

PROGRAM: CARL VIERLING

TOPIC: Greater High Point Food Alliance

Introduction: Allison Aldridge

Sgt. at Arms: David Jobe & Tim Webster

Invocation: Roger Davis

Greeters: Jane Liebscher & Roger Coulson



Rotary Club of High Point

Thursday 12:00 Noon

800 Country Club Drive

Email: hprotary@northstate.net

Rotary Zone 33

Rotary District 7690

Rotary Club # 6062

Web: www.highpointrotary.org (club)

www.rotary7690.org (district)

www.rotary.org (int'l)



This Week at ROTARY



Last Week at ROTARY



Carl is the founding Executive Director of the Greater High Point Food Alliance. In his career Carl has served as a manager for a major corporation with responsibility for national and international health and welfare benefits. He has provided leadership with a number of non-profits including serving as the President of the United Way Board of Richmond County.



Following a lengthy career in the corporate world Carl transitioned into a lifetime of service beginning with becoming a pastor of a racially and culturally diverse congregation where he started innovative outreach including a food ministry.

Carl holds a Master of Arts in Ministry from Carolina Graduate School of Divinity and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master's in Human Resources.

Carl has received numerous awards including the Governor's Award by the State of North Carolina for volunteer service while in Richmond County, the Hunger Advocate of the Year Award, and the City of High Point's Human Relations Commission's 2018 Humanitarian of the Year Award, 2024 Guilford County Nonprofit Consortium Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award, 2024 Business High Point Chamber of Commerce Community Advocate of the Year Award, Greater High Point Food Alliance Inaugural Ground Breaker Award.

His greatest joy is being married to his wife, Lisa. They have two grown children and five grandchildren and one Shi Tzu, Huxley.

President Slade Lewis kicked off the meeting last week with a warm welcome on a warm day that was a far cry for the snowy conditions that caused the cancelation of last week's meeting. Welcome to North Carolina someone exclaimed! Slade led us in the pledge and invited Lee Gann to bring us our invocation. David Wall introduced our guests who included Jerry and Tyra Paschal. Also there was a trifecta of High Point University employees, Jamal Bennett, Conner Harris, and Bradley Taylor. The first to are new member prospects and Bradley is in the Clemmons Club.

Joel Gentry had the special recognition slot and told the funny story of his 90+ year old father telling him the truck had a flat tire, but he had jacked it up and changed the tire. Astounded that a man of his age would tackle such a project, Joel asked his dad if he knew what

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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: 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

WE NEED YOUR ACC DAY RESERVATION BY THIS THURSDAY !

MOUNTAIN HOPE
Helping our Mountain Neighbors Continues
(see page 3)

Thurs. March 13th A.C.C. Day	Thurs. March 20th Sadie Elder Working Wardrobe Combating Clothing Insecurity	COMING ATTRACTIONS	Thurs. March 27th Ken Esposito & Gus Schwenk All About Lacrosse	Thurs. April 3rd Sherea Bennett Partners Ending Homelessness
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ACC Day
THURSDAY
Sweet Old Bill's
MARCH 13th NOON
BURGERS, Q&E & 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.

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

- 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!)

Now that you know all there is to know about lacrosse, consider attending the Hobart at HPU

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.



Tony Chows Down!

District 7690
Jim Armstrong Four Way
Test Speech Contest

Sam Cozart Tiras Harder Jayden Pipes

THEY WILL BE HERE THIS THURSDAY!

HEAR ALL ABOUT THIS EVENT ON APRIL 10th at ROTARY

Register Now

DISTRICT CONFERENCE LIVE FROM CHEROKEE

MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2025

Visit the Website: LiveFromCherokee.com

DACDB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

H.P. Rotary's Annual Owen Bertschi Open
Thurs, May 8th at HPCC's Willow Creek Golf Course

Sponsorship Opportunities Outlined on Page Seven



David Wall Flipped Over the 10 of Diamonds with a \$ 1,500 pot on the line

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

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
- Paper Towels
- Dish Detergent
- Plastic Cutlery
- Water Purifiers
- Dry Beans
- Fruit in Cups
- Connector Hoses for large tanks
- Toilet Paper
- Clothes Detergent
- Paper Plates
- New Shoes & Work Boots
- Men's & Women's Good Thick Socks
- Deodorant for Men & Women
- Pasta Sauces
- All Vegetables in Cans
- Large Propane Tanks

From Beth Crise, recent speaker to our Club



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 or
Beth Crise at beth@outofthegardenproject.org

Lot's of Important News 7 Big Pages of Information This Week!

THIS WEEK

FEEDING LISA'S KIDS Wednesday Mar. 5th

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

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers anymore.
Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Addison Maille
Monday
March 3rd



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Eric Foushee
Wednesday
March 5th



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Jeff & Tammy Patterson
40 years
March 3rd



HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY
Si Bell
36 yrs.
March 3rd

WELL KNOWN POLIO OVERCOMERS



Alice Lee Roosevelt
Longworth
2/12/84—2/20/80

was an American writer and socialite. She was the eldest child of U.S. president Theodore Roosevelt and his only child with his first wife, Alice Hathaway Lee Roosevelt. Longworth led an unconventional and controversial life.

Her life was the material of a t.v. mini series. Alice was a fashion icon by the age of 17. She smoked cigarettes in public, rode in cars with men, stayed out late partying, kept a pet snake in the White House, and was seen placing bets with a bookie. There was even talk of striping to her underwear at drunken orgies. She married a Washington playboy 14 years her senior, had numerous affairs and at least one illegitimate child. She played hard ball with politicians on both sides of the aisle. She wore leg braces as a child due to polio.

