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Rotary Club of Hertford

Meeting Activities and Events

September 20, 2022

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District # 7720

Club # 6109

Quote of the Day

" The most terrifying words in the English language: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

--Ronald Reagan

Guests

Ashley Hodges, Mayor
Pro-tem & speaker today

Birthdays

Henry House

Member Anniversaries

None

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Program Schedule

09/27 Assembly
10/04 Mike Throckmorton
10/11 Karen Throckmorton
10/18 Jack Boone (SOM)
10/25 Henry House
11/01 Tim Brinn
11/08 Winfield Boyer
11/15 Carlton Davenport (SOM)
11/22 Lee Duncan
11/29 Assembly

Attendance

Members Present 15
Attendance % 48

Bob opened the meeting at 7:00 am. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang God Bless America, then Bob gave the Invocation.

Announcements

- * Please continue supporting Hunger Heroes. Focus on healthy foods (items with less sugar & salt).
- * The District Conference will be Sep 23-25 at the Ballast Hotel in Wilmington, NC.
- * Rotary District 7720 is doing a project to collect Ukraine supplies. Since these items will be taken to the District Conference on Friday, please get any donations to Bob no later than this Thursday.

Program

Tim presented Ashley Hodges, Mayor Pro-tem of Hertford. Ashley has a professional career history that goes back to military intelligence, then a major Defense contractor before getting into local politics in Hertford. He and his wife Sonia have 2 daughters. For his presentation he broke up the topics into 4 areas: 1. Where we've been; 2. 'Turning the Ship'; 3. Where we are now; 4. Where we're Going. In 2019, when he started work for Hertford, the town was in a financial mess. With depreciating property values, insufficient tax revenue and a water & sewer system that was not paying for itself, savings were being used to meet costs. Changes started with increasing taxes, water & sewer price increases, decreasing costs, and implementing financial controls, etc. Today Hertford has the largest amount of grant income than any time in its history. Stability in administrative processes, human capital, and more have had a big impact. As for an outlook, plans are underway to ensure a healthy future for the town.

Concluding Activities

- * Happy Bucks: Frank, Connie & Micki
- * 50/50 Raffle: Frank won & donated it to CART.
- * Members recited the 4-Way Test.
- * The meeting adjourned at 8:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by Bob.