



We meet at:

Spare Time Bowling Alley
16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville, NC 28078

Every Monday
from 5:30 till 6:30 PM

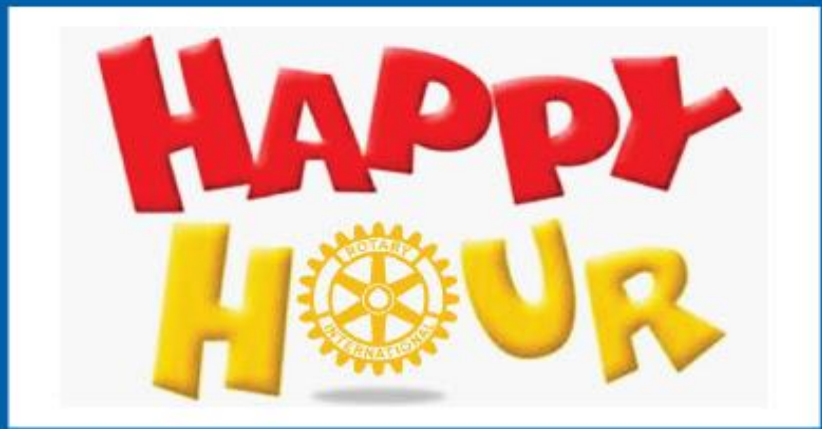
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Upcoming programs, speakers and events:

- March 16 – No Meeting
- March 23 – No Meeting
- March 30 – Zoom Meeting
- April 6 – Zoom Meeting – Kylie Fargo
- April 13 – Easter Monday – No Meeting
- April 20 – Zoom Meeting – Shayna Inman
- April 27 – Zoom Meeting – Shari Garcia
- May 4 – Zoom Meeting – Erin Lyons
- May 11 – Zoom Meeting – Deb Corbett
- May 18 –
- May 25 – No Meeting – Memorial Day

**Fundraiser - Rescheduled
Lake Norman Men That Cook**

Sunday September 27 - 11 am to 2 pm at Langtree Plantation
Teams of 2, 3 or 4 men will bring cooked items for lake residents to eat, taste, or otherwise enjoy.



Rotary Club of Huntersville

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mark Kincer

Happy Sunday Happy Rotarians! And happy May! Things seem to be getting better and we are about to be at the point of deciding what we are gonna do about meetings and projects. Great seeing everyone on zoom. We need to start inviting more folks to attend our virtual meetings and be thinking about growing our club! People are looking for ways to help and Rotary can be just the outlet. "See" you on Monday!

Monday May 4 – Club Zoom Meeting

Thanks to Kent for setting up the link for our Monday's Zoom meetings. We had 19 members and 5 guests join our last zoom meeting. Like to join us? Starts at 5:30 PM.



**Last week's program
International Service
Shari Garcia**

Visiting from Mexico and our club sponsors Shari to be studying International Business at CPCC.

**Club Program – May 4
Youth Service
Erin Lyons**

Teacher at Huntersville Elementary will share how life is teaching 5th grade during the Corona Virus.



Club Officers



Mark Kincer
President



Kent Pike
President-Elect



Ineke Wilson
Secretary, Club Bulletin



Kandi Anne Ranson
Club Treasurer

Club Service



Tom Ford
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Club Greeter



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Club Happy Dollars



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Club Fundraising



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Club Socials



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Club Raffle



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Public Relations



Erik Franzen
Club Website



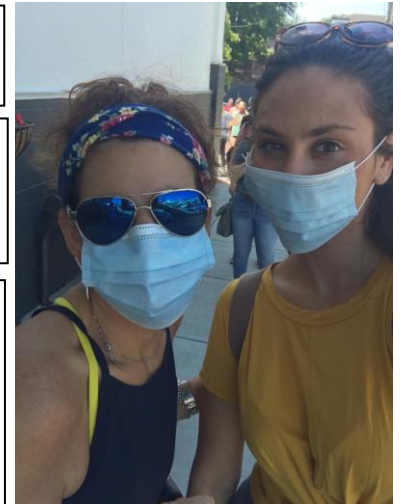
What are our Rotarians up to while staying at home?



Lise is taking time to smell the flowers.

