

PROGRAM: Sherea Burnett

TOPIC: Partners Ending Homelessness

Introduction: Eric Foushee

Sgt. at Arms: Jamie Lee & Carl Wright

Invocation: Scott Wagoner

Greeters: Jeff Fuller & Jordan Lessard



Rotary Club of High Point

Thursday 12:00 Noon

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Rotary District 7690

Rotary Club # 6062

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) is a non-profit organization that was established in 2010 to coordinate local efforts, increase advocacy, ensure accountability, and provide administrative oversight for the Guilford County Continuum of Care (CoC). The agency's role with the CoC underwent changes in 2017 and again in 2021. Currently, Partners Ending Homelessness serves as the Coordinated Entry Lead Agency and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency for the Guilford County CoC. The agency provides coordinated entry assessment services, facilitates the referral of clients to available housing programs, and connects community members with various resources. While Partner Ending Homelessness is not a housing provider, they serve as a bridge to connect people experiencing homelessness with housing providers and - when possible - landlords and property management companies.

Sherea Burnett joins us on Thursday to tell us more about this organization

LAST WEEK AT ROTARY

It was almost a shame to interrupt all the chatter from the fellowship at the tables, but it was time for President Slade Lewis to get the show on the road. And with that, the March 27th meeting of Rotary was called to order and we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Tony Bertschi offered our invocation and Ron Wimberly introduced our four attending guests along with our visitor from the Impact Club.

John Anderson handled special recognitions, but not without a good humorous story. If you have ever been curious if a computer was considered of male or female gender, pronoun wise, ask John. He did have a number of birthdays and one club anniversary to follow his story.

Jamie Lee tossed in her 'buck' for Happy Dollars' and praised our club's efforts to assist the folks of the Swannanoa area impacted by the WNC flooding. With our donations, forty one families were helped! Way to go Rotary! Polio Plus wise, we are at the campaign's end (March 31st is the last day for the challenge.) and we have around three grand committed. Still time to get involved if you act on MONDAY, MARCH 31st. Call Kristen Hoskins to make a commitment.

Jeff Benfield plugged the golf tournament and the campaign to secure sponsorships (see page two) and sign up golfers to play. Jeff also told about attending a meeting of the Thomaa-ville Chamber of Commerce, which included a number of members of the T-Ville Rotary Club. He praised them for 'looking Rotary' with their pins and Rotary shirts and so forth. He encouraged us to wear our Rotary swag and wear it proudly!

Dottie Clark and Jamal Bennett were warded their red badges by President Slade. He also thanked (continued on pg. 5)



Dottie & Jamal got Red Badges

FEEDING LISA'S KIDS IS WEDNESDAY! Remember the New Pick Up Location. See Page 3

The Polio Plus Challenge

Many thanks to our donor who generously offered to match donations to the Polio Plus Campaign up to a total max of \$ 6,000. Thanks too to **ALL OF YOU** who took up the challenge?

Thank You: Allison Aldridge, Nancy Baker, Tom Blount, Nancy Bowman, Ken Esposito, Eric Foushee, Bill Harriss, Carol Hughes, Ken Hughes, David Jobe, Jamie Lee, Slade Lewis, Marshall Morgan, Clark Pierce, Mark Pierce, Dwight Shaw, Mary Sizemore, Amy West, George White, Carl Wright

Our Total Stands at \$ 3,800

LAST DAY TO JOIN THE CHALLENGE IS TODAY!



