



Newton-Conover

Club 6038

THE PITCH



Club Leaders



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President



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President-Elect



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Club Director



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Dan Timmerman
Club Director



Penn G. Waldron
Club Director



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Club Director
Rotary Foundation Chair



Duane L. Gibbs
Club Director
Membership Chair



Joy B. Cline
CART Fund Chair
Club Public Image Secretary

Club Vision

Be recognized as a vibrant club, working together to make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

AGENDA

February 6, 2024

Call to order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Song

Visitor and Guest Recognition

Announcements

Program

Adjourn with Four-Way Test

SONG

Heâ€™s Got the Whole World in His Hands

Heâ€™s got the whole world in His hands,
Heâ€™s got the whole world in His hands,
Heâ€™s got the whole world in His hands,
Heâ€™s got the whole world in His hands.

Heâ€™s got everybody here in His hands,
Heâ€™s got everybody there in His hands,
Heâ€™s got everybody everywhere in His hands,
Heâ€™s got the whole world in His hands.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jane Bower, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Catawba County(HSCC) will share with members about their services and resources. The mission of HSCC is to promote animal welfare in our community by providing shelter and compassionate care to homeless companion animals while leading our region in low-cost spay/neuter initiatives, education on the humane treatment of animals, and adoption services. The vision for the future is that no adoptable animal will be euthanized in Catawba County, and overpopulation, cruelty and inhumane treatment of animals will cease to exist.

Today's program was brought to you by Rotarian David Brown.

SERVICE PROJECTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

-The Rotary Club of Newton Conover continues to meet at noon the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The Board will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 11am. We meet at Newton City Hall-Gantt Room (lower level).

-HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY CLUB OF NEWTON CONOVER! On January 25, our Rotary Club turned 75 years old!

-Our Rotary Club will volunteer at The Corner Table on Thursday, February 22, 9am - 12:30pm - prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning.

-SUPPORT CART Fund!

-Follow Rotary Club of Newton-Conover on Facebook for additional information on Rotary activities.

-Questions/changes: contact Joy Cline, jcline@bolickfoundation.org

PROGRAMS

Gerami-Markham, Jenny	1/16/2024	Rik Covalinski, Executive Director of Neighbors Network
Brown, David	2/6/2024	Jane Bower, Executive Director of the Humane Society
Austin, Thad	2/20/2024	Author Rev. Dr. Thad Austin, Caring for Clergy
Hart, Tom	3/5/2024	Nat Auten, YMCA/Conover

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Rotary 4-Way Test

**Of the things we think, say or do
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover celebrated the conclusion of their fiscal year with an installation of new officers and directors and the



announcement of a new Rotary theme.

Siobhan Loendorf, Director of Catawba County Library System, accepted the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Newton Conover.

Loendorf is at the helm of the County's seven branch library system with locations in Newton, Claremont, Conover, Maiden, St. Stephens, Southwest Hickory and Sherrills Ford-Terrell. She obtained a Bachelor of French Education degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Newton Conover since 2017.

The following Rotarians were installed as Officers and Board Members for the 2023-2024 year.

Siobhan Loendorf, President
Chief Vidal Sipe, President Nominee
Joy Cline, Secretary
Corky Upchurch, Treasurer
Dan Timmerman, Director
Dianna Cloninger, Director
Bobby Boyd, Director
Duane Gibbs, Director
Penn Waldron, Director
Rex Thompson, Director

This year the Rotary International theme is "Create Hope in the World." The goal is to restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and to help achieve lasting change. There is emphasis on the need for peace and continuity, including work to empower women and work toward diversity, equity, and inclusion, while not neglecting the Rotary mission to end polio.

Rotary unites people from all continents and cultures who take action to deliver real, long-term solutions to the world's most persistent issues. Through volunteering, 1.2 million Rotarians nationally and internationally make lifelong friendships that transcend political and cultural boundaries and foster global understanding and respect. Rotarians engage with each other and use these connections to build partnerships that change the world. Anyone interested in being involved in the Rotary Club of Newton Conover may contact Joy Cline at jcline@bolickfoundation.org.

