



Rotary Opens Opportunities

HAPPY HOUR



Rotary Club of Huntersville

We meet at:

Spare Time Bowling Alley
16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Every Monday
from 5:30 till 6:30 PM

For info contact:
Ineke Wilson – 704-905-5002
Website: <https://huntersville-happy-hour-rotary.org/>

Upcoming programs, speakers and events:

- August 10 – Bonnie Battalia
- Saturday August 15 – Community Service at Hind's Feet Farm
- August 17 – District Governor Mike Walker
- August 24 – Justin Dionne
- August 31 – 5th Monday Social
- September 7 – No Meeting – Labor Day
- September 14 – Bol Maywal

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KENT PIKE

Greetings fellow Rotarians. It has turned out to be a beautiful weekend. In Lieu of a meeting this week, we will have a working social at Hinds Feet Farm. We will gather around 5pm till dusk. Bring gloves, and a shovel if you have one. All hands are needed in pulling off this project and any support is welcome. Hinds Feet Farm is located at 14625 Black Farms Road in Huntersville. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reminder there will be no Meeting on Labor Day September 7th.



Club Service

Happy Birthday

- August 16 – Eric Franzen
- August 17 – Shari Garcia
- August 19 – Shayna Inman
- August 22 – Tom Ford
- August 28 – Mark Kincer
- August 31 – Lise Squilace

Happy Anniversary

- August 20 – Kitty & Paul Long
- August 26 – Peter & Gert Capponi

Club Service – 5th Monday Social - Monday August 31 at 5 PM
Hinds Feet Farm, 14625 Black Farms Road, Huntersville

Last week's program

Justin Dionne – Executive Director for the Cain Arts Center in Cornelis.

After a national search that included over 80 candidates from across the country, the Cornelius Arts Center has named Justin Dionne as its first Executive Director. "We are very excited to have Justin on board and are extremely confident in his ability to lead this effort," says Greg Wessling, Chair of the Cornelius Arts Center Board of Directors.



Rotary



Club Officers



Kent Pike
President



Eileen Solomon
President-Elect



Ineke Wilson
Secretary, Historian, Club



Kim Van Sickler
Club Treasurer

Club Service



Tom Ford
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ed Lowry
Sergeant Assistant



Lise Squillace
Club Greeter



Bob Wilson
Club Fundraising



Peter Capponi
Club Socials



Walter Siegenthaler
Club Programs / Speakers



Cheryl Holt
Club Raffle

Eileen Solomon
Public Relations

Shayna Inman
Public Relations

Club Service

Kim Van Sickler – Club Treasurer

Thanks to Kim for stepping up at the last minute to be our new treasurer!

If you want to pay your \$316 yearly dues by check:

Make check out to: Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary
Send to: Kim Van Sickler, 8601 Flanagan Court, Huntersville, NC 28078

If you want to pay by credit card:

Your Yearly Dues: <https://huntersville-happy-hour-rotary.org/yearly-dues>

Your Happy Dollars: <https://huntersville-happy-hour-rotary.org/happy-dollars>



Club Service

Ineke Wilson – Club Distinguished Rotarian 2019-2020

Voted for by the club. Mark sent this message to the District:

Ineke uses her current position as club secretary to keep up with the club bulletins and our communication with the district without fail. She also uses her position as PDG to ensure that each year the new president stays focused on the overwhelming list of tasks that must be completed. She does this without missing a beat. However, what distinguishes her the most as a Rotarian is her ability to attract, recruit, and close new members into our club. Ineke has a connection with almost every club member when they discuss how they got into the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club. Ineke is the definition of a distinguished Rotarian.

Happy Dollars



Welcome our newest member Dana Hicks!



Welcome to the Family of



Dana Hicks

Dana was born in Washington, DC, the first of four boys in the Hicks family. He grew up in Atlanta and studied Industrial & Systems Engineering at Georgia Tech, including a one-year academic exchange at the T. U. Berlin (Germany). He graduated from GT with a Bachelors in Engineering Economic Systems.

Over the course of his career, Dana has worked in sales, marketing, and general management leadership roles across a range of industries: industrial controls & automation systems, telecom equipment, EPC services, management consulting, and water / wastewater treatment systems.

An avid traveler, Dana has traveled to over 30 countries and 48 U.S. states. He served as the Honorary Consul for Canada in Charlotte from 2006-2012. He volunteers and serves on the Board of Directors for the (ihclt.org) International House of Metrolina and LaunchLKN (launchlkn.org). He recently completed training for the Global Leadership Corps of Climate Reality and will put that training into action by educating people about the perils of climate change and the urgency of taking corrective action. In addition to traveling, Dana enjoys hiking in the mountains, kayaking, and ziplining. He and his wife Caroline have been residents of Huntersville for 27 years and have two adult children who live nearby.

Community Service



Erik Franzen
Community Service



Tom Schiaffo
Community Service



Joyce Schiaffo
Community Service



Kim Van Sickler
Community Service



Kitty Long
Community - Lydia's Loft

International Service



Cori Stuart
International Service Chair



Debbie Jackson
Foundation Chair

Vocational Service



Mike Fitzgerald
Vocational Service Chair

Youth Service



Erin Lyons
Huntersville Elementary



John Beiler
High Schools



Fred Whaples
North Meck High School



Lew Davis
Mallard Creek High School

Past Presidents



Mark Kincer
2019-2020



Mike Fitzgerald
2018-2019



Walter Siegenthaler
2017-2018



Debbie Jackson
2016-2017



Michael Dane
2015-2016



Ineke Wilson
2014-2015



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Chartered June 16, 2014



Welcome on Board!



Welcome our new members Ashley and Shari



Ashley Cannon

She is a native of Statesville, North Carolina where she graduated from Statesville High School in 1991. She then entered Wake Forest University where she graduated in 1995. Following graduation, Ashley lived in Nagano, Japan where she taught junior high school English for two years. Upon her return from Japan, Ashley entered law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned her law degree in 2001. She currently manages the law offices of Cannon & Thompson, Attorneys at Law, where she practices criminal defense. Ashley was a former member of the Rotary Club of Troutman where she served as the President in 2017-2018. Ashley has traveled to Nicaragua, Guatemala, Tanzania, and India to participate in international Rotary projects. In her spare time, Ashley enjoys staying active by hiking and running marathons, volunteering in the community, and traveling.

Shari Garcia

Born and raised in Mexico, in a city named Reynosa in the state called Tamaulipas. Her city is right on the border with McAllen, Texas, where she would shop in the malls and pretty much go to the US side of the border to bowling or just hang out with friends. She visited her grandfather in Houston every year. She grew up in a family of 5. Mom Nidia, dad Gerardo, oldest sister Nallely and middle sister Ailyn. She is the youngest sibling. Three years ago her dad re-married and had brother Emanuel. Shari studied Business Administration for one year in the Instituto Tecnológico de Reynosa. She is an international student at Central Piedmont Community College in the International Business Major. In her free time, she likes dancing and baking traditional pastries from her country. She also enjoys exploring and travel new places, volunteer and yoga.