2025 Owen Bertschi Memorial Golf Classic

Presented by



High Point, NC

Albatross Sponsor



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
- Complimentary Tournament Entry

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

Albatross Sponsor

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

MULLIGAN - \$1,750

- Beverage Cart Sponsor
- One Foursome

FAIRWAY - \$1,750

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

PAR - \$850

- Hole Sponsorship
- One Foursome

Jeff Benfield

Lead Proceeds Beneficiary:

WORKING wardrobe

PROVIDING CLOTHES • EMPOWERING FAMILIES • TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

SPONSORS

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

Our New Expanded Event Now Has Morning & Afternoon Tee Times

PLAYER - \$150
• Individual Golfer

TEAM - \$600
• One Foursome

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: _____

HOLE SPONSOR - \$400

- Hole Sponsorship

336-955-8656
Winston-Salem

OWEN'S TEAM - \$100

- Individual Virtual Golfer
- Special Recognition Sponsorship

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Nancy Baker
Monday,
March 31st.



Kem Ellis
Friday,
April 4th

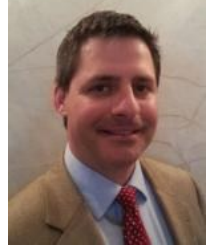
CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Jim Gayle
April 1st
31 yrs



Jeff Horney
April 1st
41 yrs



Cecil Mills
April 4th
23 yrs



Carroll Brown
April 4th
29 yrs



Bill Kester
April 5th
35 yrs

WELL KNOWN POLIO OVERCOMERS



Dinah Shore was an American singer, actress, and television personality, and the chart-topping female vocalist of the 1940s. She rose to prominence as a recording artist during the Big Band era. She achieved even greater success a decade later in television, mainly as the host of a series of variety shows.

Also enjoying success as a talk show host, Shore contracted polio, aged 18 months, which left her right leg crippled. She recovered strength through massage, swimming and tennis



How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered? ?

ROTARY CLUB of HIGH POINT 2024-2025 Officers, Boards, Committees	
President	Slade Lewis
President Elect	Ricardo Siordia
Vice President	Scott Wagener
Secretary	Mary Sizemore
Treasurer	Amy West
Immediate Past President	Ken Esposito
Executive Secretary	Kristen Hoskins
Sergeant-At-Arms	George White & Gus
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.

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 the club for its efforts on behalf of the Fresh Start Bags micro-project for the NC Human Trafficking Resource Center. A good amount of filled bags flanked our podium. Brianna Racchini couldn't join us Thursday due to an emergency situation with a client, but board member Don Shaw stood in and accepted the supplies. Don also plugged an upcoming FUMC Bake Sale. Slade made note of several bags of clothing that were also up front from donors for the Working Wardrobe project.

Ken Esposito gave a shout out to the fellowship opportunity on Saturday at the HPU-Hobart Lacrosse Game where tickets are just \$ 5. He reported that the club's NCAA basketball pool had co-leaders, Carol Hughes and Benny Hughes. Hey you two, remember what our Speech Contest Winner said about copying off of someone else's paper. But y'all wouldn't do that, would you? And then, it was Queen of Hearts time. Ken Hughes bought one ticket and that was all it took for him to get his number called. With a \$ 1,660 pot on the line, he drew the 2 of hearts insuring at least one more week of play.

David Jobe, pinch hitting for Tom Blount, introduced our program, but not before he told us that Tom had sustained a fall and he asked us all to keep him in our prayers. David went on to introduce a trio of Rotarians, Ken Esposito, Roger Davis, and Gus Schwenk, who gave us a program on the 'Fastest Game on Two Feet', lacrosse.

Roger, who said he was teaching a group of kindergarteners in the afternoon, kicked things off by showing off the old and new versions of equipment. His old stick was made of wood, leather, and cat gut strings. The new version was aluminum, plastics, and nylon strings. The weight difference was quite noticeable. He also passed around lacrosse balls so we could understand its composition and weight.

Roger then went into the history of the sport, one that originated amongst the tribes of Native Americans primarily in the Syracuse, New York area. The original game was deemed spiritual and called the 'medicine game', as it was known for being healing to the spirit of people. It was also used to train young warriors as well as to occasionally be utilized to settle disputes between tribes.

Most of the sports minded attendees remembered the name Jim Brown as a Hall of Fame NFL running back, one of the best of all time. But Roger said that Brown also played lacrosse at Syracuse and once was quoted that 'if I had my choice I'd play lacrosse six days a week and football one day a week'.