Pictured: Installation of Officers-(l-r) Joy Cline, Chief Vidal Sipe, Siobhan Loendorf, Larry Robinson, Corky Upchurch, Duane Gibbs, Dan Timmerman, Rex Thompson

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast Planned



The Rotary Club of Newton Conover will host a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, November 11th from 8am-11am at Conover VFW Post 5305 (2163 E. NC Hwy. 10, Conover, NC).

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover annually recognizes veterans and has chosen to partner with

the VFW Post 5305 to honor local veterans in the community. A breakfast, organized by Rotarian Duane Gibbs will be prepared and served by Rotarians, along with great fellowship and reminiscing among those in attendance.

“As Rotarians, we wish to promote Americanism by means of education in patriotism,” shared Rotarian Gibbs. “We are grateful for the service of each and every veteran who has honorably served our nation with great distinction.”

All Catawba County veterans are welcome to attend. Reserve a spot by contacting Gibbs at 828.781.0979 by November 8.

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover was chartered in 1949. The club's mission is "Be recognized as a Vibrant Club Working Together to Make a Lasting Impact on the Lives of Others." Currently, the Rotary Club of Newton Conover has approximately 35 active members. For additional information, contact Joy Cline, jcline@bolickfoundation.org.

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Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Song of the Day
Visitor and Guest Recognition
Announcements
Introduction of Guest Speaker and Program
Rotary Split Pot Drawing
Adjourn with Rotary Four Way Test

SONG OF THE DAY

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Our speaker is

Today's program is brought to you by Rotarian .

CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Date Program

Please submit program information two weeks in advance to: Joy Cline, Club Secretary at jcline@uchas.org

SERVICE PROJECTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?
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he Rotary Club of Newton-Conover Recognizes Decades of Perfect Attendance

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Thursday, September 28, 2017

Club President, Mary Furtado, pinned fellow Rotarians to recognize years of perfect attendance. Corky Upchurch celebrated 25 years of perfect attendance. Dan Timmerman received his award for 40 years of perfect attendance. With 54 years of perfect attendance, Tom Warlick was recognized and pinned. #ServiceAboveSelf #Rotary



Rotarians Learn About United Church Homes and Services

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Thursday, January 4, 2018



Shaylyn Ladd presenting to the Twilight Satellite Rotary Club of Newton-Conover about United Church Homes and Services.

Salvation Army Shares at Club Meeting

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Friday, February 16, 2018

This week, we had a visit from Salvation Army's Steve Aaron and Capt. Tim Delaney, who updated the club on their activities around the world and right here at home in Catawba County. Our club raised over \$11,000 to support Salvation Army this Christmas. #serviceaboveself



Satellite Club Learns about Neighbors Network

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Friday, February 16, 2018



Neighbors Network presented at the Satellite Club last week. Dianna Osborne shared the valuable resources and services this non-profit provides to enable older adults to "thrive in community."

Rotarians Take a Hands-On Approach to Learn More About Fire Safety

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Tuesday, February 27, 2018

City of Newton Senior Fire Inspector, George Lutz, gave a great hands-on presentation about fire safety and how to properly use a fire extinguisher. Rotarians got to test their learning by trying their hands putting out fires in the parking lot outside the meeting. Great program, Greg Terry!! Thanks for arranging!



A Toast to Service Above Self

By Jenny Gerami-Markham on Wednesday, March 7, 2018



Associated Brands fine wine specialist, Christina McClelland, visited the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover today to demystify the process of pairing wines with food. Club members Jeanette Ringley and Pat Gibson looked to be enjoying themselves as they shared a toast. To service above self!!

A History of Piedmont NC

By Robert Christian Silber on Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Gary Freeze, local historian extraordinaire, returned to the Newton-Conover club, via invitation from Rotarian Sylvia Ray.

Gary enlightened the club on the history of the Piedmont, with origins into Maryland and down to Georgia. An interesting factoid was Hickory's thought of changing its name to Piedmont City. Indeed, back in the day with tobacco as an industry, it was desirable to be marketed as the Piedmont.

Our thanks to Gary for another fascinating program!



