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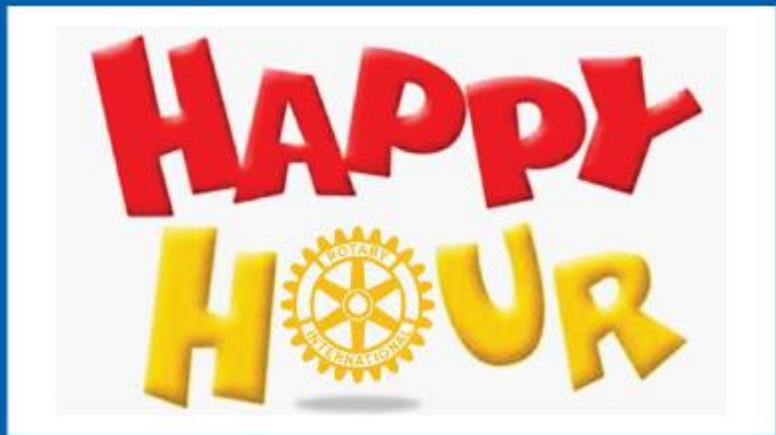
Spare Time Bowling Alley
16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

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:

- July 19 – Tom Waskow
Red Flag - Vietnam
- July 26 – Elizabeth Novak
Alzheimers
- August 2 – Kara Bonvillian
Roc Solid Foundation
- August 9 –
- August 16 –
- August 23 –
- August 30 –
- September 6 – No Meeting
Labor Day
- September 10 & 11 - District Conference
Bohemian Hotel
- September 13 –
- September 20 –



Rotary Club of Huntersville

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY EILEEN SOLOMON

Great to see all of you at our first meeting for the new Rotary year. We had fun playing "team building" games facilitated by our new program chair, Kim Van Sickler. Walter Siegenthaler will now serve as Vocational Service Chair for 2021-2022. Walter, thank you so much for all you have done to bring engaging speakers and programs to our club meetings. I look forward to what you have in store for us in your new leadership role. As we begin the challenge of "changing lives" in this new Rotary year, I also want to give a big shout out to Past President Kent. Kent, thank you for your steadfast leadership during a pandemic. You helped us stay focused and connected to the true purpose of Rotary.



Rotary International President's Message:

"The biggest gift we are given is the power to touch a life, to change, to make a difference in the circle of life. If we can reach out, with our hand, heart and soul, the magic will start to happen as the wheel begins to roll. Let's turn the wheel together so all humanity thrives, we have the power and the magic to Serve to Change Lives." – Shekhar Mehta, President Rotary International, 2021-2022

Youth Service - August 3 - School Supply Drive

A school supply drive is underway for the month of July. The book bag you fill up will be distributed on August 3rd at North Meck Park from 6-8:30 pm for National Night Out sponsored by the Huntersville Police Department.



Program / Speaker for Monday July 19

Lieutenant General Tom Waskow

Back by popular demand. A speaker that you don't want to miss!! Bring a friend.

The Lieutenant General will speak about the US response to the Tsunami in Indonesia in 2004.

Club Officers



Eileen Solomon
President



Kim Van Sickler
President-Elect



Ineke Wilson
Secretary, Historian,
Club Bulletin, Club Trainer



Kent Pike
Treasurer

Club Service



Ed Lowry
Sergeant-at-Arms



Lise Squillace
Club Attendance



Gay Rudisill
Club Happy Dollars



Bob Wilson
Club Fundraising



Juergen Hessenauer
Club Fundraising



Bob Gors
Club Membership



Peter Capponi
Club Socials



Joyce Schiaffo
Club Socials



Kim Van Sickler
Club Programs / Speakers

Community Service – Angels and Sparrows Soup Kitchen

Thursday June 3, July 15 and August 5

Club members Kent, Eileen and neighbor Uni, Eric, Kim, Tom & Joyce, Lise and neighbor Linda, Kitty and family, Dan and Maggi helped pack lunches. The students receiving the lunches live in Huntington Green (Huntersville), Deerhill Apartments (Huntersville), Oakhill Apartments (Davidson), and the Smithville neighborhood (Cornelius). The children sign up for the program through Caterpillar Ministries (Huntington Green), The Neighborhood Care Center in Cornelius (Smithville), and through the Management Office at the two apartment complexes.



June 21 – President Eileen's Installation & Award Ceremony

The evening started off with a greeting from President Kent. PDG Bob Wilson and co-founder of the club did a power point presentation on the history of the past 7 years. Honorary guests were Governor Mike Walker and PDG George Solomon who inducted his wife Eileen as our new president. Governor Mike Walker closed the evening by presenting our club with many District Awards and Accolades.

District Foundation Chair Bob Wilson congratulated Club Foundation Chair Mark Kincer. Out of the 23 members in our club, we have:

- 19 Paul Harris Fellows** (In 2019-2020 we became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club)
- 8 Paul Harris Society Members** (26% of the club. Most % of any club in the District.)
- 3 Major Donors** (members who have given more than \$10,000 in their life time to the Foundation)
- 4 Benefactors** (\$1,000 in their will)
- 2 Bequest Society Members Level Four** (Over \$100,000 in their will)

We have given almost \$73,000 to the Rotary Foundation since the club started. That is more than \$10,000 a year. We are #2 in the District with \$505 per Capita giving.