Gus stepped in to talk about the Field of Play, a 110 yard long by 60 yard wide lined field on grass or artificial turf. He also outlined (continued on page six)



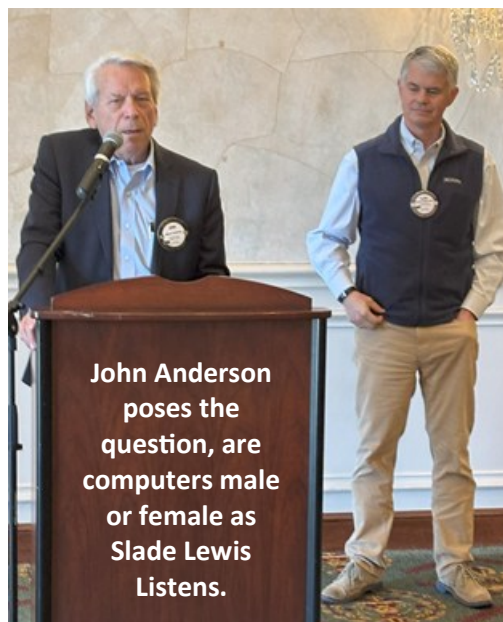
(left) Don and Slade with the supplies collected for Human Trafficking Resource Center



(right) Clothing Donations for 'Working Wardrobe' started rolling in too!



Our Lacrosse Gurus:
 Roger Davis
 Ken Esposito
 Gus Schwenk



John Anderson poses the question, are computers male or female as Slade Lewis Listens.

**ROTARY
 IS
 BUILT
 ON
 SERVICE
 ABOVE
 SELF.
 WHAT
 ARE
 YOU
 DOING
 TO
 SERVE
 OTHERS
 ???**

If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport. You'll get a free x-ray and a breast exam. And, if you mention Al Qaeda you'll get a free colonoscopy!

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many of the terms indigenous to the game. He also spoke about the make up of the on field positions (3 defensive men, 3 offensive men, 3 midfielders, and a goalie) that play in the hour long game that is divided into four quarters. It was rougher in the 'old days' and a lot more of a finesse game today. When asked how fast a shot on goal travels, Ken said FAST. Roger said 90-100 mph.

They all spoke about offensive and defensive strategies and even demonstrated some of the moves for the attendees (in slow motion). Or that may have been full speed for them. Defensively, they explained the man to man and zone defenses and other schemes of the game. Interesting were the nuances of stick work, foot work, and hand work involved in the game.

Ken, a soccer official, spoke about the rules of the game. They are much different than many we are familiar with, especially with regards to out of bounds. But also there are legal and illegal sticks that they have to contend with. And even the sticks themselves vary in length with a 40" variety and a 6' long varieties.

And did you know that Ken is in the NCAA record books as officiating the longest lacrosse game in NCAA history? It was a 7 Overtime Game.

Gus, Roger, and Ken all answered tons of questions from an inquisitive bunch of Rotarians. Some new a quite a bit about the sport. Others knew just a little bit about the game of lacrosse. While there were some that next very little. After the program, everyone knew more than they did before our three fellow Rotarians shared their passion for an old game that is flourishing today in high schools, colleges, and even in youth programs in communities all over the area. And a lot of that is because of people like Gus, Roger, and Ken that love the sport!

Slade thanked our visitors for joining us before inviting us to stand and join him in the Four Way Test.

We are reminded one again that some of our very best programs are those by our very own fellow Rotary Club members!



Gus plays a little 'D' on Roger. Below Roger 'teaches'.



These guys were having too much fun! Gus seemed to prefer the old wooden stick, Roger the aluminum one. And in the picture below left, they seemed to enjoy hitting each other as they taught the X's and O's of the game of lacrosse to a bunch of Rotarians.



You could really tell that Roger respected the history of the game.

