



# Rotary Spoke

Hickory Rotary Club

Established 1921



## Today's Program

January 8, 2009

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**A**ngela Chapman will speak to the club about the YMCA Children's Fund.

Each year the YMCA organizes volunteers, who care deeply about the children and families in our community, to raise funds so that the YMCA can serve children, families and adults. Historically, nearly one out of every five persons in the YMCA needs financial support.

Each day your YMCA cares for nearly 300 children (50% under the age of 6) in the Y's three Child Development Centers and School Age Child Care Site.

In 2008, 6560 people received financial assistance so that they can obtain a healthier lifestyle, relieve their daily stresses, develop healthy eating habits, reduce their risk of disease and/or strengthen their family in a wholesome Christian environment.

More than 1500 children received swim lessons and instruction in aquatic safety, so that the YMCA can do our part in drowning prevention and water safety.

The YMCA's C.O. Miller Teen Center is playing a vital role in building assets with teens by providing a supervised Christian environment for teens to socialize, do homework, and learn new skills in music and computers, while getting the opportunity to give back to their community through structured service-learning projects. Nearly 50 teens each day enjoy this new opportunity.

These are just a few of the examples of your YMCA at work in your community. The YMCA's vision is to build assets in kids, strengthen and support families, help teenagers transition to adulthood, and provide a safe environment for all adults to obtain total health. With your help the YMCA can achieve this vision. Jonathan Waters will introduce the speaker.



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## Thank you, Bell Ringers!

*The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Committee says thanks to the circa 50 Rotarians for giving of their time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year. Several of you gave more than one hour during our three days of ringing and the committee thanks you and the Salvation Army thanks you all. A special word of gratitude to the members of the Hickory High Interact Club who handled 4 slots on December 19. While the dollar results of our "ringing" may not be known for several days, we're certain that our time and our personal contributions are "doing the most good" for those in need. Happy New Year!*



**H**appy New Year! While 2008 left us with a huge economic mess to deal with, turning the page to a new year allows us to make somewhat of a fresh start, with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the hard work ahead. For Rotarians, that also means a renewed commitment to the principles that guide our own work, namely the Four-way Test and our motto of "Service Above Self."



President  
Lamar  
Mitchell

Our first and main order of business for the second half of our Rotary year is Rotary Unlimited. As of today, **we have 49 days until the event.** That doesn't leave us much time to fulfill our individual obligations to the event. As already announced, each member is expected to: 1) buy-sell two tickets to the event and 2) procure at least one item for the silent auction. Tickets are \$100 each, but it bears repeating that this cost entitles the attendee to a great meal and an open bar for a cash value of \$40-\$50. The rest of the ticket price counts as a contribution to our primary cause of education. (Les Whicker and his Education Foresight committee will have more information about the specific educational programs being supported with these funds.) Everything taken on by us in the first half of this Rotary year was a warm-up to this. John Tippett, Steve Mull and the rest of the committee have been working hard to make this event a success, and we all owe them the courtesy of holding up our own end of the bargain in a timely fashion. That would certainly be fair to all concerned and build goodwill and better friendships.

The bringing in of a new year also means that we are on the downhill end of one presidential term and beginning the preparation for the next. To that end, President-Elect Mitzi Gellman is looking for a few good men and women in our club to serve on the board. We will be holding elections for our officers and new directors in the next several weeks, so if you are interested in serving the club in this capacity, please make yourself known either to Mitzi or myself. As a director, you will be integral in shaping the vision and direction of the club, and with the renewed spirit and enthusiasm that has been generated by Survivor, I have to say that there couldn't be a more exciting time to be part of this team. This club has yet to realize its full potential, and whether you are new or a longtime member, you might be just the person to help us get there.

## Make-Up Opportunities

### Monday

- 12:00 pm Blowing Rock Rotary, Chetola Resort
- 12:30 pm Lincolnton Rotary Club, First Baptist Church

### Tuesday

- 6:44 am Caldwell County Rotary, Lenoir Golf Club
- 12:00 pm Lake Hickory Rotary Club, Lake Hickory Country Club
- 12:00 pm Granite Falls Club, Granite Falls Civic Center
- 12:00 pm Valdese Rotary Club, Rock School Building
- 12:15 pm Newton-Conover Rotary, Catawba Country Club
- 12:15 pm Statesville Rotary Club, Statesville Country Club

### Wednesday

- 7:00 am Hickory Sunrise Rotary Club, Lenoir-Rhyne Bear's Lair
- 7:30 am Denver Lake Norman Rotary, Westport Country Club
- 12:00 pm Taylorsville Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church
- 12:15 pm Morganton Rotary Club, Morganton Community House

### Thursday

- 7:00 am Catawba Valley Rotary Club, Rock Barn Country Club
- 7:30 am Lincolnton Sunrise Rotary, Lincoln Country Club
- 12:30 pm Greater Statesville Rotary, Statesville Country Club

### Friday

- 12:15 pm Lenoir Rotary Club, Cedar Rock Country Club

### Anytime

[www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

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## 50 Years Ago This Week at Hickory Rotary Club

Two American Field Service exchange students – one a girl from Turkey who is attending Hickory High School in Hickory this year, and the other a local girl who spent last summer in Denmark – addressed members of the club and their guests.

Miss Gunyuz Acar of Zonguldak, near the Black Sea, is the Turkish girl who is temporary resident of our city, being a “daughter” at present in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Pugh.

Miss Edith Geitner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geitner, Jr., is the Hickory girl who went to Europe last summer on an American Field Service Scholarship.



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## Rotary Unlimited—February 26

We have just 49 days until Rotary Unlimited!

Have you bought or sold your two tickets to the event and procured at least one auction item?

If you have any questions, please contact:

John Tippett (485-4237 at work, or [john.tippett@wpcog.org](mailto:john.tippett@wpcog.org)) or Steve Mull (312-3285 on cell, or [smull@charter.net](mailto:smull@charter.net))

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## Club Assignments

Date	Today	15-Jan	22-Jan	29-Jan
Program	Jonathan Waters	John Tippett	Neil Underdown	Charles Snipes
Club Health	John Milholland	Allen Finley	Jill Patton	Tom Adkins
Badge	Jonathan Waters	Homer Newton	Pedie King	Steve Snyder
Raffle	Graham Hun-	Phil DiCasolo	Amy Powell	Karla Woggon
Visitors	Susan Allshouse	Ann Stalnaker	Dan Stewart	Jerry Gaillard
Greeter	Anne Williams	Bill Dodd	Rose Mary Cheek	Rusty Roberts
Music	Allen Finley	Allen Finley	Allen Finley	Allen Finley

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## Upcoming Events

**January 15:** Sherry Long with Western Piedmont Council of Governments will talk about foreclosure prevention.

**February 26:** Rotary Unlimited

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### The Rotary Four Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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