

BULLETIN: For Wednesday, April 23, 2025
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Club Meeting

Belmont First Presbyterian Church
102 S. Central Ave.
Belmont, NC 28012

Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM

Birthdays



William Jacob McLean III
 May 1st

Wedding Anniversaries



Jo Elizabeth B Hollars
 April 25th



Wallace N. Aldrich
 May 8th



Don M. Hartsoe
 May 20th



Tammey C. Thomas
 May 20th



Jennifer Grant
 May 21st

Club Officers



Kenneth J Pahon
 President-Elect
 President



Jennifer Grant
 Treasurer

Speakers

April 23rd

Gayle Smith, Dahlia Grove, Inc.

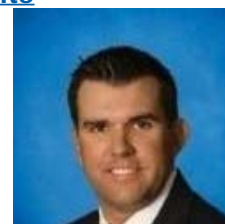
Gayle is founder and director of Dahlia Grove, a nonprofit empowering and employing women exploited through human trafficking, domestic and sexual violence. Dahlia Grove's catering service will provide lunch. Mike Giang is program host.



April 30th

Barry Dyche, Franklin Templeton Investments

Barry Dyche is vice president at Franklin Templeton Investments, and he will speak about the economy and the financial markets. Rotarian Thomas Hunter, III will host the program.



LAST WEEK AT ROTARY

Belmont Rotary welcomes 2 new members

Wednesday, April 16, 2025



Belmont Rotary Club welcomed new members Fred Clemmer (second from left) and Madison Illges (center) at the meeting on April 16, 2025. Fred is retired after working in environmental health in Iredell and Cabarrus counties. Madison is executive director of the



Bradford R. Frazier
President-
Nominee



Ted B. Hall
Public
Relations/Image
Chair



Michelle Petty
Membership Chair



Thomas M. Hunter III
iPast President

District Officers



Kevin Kendrick
District Governor



Donna M. Moffett
DG - Elect



Laurel Roe Morris
Assistant
Governor- Gaston
County

MITE non-profit organization headquartered at the former National Mill on Catawba Street in Belmont. Fred's membership was proposed by Rotarian Jim Davidson who was unable to attend. Standing in (at left) was Rotarian Dr. Brad Frazier of Belmont Abbey College. Madison was proposed as a member by Rotarian Ted Hall (second from right). Club President Ken Pahon (right) presided at the induction ceremony.

The South Fork Boys remembered

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DAR representatives (from left) Laura Duncan and Eva Ann Via with Belmont Historical Society officer Elizabeth Atterberry and Belmont Rotarian Tom Hunter, Jr., who hosted the program. They're holding a photo of the new historical marker honoring the South Fork Boys, which was placed recently in front of Crossfix Ministries at 6131 Wilkinson Boulevard in Belmont. See a larger photo of the marker below.

"Face to the hill!"

*Command shouted by Major William Chronicle
moments before dying in battle*

Almost 245 years ago, 25-year-old Major William Chronicle led a force of about two dozen young men, some as young as 16, out of the South Fork River area in what is now Belmont to join other Patriots and confront British Major Patrick Ferguson and his regiment of American Loyalists at Kings Mountain.

It had been more than four years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and Ferguson was waging an aggressive campaign of intimidation against citizens and Patriot forces in the Carolinas.

Major Chronicle and three other members of his South Fork Boys died on Oct. 7, 1780, in a battle that has been recognized as a turning point of the Revolutionary War in the South. Major Ferguson also died in the battle.

Members of the Belmont Rotary Club heard about the heroism of Major Chronicle and the South Fork Boys recently as Laura Duncan, representing the Daughters of the American Revolution, spoke about the recent placement of a historical marker at 6131 Wilkinson Boulevard in Belmont near Crossfix Ministries.

She said the four Gaston County DAR chapters -- Major William Chronicle, Peter Smith, Tryon Resolves and William Gaston -- waged their own long campaign to have the contributions of the South Fork Boys recognized with a marker. More than 50 pages of documentation were compiled and submitted to obtain approval for the marker, she said.

Major Chronicle's home was in present-day Belmont, near where the Chronicle Mill (now the Chronicle Mill Apartments) was later named in his honor. A historical marker recognizing Major Chronicle is nearby on Catawba Street at the Belmont Historical Society.

Mrs. Duncan said Major Chronicle and one of his men, Captain John Mattocks, who also was killed in the fight, had an advantage because of their knowledge of the rugged terrain. "Ferguson had made camp at Major Chronicle and Captain Mattocks' old deer camp," she said. "The South Fork Boys used their critical knowledge of the terrain to help inform the charge and provided a spy to gain key intelligence on Ferguson."

Mrs. Duncan described Major Chronicle's death in these words: "As they reached the base of the ridge, with Chronicle some ten paces in advance of his men, he raised his military hat, crying out "face to the hill," when a ball struck him, and he fell."

Major Chronicle was buried where he fell and a stone marker marks the gravesite in Kings Mountain National Military State Park. Also buried there are Captain Mattocks and two more South Fork Boys, William Rabb and John Boyd, who also made the ultimate sacrifice that day.

