIS THURSDAY AT ROTARY!

WELL KNOWN POLIO OVERCOMERS

It was December of 2019. I saw it on the Sunday morning news

While we were enjoying our Christmases, that year, a story caught my eye, or should I say ear. I heard on t.v. that **George J. Laurer** the designer of the vertically striped bar code that sped supermarket checkout lines, parcel deliveries and assembly lines and even transformed human beings, including airline passengers and hospital patients, into traceable inventory items, died on Dec. 5 at his home in Wendell, N.C. He was 94.

Mr. Laurer worked for IBM at the Research Triangle Park until 1987. He received 26 patents, including one for a hand-held scanner that reads bar codes. But he earned no royalties from the bar code; IBM did not patent it.

Oh yeah . . . Mr. Laurer contracted polio as a child, survived, and went on to make a major impact in the world.

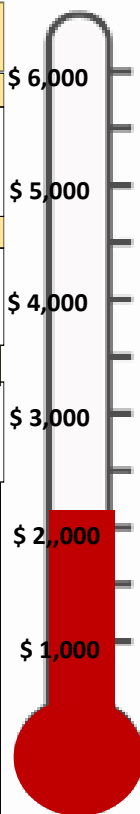
| ROTARY CLUB of HIGH POINT 2024-2025 Officers, Boards, Committees | |
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| President | Slade Lewis |
| President Elect | Ricardo Siordia |
| Vice President | Scott Wagoner |
| Secretary | Mary Sizemore |
| Treasurer | Amy West |
| Immediate Past President | 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 Bertsch |
| 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 Svc 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.



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! To make your donation, see, call, or email Kristen Hoskins.

Thanks to date to: Allison Aldridge, Nancy Baker, Tom Blount, Ken Esposito, Eric Foushee, Bill Harriss, Carol Hughes, David Jobe, Slade Lewis, Marshall Morgan, Clark Pierce, Dwight Shaw, Mary Sizemore, George White, Carl Wright

Make-Ups 3-6-25
Blount, Fuller, C.A. Hughes, Maille

Absent 3-20-25
Aldridge, Bencini, Byrd, Clarke, Davis, Draelos, Dunbar, Gibson, K. Hughes, Ilderton, Jackson, Lee, Lessard, Mendenhall, Nelson, Newcomb, Patterson, Ross, Dw. Shaw, Siordia, Suire, Wagoner, West, Whitley, Rutherford (LOA)

LAST WEEK AT ROTARY (continued from page one)



Wil Elder had the pleasure of introducing his wife, Dr. Sadie Leder Elder who addressed the club on Thursday on behalf of her 501(c)3 Working Wardrobe. The organization is dedicated to combating clothing insecurity in the Greater High Point Community. That prompts the question of what is clothing insecurity. It is lack of access to affordable, adequate, and appropriate attire. As a result, Working Wardrobe provides clothing to women and children to facilitate and enrich their lives. They feel like they fill a hole left by the Junior League’s Bargain Boutique and The YWCA’s Women’s Resource Center’s closure. Clothing, Sadie said meets people’s physical, psychological, and social needs.



The six month old entity already has met their year one goal. They have no brick and mortar store front, it is all done with pop up shops at partner locations. Inventory is stored at a Mod Box self storage facility. The partner agencies provide sizes and styles of their “clients” and Working Wardrobe’s volunteers put together a collection of outfits for them to try in their, you guessed it, pop up dressing room. Those individuals leave with six outfits free of charge. Sometimes they even have shoes, scarves, and jewelry to accompany the outfits. There is even a tailor is on site to assist with alterations. Currently Working Wardrobe is partnering with the TWCA, C3, and Family Services. Soon, the Human Trafficking Resource Center, D-Up, and the Family Justice Center will be added as partners.



Their Impact has been significant. Seventeen female clients have received six outfits each and that equates to over \$ 8,500 in garments.

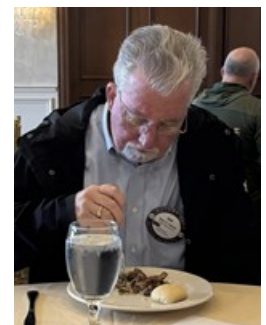
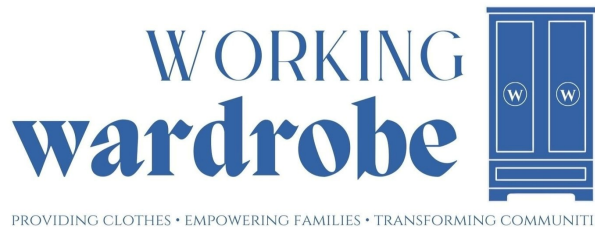
The non-profit also does a prom dance distribution in cooperation with an organization that gave away 600 dresses last year. Working Wardrobe collected 90 of those dresses as part of the team effort. Another project is Blessing Bags in conjunction with the Jr. League and West End Ministry’s temporary shelter.

Currently, they are partnering with our Rotary Club and the Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic. They plan to fill clothing pantries at the 26 Title 1 schools across High Point serving some 13,000 youth. Sadie pointed out that 2 in 5 children face clothing insecurity.

In the how can we help department, Sadie said they can use help sorting and organizing clothes. If interested , contact her at sadie.workingwardrobe@gmail.com or at 919-260-7353. Their gatherings are fun she says And often include wine. She also says she needs our clothes too and she invited us to take an ikea bag and fill it with new or gently used women’s garments.



Slade reminded us to all bring items next week for the Human Trafficking Resource Center (see page three). He presented the speaker’s gift and led us in the recitation of the Four Way Test.



EVER WONDER.....
Why the sun lightens
our hair, but darkens
our skin?

HUGE ROTARY PRESENCE AT PENNYBYRN'S SHAMROCKIN' FUND RAISER

\$100,000 was raised after expenses to support the resident care fund. The nuns returning to Ireland, including our own Sister Lucy, were also honored at the event.



Rotarians present included Keith Byrd, Gus Schwenk, Honoree Sister Lucy, Mark Pierce, Carol Hughes, Steve Ilderton, and Ken Hughes. Present but not pictured above were Bill Harris and Jane Liebscher.



It was a fun evening of food, drink, fellowship, and lots of great music for a very good cause and to honor the very special departing Sisters

Happy Club Anniversary

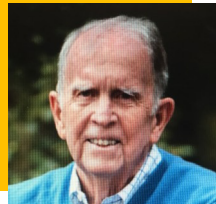


Greg Suire
March 25 10 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Don Shaw
Sun., March 23



Bill McGuinn
Sun., March 23



Jeff Fuller
Sat., March 29



QUEEN OF HEARTS with \$ 1,604 on the line



Addison Maille finds the King of Spades

Clemmons Rotary Club

An Evening for Rotary

- Spring Fundraiser Dinner -

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

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

\$10,000 CASH Raffle

TICKET \$125.00

A Clemmons Rotary Club Event

Rotary Club of High Point



WE ARE HIGH POINT ROTARY Support Your Club!

A Car's Weakest Part is the Nut Holding the Steering Wheel!