Satellite Club Hosts Joint Social

By Suzanne White on Thursday, June 22, 2017



The Newton Conover Satellite Club hosted a joint social with the Main Club, sharing their vision and presenting President Bob Silber with a token of their gratitude: a 3D printed Rotary Wheel! It was, as always, a great day to be a Rotarian!

Rotarians Learn about Local Beekeeping

By Suzanne White on Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Local beekeeper Arvil Price speaks to the Newton Conover Rotary club about local beekeeping and what we can do to live more bee friendly lives.



Rotarians Learn about YMCA's Live Strong Program

By Suzanne White on Tuesday, May 30, 2017



The club heard from returning Rotarian Nat Auten and a few members of his team about the Live Strong program at the Hickory YMCA.

Satellite Club Delivers

By Suzanne White on Wednesday, May 24, 2017

The Newton Conover Twilight Satellite Club practices Service Above Self, delivering school supplies, paper products, and goodie bags to the Adult Basic Education Program at [Catawba Valley Community College](http://www.catawba.edu).



Rotarian Shares Chernobyl Trip with Rotarians

By Suzanne White on Tuesday, May 23, 2017



Rotarian and Mayor of Hickory Jeff Cline talks with Rotarians about his recent trip to Chernobyl.

Newton Conover Rotary Car Show

By Suzanne White on Saturday, April 29, 2017

Newton-Conover Rotary Club celebrates successful fundraising and community fun with the 4th annual Newton-Conover Rotary Car Show.



District 7670 Conference

By Suzanne White on Saturday, April 29, 2017



Club members attended, learned, and enjoyed fellowship at the Rotary District 7670 Conference.

Rotarians Learn about Well Business in Catawba

By Suzanne White on Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Rotarians learned about Catawba Valley Medical Center's WellBusiness Program and had a surprise visit from a Rotarian from the Sunrise Rotary Club of Burlington Vermont!



NEWTON-CONOVER ROTARIAN SYLVIA KIDD RAY NAMED RECIPIENT OF CATAWBA COUNTY SPIRIT AWARD

Tuesday, March 21, 2017



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Celebrating Suess Reading Day

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Rotary Club of Newton-Conover supports Dr. Suess Reading Day [Read More](#)



Bill Lutz wins a Paul Harris Fellow

Wednesday, March 1, 2017



Rotarian Bill Lutz wins a Paul Harris Fellow! [Read More](#)

Catawba County Commissioners Recognize Rotary Foundation Anniversary

Monday, February 27, 2017

Catawba County Commissioners, at their February 20th meeting, presented a Proclamation to Rotary. [Read More](#)



Twilight Satellite Club Formed with 8 Inductees

Wednesday, February 15, 2017



Following a vision, a strategic plan, and work by the dedicated ad-hoc committee, the Twilight Satellite Club of the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover formally launched on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

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Rotarians Learn Important Estate Planning Information

By Suzanne White on Friday, December 9, 2016

Kimberly Whitley, attorney and partner with Patrick, Harper, and Dixon, shared important information about estate planning with Rotarians at the December 6th meeting. [Read More](#)



Rotarians Learn about VR in Schools

By Suzanne White on Friday, December 9, 2016



At the November 8th meeting, Marty Sharpe with Catawba County Schools shared how students are learning new STEAM and technology skills, including using Virtual Reality applications, and how our schools are preparing students for life in the ever-changing digital world.

Conover PD shares Crime Scene Investigation Techniques

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Investigator Jerry Lepage reveals crime scene investigation is unlike TV shows. [Read More](#)



Sidney Halma Shares Highlights of the Newly Published Catawbans Volume

By Suzanne White on Wednesday, October 26, 2016



Sidney Halma, editor of the newly published final volume of the "Catawbans", shared highlights of the work with Rotarians at the October 18 meeting. The Catawbans is a Catawba County history trilogy authored by Catawba College history professor Gary Freeze.

Rotarians Hear About Catawba Science Center

By Suzanne White on Sunday, October 16, 2016

Rotarians heard from Catawba Science Center's Executive Director Alan Barnhardt about the many programs and services of the center that contribute to STEM learning for students.



Members Recognized at Rotary Club Assembly

By Suzanne White on Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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