

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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:

September 7 – No Meeting
Labor Day

September 14 – Bol Maywal
Peace Scholar

September 21 – Bruce McDonald
Beds for Kids

September 28 – Mike Walker
District Governor

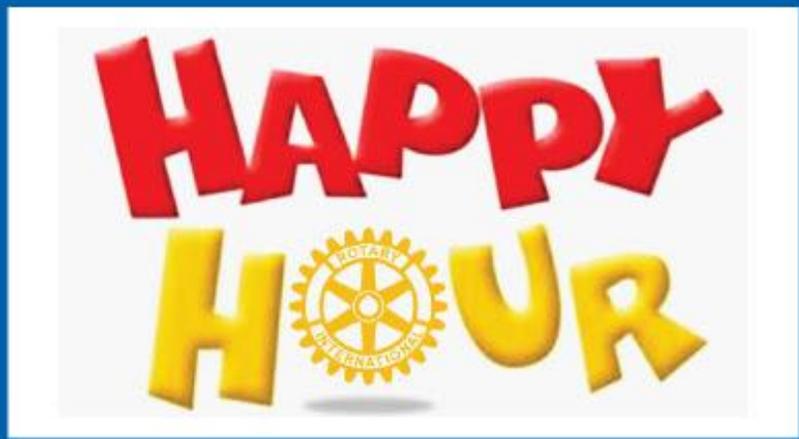
October 3 – Community Service
Catawba Riversweep

October 5 –

October 12 –

October 19 –

Rotary



Rotary Club of Huntersville

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KENT PIKE

Dear Fellow Rotarians.

I hope you enjoyed your Labor Day break, however I missed you guys.

Eric has been definitely leading us with our community service project at Hinds Feet Farm. I hope you have had time to contribute to this project.

This week Boy Maywal will speak to us about the American Dream. I hope that even though our country is in a time of turmoil we can all cherish what we have as a country.

See you Monday on Zoom. We will also discuss what club meetings look like going forward.

Bol Maywal

Speaker, Author, Peace Scholar, US Army Officer

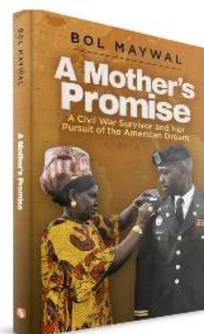
BOL MAYWAL is a US citizen born in the middle of the Second Sudanese Civil War in a displacement camp in El Haj' Yousif, Sudan. The war erupted in 1983 and officially ended in 2005. In 1997, Bol and his family fled Sudan and lived in a United Nations (UN) refugee camp in Egypt for several years. In 2001, Bol and family came to the US with assistance from the United Nations and Catholic Social Services, now called Catholic Charities. He entered elementary school unable to speak English and faced challenges as a refugee integrating into the local community. He persevered and earned his US citizenship on April 24, 2009.

From these life experiences, Bol has dedicated himself to serving others. He is a peace scholar, a former NATO Peacemaker, and a US Army officer. He worked briefly as a case coordinator for the Catholic Charities refugee resettlement office. Bol hopes to be a proactive global peacebuilder.

In 2013, Bol earned his bachelor's degree from Belmont Abbey College on an Army ROTC Scholarship, majoring in political science and minoring in military science. In 2015, as an officer in the US Army, he volunteered for a NATO Peace Operation Mission in Kosovo and was awarded a Non-Article 5 NATO Peace Medal in the service of peace and freedom. In early 2016, Bol was nominated by District 7680 as a candidate for a Rotary Peace Fellowship to study peace, conflict, and development at the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. He graduated in 2019 with his master's degree and was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bol is the author of *A Mother's Promise: A Civil War Survivor and Her Pursuit of the American Dream*, a special tribute to his mother who raised him to be the leader he is today. He hopes the book can serve as an example to other young men and provide encouragement to widows, single mothers, and mothers to be the best versions of themselves to their children. He hopes this book can shed a positive light on refugees and immigrants and their contributions to America.

Bol believes that his mother's sacrifices contributed greatly to his success in life, and he is as proud of her as she is of him. Bol held numerous leadership positions to include deputy company commander with a unit in Georgia, United States. Bol hopes to go into politics, and he is determined to make a difference as a servant leader.



Monday
September 14
Bol Maywal
Rotary Peace Scholar

Monday
September 21
Bruce McDonald
Beds for Kids

Monday
September 28
Mike Walker
District Governor

Saturday
October 3
Catawba Riversweep
Community Service

Club Officers



Kent Pike
President



Eileen Solomon
President-Elect



Ineke Wilson
Secretary, Historian,
Club Bulletin



Kim Van Sickler
Club Treasurer

Club Service



Tom Ford
Sergeant-at-Arms



Ed Lowry
Sergeant Assistant



Lise Squillace
Club Greeter



Gay Rudisill
Club Happy Dollars



Bob Wilson
Club Fundraising



Bob Gors
Club Membership



Peter Capponi
Club Socials



Joyce Schiaffo
Club Socials



Walter Siegenthaler
Club Programs / Speakers

Community Service - Hinds Feet Farm

Hinds Feet Farm is a resident (and day patient) facility that treats patients with traumatic brain injuries. Their motto is "helping survivors of brain injury through unique programs, education, outreach, and advocacy". The members have raised bed gardens. The planters are approximately 5' apart to ultimately allow for wheelchair access.

The ground is natural and uneven and is not end user friendly. Our club will install pavers around the gardens and provide an even walking surface for the patients as they are having therapy-based walks and outside time. Rotary themed benches will also be installed to allow for rest areas and areas of repose for the patients, staff, and volunteers. Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary club will raise \$4,000 of the approximately \$8,000 in total cost. The other \$4,000 comes from a matching district grant.



Hinds Feet Farm update

Under the leadership of our fearless leader Eric Franzen the end is in sight. Guys from Baileys Glenn came out and Rotarians Walter, John Beiler, Tom Ford, Peter and candidate Dickson. 90% done on the pavers and Tom Ford has all raised garden boxes disassembled with plan for rebuild.



Thanks to the help of Marty Foil, Dan Sowery, Sam Helland, Bob Hixon and Dave Handy, who are all neighbors and residents of the Bailey's Glen community and do volunteer work together.



Club Service contined



Erik Franzen
Club Website



Kent Pike
Club Entertainment



Cheryl Holt
Club Raffle



Eileen Solomon
Public Relations



Shayna Inman
Public Relations

Community Service



Erik Franzen
Community - Hinds Feet Farm



Tom Schiaffo
Community Service



Joyce Schiaffo
Community Service



Kim Van Sickler
Community Service



Dana Hicks
Community – Riversweep



Kitty Long
Community - Lydia's Loft



Rick Zoerb
Community – Police

Club Service

Happy Birthday

September 4 – Cori Stuart
September 5 – Kim Van Sickler
September 7 – Joyce Schiaffo
September 7 – Ashley Cannon

Happy Anniversary

September 14 – Juergen & Margaret Hessenauer
September 16 – Tom & Joyce Schiaffo
September 24 – Walter & Lissa Siegenthaler



Happy Dollars



Club Service

Ineke Wilson – Club Distinguished Rotarian 2020

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.



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.

International Service



Cori Stuart
International Service Chair



Ashley Cannon
International Service



Shari Garcia
International Service



Mark Kincer
Foundation Chair

Vocational Service



Mike Fitzgerald
Vocational Service Chair



Erin Lyons
Huntersville Elementary



John Beiler
High Schools – Interact



Kevin Boyle
High Schools - Interact



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

Huntersville Happy Hour
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.

