

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  
September 21 – Bruce McDonald  
September 28 – District Governor Walker

### 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

Rotary



# HAPPY HOUR



## Rotary Club of Huntersville

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### BY KENT PIKE

Greetings fellow Rotarians,

This Monday is Labor Day dedicated to the social and economic achievements we as Americans have made. As Rotarians our labor and support of the community is invaluable. I trust that you will take this day to be with your family and reflect on the contributions that you have made to our society. All of your contributions are appreciated as members of this club. Next week back to normal schedule with a normal online meeting on the 16th. At that point the Governor (may) have opened us up to Phase 3 which means the Spare Time may reopen but they have not posted anything on their facebook page since May 13th. Will evaluate this as a club and see where we will go from here. Have a great Labor Day.

Monday September 7  
No Meeting - Labor Day

Monday September 14  
Bol Maywal - Rotary Peace Scholar

### 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 Yusoff, 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 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.

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.



## 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



**Gay Rudisill**  
Club Happy Dollars



**Bob Wilson**  
Club Fundraising



**Bob Gors**  
Club Membership



**Peter Capponi**  
Club Socials



**Walter Siegenthaler**  
Club Programs / Speakers



**Kent Pike**  
Club Entertainment



**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:**

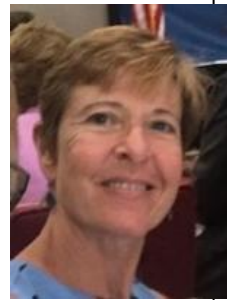
Make check out to: Huntersville Happy Hour Rotary

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-dollars1>



## 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



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.

