



We meet at:

Spare Time Bowling Alley
16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Every Monday
from 5:30 till 6:30 PM

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Upcoming programs, speakers and events:

- December 17 – Social: Christmas Party
- December 24 – No Meeting
- December 31 – No Meeting
- January 7 – Titus Bartalotta
- January 14 –
- January 21 – Brenda Robinson
- January 28 – Margi Kyle
- February 4 –
- February 11 –
- February 18 –
- February 25 –
- March 4 –
- March 11 –
- March 15 – Vocational Trip
to Metrolina Greenhouses
- March 15, 16, 17 – District Conference
in Asheville
- March 18 –
- March 25 –
- March 31 – LAKE NORMAN
MEN THAT COOK
- April 6 – RLI Rotary Leadership Institute



Rotary Club of Huntersville

HUNTERSVILLE HAPPY HOUR MESSAGE

By President Mike Fitzgerald

I hope everyone is enjoying this snow so early in the year! Last week we had a great visit from the students with the Mallard Creek Interact club. It was nice to meet everyone, learn about their passions and what they want to do when they graduate from High School.

Thank you to everyone who helped out for the Huntersville Elementary Santa Shop! It was a huge success.

For the safety of everyone we are calling off our meeting this Monday night. I am really looking forward to our Christmas Social on Monday the 17th. Thanks to Mark and Ann Kincer for hosting.

Everyone please be safe, and we'll see you at the Christmas Party!



Last week's program – Mallard Creek High School Interact Club

8 members from the 75 member Interact Club visited and told us who they are, what they do in their club and their future plans.

We are so proud to sponsor these students.



Club Officers



Mike Fitzgerald
President



Mark Kincer
President-Elect



Ineke Wilson
Secretary, Club Bulletin



Kandi Anne Ranson
Club Treasurer

Club Service



Tom Ford
Sergeant-at-Arms



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Club Greeter



Gay Rudisill
Club Happy Dollars



Bob Wilson
Club Fundraising



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Club Membership



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Club Membership



Peter Capponi
Club Socials



Walter Siegenthaler
Club Programs & Speakers



Kent Pike
Club Entertainment



Erik Franzen
Club Website



Cheryl Holt
Club Raffle



Eileen Solomon
Public Relations



Club Fundraiser – \$1,500 raised for the club

Fraser Fir wreath fresh from Ashe County.



Community Service

Santa's Shop at Huntersville Elementary

Thanks to Tom & Joyce, Erik and Eileen for helping the students each morning from Monday through Friday, buy and wrap presents for their family members.



Community Service



Mark Kincer
Community Service Chair



Tom Schiaffo
Community Service



Joyce Schiaffo
Community Service



Kitty Long
Community - Lydia's Loft



Rick Zoerb
Community - Police



International Service

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International Service Chair



Debbie Jackson
Foundation Chair



Vocational Service

Deborah Wilhelm
Vocational Service Chair



Youth Service

Erin Lyons
Elementary Schools



John Beiler
High Schools



Fred Whaples
North Meck High School



Lew Davidson
Mallard Creek High School



Jeffrey Stern
Education



Past Presidents

Walter Siegenthaler
2017-2018



Debbie Jackson
2016-2017



Michael Dane
2015-2016



Ineke Wilson
2014-2015

Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary
Chartered on June 16, 2014

Students join effort to defeat polio

by LEE SULLIVAN
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HUNTSVILLE – As a result of a school-wide pre-Thanksgiving campaign powered by students at Huntersville Elementary School, up to 2,000 children in isolated parts of the world will receive immunizations against polio.

Partnering with the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club – following the club's late October presentation at the school about "Purple Pinkie Day" and Rotary International's leading role in a global initiative to eradicate polio – HES students united to donate dollars, dimes and all the coins they could gather to support the project.

"It was a little bit of everything," said HES fifth-grade teacher Erin Lyons, who helped coordinate the school project. "Whatever change the kids had, in every grade, they dropped it in."

The multi-week effort resulted in approximately \$225

to help the Rotary-sponsored End Polio Now campaign. As promised, Happy Hour Club Rotarians matched the school's contribution. And through a 2-to-1 pledge of support for the program from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the cash HES students collected will end up providing a \$1,500 boost for the cause.

At ceremonies celebrating the contribution, Happy Hour Club President Mike Fitzgerald, accompanied by fellow club members Ineke Wilson, Eileen Solomon and Mark Kincer, referenced the club's earlier presentation and asked students if they remembered the cost of an individual immunization. Several students gave the correct answer: 75 cents.

"So," Fitzgerald continued, "does anyone know how many immunizations this donation will provide?"

The adults tried some quick calculations, but the fifth-graders representing the student body at the ceremony



Lee Sullivan

Displaying "Purple Pinkie Project" cards and costumes representing some of the countries where polio-fighting programs have been implemented, Huntersville Elementary School students, joined by fifth-grade teacher Erin Lyons and members of the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club, celebrate a donation to finance global immunization efforts.

nies beat them to it. "2,000," several shouted.

Finish in sight for 30-year fight

In 1979, Rotarians worked with the Philippine Ministry of Health to provide polio immunizations to that country's children. Six years later, backed by Rotarians, a worldwide effort began to combat the disease – a contagious viral illness that causes nerve damage and can lead to paralysis, breathing

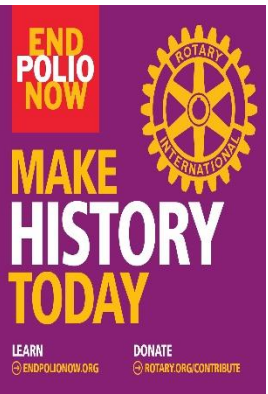
problems and death.

In 1994, polio was eliminated from the United States. In 2002, it was eliminated from Europe. Since the effort began, global polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent. Immunizations all over the world – where children get a purple stamp on their finger indicating they have been treated – has removed the threat of polio from nearly every country. Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan remain. □

Youth & International Service

\$1,500 to End Polio Now!

Thanks to Eileen Solomon, our newest member and Public Image Chair, we made the Huntersville newspaper! Our club members educated students at Huntersville Elementary about how Rotary got involved in eradicating Polio. Huntersville Elementary students raised \$235, the Happy Hour Club matched it to \$500 and with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation \$1,500 was donated to help over 2,000 children to be immunized against polio.



Club Service

Happy Club Member Anniversary

December 28 – Cori Stuart – 2 years