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.

★ Last Week at Rotary (continued from page one)

Check out Mike's Website: michaelfananian.com

The sticker on the back window said. He said he did, Triple A. Why didn't you call them Joel asked. His dad responded that he'd call them when he needed help and he didn't need help with this. What do you say to that? Sadly, Joel said his Dad does need the help now as he has recently had to have a leg amputated. Our prayers go out to Joel's dad!

Joel skirted by talk about Wake basketball but did mention the recent National Championship won in indoor tennis by the Black & Gold. When he got around to birthdays and anniversaries, low and behold birthday boy Steve Ilderton was in the house on his birthday. Joel led the club singing happy birthday to Steve. He also presented a beautiful three sapphire Paul Harris +3 pin to Amy West.

Slade walked around collecting 'Happy Dollars' and Scott Wagener, Greg Suire, Amy West, and Carol Hughes contributed. Good Stuff, Good Brags by all! He also reminded us of the Polio Plus Campaign that is ongoing. The McCoy's Foundation has laid out the challenge and we need to do a better job of meeting that challenge. We have traditionally been number one in the District, but this year we are currently trailing other clubs. As George White said, we need to STEP UP! (Check out where the 'match' stands back on page one)

Bradley Taylor of the Clemmons Club invited us to participate in their club's annual fundraiser at Bermuda Run this year. With dinner, a live band (from High Point we hear), trips and excursions in the auction, and a huge \$ 10,000 reverse raffle, it should be a blast. See the info elsewhere in the Spokesman this week.

Jeff Benfield plugged the golf tourney and unveiled the sponsor levels. That is found on a separate sheet in this week's Spokesman. Another opportunity to step up or solicit others (maybe your company) to step up!

Jeff Fuller reminded us of the search for a RYLA applicants. Our club is committed to sponsoring a high school student. Carol Hughes reminded us of the Flood Collection Micro Project that is ongoing and spearheaded by Jamie Lee. Bring your donations to Rotary and she'll take it from there. The list of needed items is listed in the Spokesman this week.

Ken Esposito spoke of ACC Day on March 13th at Sweet Old Bill's. Come enjoy basketball, food, fellowship . . . And brews (that part is on your dime) . You can preorder a meal of BBQ or Salad with chicken and be billed or you can order off of the menu and pay your own way. All alcohol is at the buyer's expense. Next week at Rotary he will roll out the squares game for the tourney and Queen of hearts will take a couple of weeks off. He urged us to not forget to check out District Conference Registration for the event up at Cherokee. Then it was on to the Queen of Hearts and the \$ 1,500 pot on the line. David Wall had the lucky ticket, but his cut found the ten of diamonds insuring the game will continue after ACC Day.

Sarah Barker introduced our speaker, painter and old time musician Mike Ananian. A college professor by trade, Mike holds fine arts degrees from Rhode Island School of Design and



Lee



Joel



Jeff



Bradley



Allison



Sarah



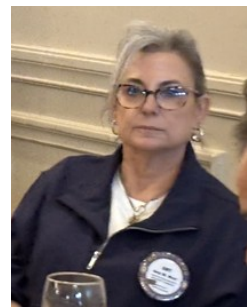
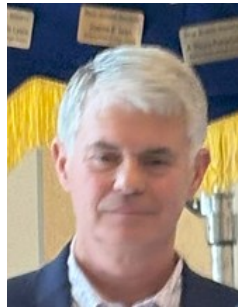
Steve

Yale University. Mike's artwork is currently on exhibit at Pennybyrn and will be until early April. (editor's note: as someone who has seen the art in person, the slides at Rotary don't do his works justice. Drop by Pennybyrn and check them out. It's free)

Mike started off with a bit of banjo music played on an instrument he constructed himself. A little pickin' (by Mike) and a little grinning' (by Rotarians). He interwove slides of his artwork and commentary with breaks where he would play some 'old time tunes'. He began by telling us a bit of the history of the banjo and the African roots of the instrument itself and the 'old time music' style of playing. He pointed out details to us that told stories within his artwork. For example, to show the inclusiveness of all people in the 'old time music', he painted musicians with different styles of clothing (and hats) as well as some drinking Scotch while others chose whiskey as their drink of choice. Such subtleties were evident in all his works. His use of vibrant colors were masterfully exhibited on canvasses that were five or six feet square, some taking a year to complete.

Mike also shared the stories that became the inspiration behind many of the artistic endeavors he created. He undoubtedly had many more stories than he could not convey in the short thirty minute time frame he was afforded. But the ones that he did share explained what he depicted in his art, from the historical relevancy to the cultural norms of the day.

President Slade presented Mike the speaker's gift and thanked our guests before leading us in the 4 Way test and adjourning the meeting.



Clemmons
Rotary
Club



An Evening for Rotary

- Spring Fundraiser Dinner -



Bradley Taylor of the Clemmons Club was at Rotary last Thursday



Congratulations Amy West on Receiving Her PH+3 Pin

Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM | Bermuda Run Country Club

Join the Rotary Club of Clemmons for our Spring Fundraiser Dinner to support over 18+ charities in our local community and beyond!

- \$10,000 Reverse Cash Raffle
- Live and Silent Auctions
- Dinner and Entertainment
- Need not be present to win.



BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY
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TICKET \$125.00

REMEMBER
Don't Forget Your
Reservation For
ACC Day
Almost Forgot Didn't You?

SPONSORSHIPS



2025 Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic
Presented by



REGISTRATION FORM

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

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Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Check Enclosed
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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



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

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: _____