Community Service – June 18 Huntington Greens Clean Up

Tom Schiaffo and Walter participated in the cleanup on Friday and filled 3 dumpsters full. There were a total of about 15 volunteers plus 8 Huntersville Police Officers.

Club Service contined



Eric Franzen
Club Website



Eileen Solomon
Public Relations



Shari Garcia
Social Media

Community Service



Eric Franzen
Community Service Chair



Tom Schiaffo
Community Service



Joyce Schiaffo
Community Service



Kim Van Sickler
Community - Red Cross



Dana Hicks
Community – River Clean Up



Kitty Long
Community - Lydia's Loft



Rick Zoerb
Community-Huntersville Police

Vocational Service



Walter Siegenthaler
Vocational Service Chair

Foundation Chair



Mark Kincer
Foundation Chair



ROTARY River Cleanup

Rotary Clubs are hosting a **Rotary River Clean Up** at the Lake Wylie River District

Sponsored by Tailrace Marina in Mount Holly
Proceeds support
Catawba Riverkeepers and other local non-profits

Saturday May 15 starting at 9 AM
Kayaks and lunch are provided for \$15
Sign up at bit.ly/rotaryriver

Community Service - May 15 - Rotary River Cleanup

Our fearless leaders Dana Hicks and Franz Lorio spearheaded the Rotary River Clean Up at the Lake Wylie River District. Thanks to Dana, Kent, Eileen, Bob, Ineke, Shari. Great turn out with 40 volunteers and together 1525 lbs of trash was collected. Donated \$500 to the Charlotte Top-of-the-Week Rotary Club, \$500 to the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club, \$1,500 to the Catawba Riverkeepers and \$250 to FrOGs (Friends of the Greenway).



Community Service – May 1 - Lydia's Loft

Our club members John, Eileen, Tom, Joyce, Kent, Shari, Eric and Charlotte helped with sorting the clothes and spruce up the planting beds with pine straw.



International Service



Dana Hicks
International Service Chair



Ashley Cannon
International Service



Shayna Inman
International Service

Youth Service



Erin Lyons
Huntersville Elementary



Kevin Boyle
High Schools - Interact



Lew Davis
Mallard Creek High School

Past Presidents



Kent Pike
2020-2021



Mark Kincer
2019-2020



Mike Fitzgerald
2018-2019



Walter Siegenthaler
2017-2018



Debbie Jackson
2016-2017



Michael Dane
2015-2016



Ineke Wilson
2014-2015

Huntersville Happy Hour
Chartered June 16, 2014



Club Distinguished Rotarian Eric Franzen

We honored Eric Franzen as our Distinguished Rotarian. He has been the Backbone of our club this year, with the pandemic. He has kept us operating with technology and websites on fundraising and events. Without the IT support that he provided it would have been a challenge. In addition Eric stepped in and made our District Grant project at Hinds Feet Farm a success! This year Eric made an impact and we are truly grateful he chose to serve with our club!

Club Service Award

Only 3 clubs in the district earned the Club Service Award. Thanks to our attendance, newspaper article, service projects, socials, vocational talks, public image and district attendance.

Club Service

Happy Birthday
July 17 – Rick Zoerb

Happy Anniversary
July 31 – George & Eileen Solomon



Happy Dollars



Community Service - Hinds Feet Farm

We made the newspaper! Thanks to all Rotarians involved in this project!

Huntersville Rotary project enhances Hinds' Feet Farm

HUNTSVILLE – A local civil club's community service project will enhance the opportunity for expanded activities and daily programs at a facility dedicated to helping adults cope with traumatic brain injuries.

After consulting with Hinds' Feet Farm Director Marty Foil about options for additional assets at the center off Black Farms Road, members of the Happy Hour Rotary Club of Huntersville set about the planning and fundraising to turn a vision into reality.

Through club events and a matching grant opportunity – and some hands-on teamwork by the local Rotarians – the club recently completed the installation of a brick paver patio space and several large planter boxes.

The patio space provides a level area for outdoor therapy sessions and the planter boxes will be used by Hinds' Feet Farm residents and members for container garden projects.

For the project, spearheaded by club member Eric Franzen, the local club raised



Courtesy Happy Hour Rotary Club

Huntersville Rotarians work on a combined patio and planter box project they created at Hinds' Feet Farm last month.

\$8,000. Franzen has been selected to receive Distinguished Rotarian of the Year

honors later this month.

Hinds' Feet Farm is a 21-year-old facility

that offers day and residential programs emphasizing a holistic and wellness approach to help people living with traumatic brain injuries.

The day programs, offered at the main campus in Huntersville and at a center in Asheville, focus on cognitive, emotional, physical, creative, social and pre-vocational activities. And the residential facilities at the Black Farms Road complex provide accommodations and programs for adults requiring varied degrees of daily living assistance.

Residential program members are encouraged to engage, interact and participate in the ongoing activities of the day programs as well.

Hinds' Feet Farm is always open for donations and volunteer assistance, and a current need is for volunteers to help with the center's therapeutic horseback riding program. The daytime program will begin in May and those interested in helping can email arnborn@hindsfeetfarm.org. For additional information and other ways to help or donate, visit hindsfeetfarm.org.