Cheryl did not rob a bank, but visited Trader Joe in Raleigh.

Kim, her husband, son and dog took the opportunity to hike Baker's Mountain near Hickory.



Eileen does not only walk her dog, she also walks the rope. She might be practicing for the circus. She must be going through old photos. This one is from Melbourne on their friendship exchange.

Ineke talks through What's Up with her daughter in the Netherlands, who has her hands full with 2 little ones. Flight was canceled due to the Corona Virus and missed the birth of Zoe. Great staying in touch this way.

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



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



Erin is our Honorary Member and has been a huge part in getting projects done at Huntersville Elementary. Through her help we gave the school a marquis, shades at their picnic area and each year, we educate students and collect money to End Polio.



Purple pinkies help with polio awareness

By LARRY HANPETER
HUNTSVILLE — Members of the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary Club spent the last few weeks advertising via students about countries around the world, polio and what people can help bring an end to polio.

Global Nations that was Oct. 24 and World Polio Day was Oct. 25.

In acknowledgment of both days, the Rotary Club members visited JV Williams Elementary, Huntersville Elementary and Grand Oak Elementary to teach children about the work that Rotary does around the world to end polio and to give children the opportunity to help with the End Polio Now campaign. The campaign promotes funding for polio vaccines.

"One person can make a difference," said Linda Wilson, a member of the Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary. Wilson presented six United Nations and World Polio Day presentations to Huntersville Elementary students on Oct. 25.

Polio can still be found in the vaccine and wear the purple pinkies with pride. But that reason, students who donated by the Rotary Club would have their pinkies painted purple, Wilson said.

The Rotary Club visited schools the past few years as part of the campaign. This year instead of painting the entire pinkie, they painted just the thumb since the paint peeled off easily, said Erin Lyons, a teacher at Huntersville Elementary and member of the Rotary Club who helped with the event.

"I just felt really bad for the people who had polio," said Taylor Aldrich, a Huntersville Elementary student, as she reflected on why the chore to donate was in the cause.

She and other students proudly showed off their purple pinkies after donating to the cause.

"The Rotary Club members and I were so excited to get together after a lesson about polio on how Rotary Club members work to end polio," said Erin Lyons.

"Polio, Afghanistan and Nigeria," Wilson said.

"She explained to students that when children are given the polio vaccine, their pinkies are painted purple to make sure no one is overlooked. The children are happy to receive

Students join effort to defeat polio

By LEE SELLMAN
HUNTSVILLE — As a result of a school-wide pro-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 President Mike Fitzgerald, accompanied by fellow club members Ineke Wilson, Eileen Solomon and Mark Kincaid, reinforced 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, "has anyone know how many immunizations this donation will provide?"

The adults used some quick calculations, but the fifth-graders representing the student body at the ceremony to help the Rotary-sponsored End Polio Now campaign.

As promised, Happy Hour Club members matched the school's contribution. And through a 2-861 pledge of support for the program from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the club HES students collected will end up providing a \$1,500 boost for the cause.

At ceremonies celebrating the contribution, Happy Hour Club members Ineke Wilson, Eileen Solomon and Mark Kincaid reinforced 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.

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Club enhances HES communication options

HUNTSVILLE — Sharing the news about school events, projects and special recognitions is easier now at Huntersville Elementary School thanks to a contribution from a local civic organization.

Continuing a partnership with HES, the Happy Hour Rotary Club of Huntersville provided funding for the addition of an LED digital marquee now in service along the school's Gilead Road frontage. The marquee displays school announcements and updates.

This latest donation for a school project evolved based on a needs assessment provided by HES Principal Jeff Ruppenthal. Previously, the club raised funds for two outdoor canopies for picnic areas on the school campus.

Fundraising efforts from the club's Men That Cook event earlier this year raised \$5,000 targeted for the school marquee.

"Our club was able to double that amount through a Rotary District matching grant and purchase the sign," club president Mark Kincaid said. "We are delighted the sign is up and ready for students and their parents."

The matching grant came through Rotary District 7680, which serves 14 counties in the state's west-central region.

Town and school representatives, Happy Hour Rotary Club members and fifth grade members of the Huntersville Elementary School Safety Patrol (no doubt smiling due to the sign's message) at dedication ceremonies for the school's new marquee.

