



**BULLETIN: For Wednesday, May 14, 2025**  
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## Club Meeting

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

*Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM*

## Speakers

**May 14th**

**PDG Thomas Smith**

District 7680 Past District Governor Tom Smith will speak about the Rotary Polio Plus program as District Polio Plus Chair. Rotarian Gary McCord will host the program.



**May 21st**

**Board Meeting Today at 11:30**

The Belmont Rotary Club Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month one hour before the regular club meeting in the conference room at First Presbyterian Church.

**Board Meeting**

**May 21st**

**Dr. Dixie Abernathy of Cramerton**

Author and educator Dr. Dixie Abernathy will speak about her new historical fiction trilogy on Cramerton founder Stuart W. Cramer and his descendants, written with the founder's grandson R. Warren Cramer. The first book publishes July 4.



**May 28th**

**Holocaust survivor Suly Chenkin**

The powerful story of survival, resilience and hope after the Nazi invasion of Lithuania in WWII will be told by one who experienced the horrors of the Kovno ghetto as a child. Rotarian Whitney Norton will host the program.



## Birthdays



Thomas M. Hunter III  
 June 7th

## Wedding Anniversaries



Don M. Hartsoe  
 May 20th



Tammey C. Thomas  
 May 20th



Jennifer Grant  
 May 21st



Rebecca Monk Johns  
 May 30th



Richard S. Cromlish Jr.  
 June 1st

## Club Officers



Kenneth J. Pahon  
 President-Elect  
 President

Jennifer Grant  
 Treasurer

**LAST WEEK AT ROTARY**

**100th Anniversary Banner Unveiled**

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025**



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



The Belmont Rotary Club's 100th anniversary banner was unveiled at the May 7th meeting by Rotarians Michelle Petty, who coordinated design and printing of the banner, and Thomas Hunter, III. Belmont Rotary Club was founded in 1925 as Gaston County's second Rotary club and was sponsored by the Gastonia Club.

## Club names Ted Hall Distinguished Rotarian

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Belmont Rotary Club recognized member Ted Hall as Distinguished Rotarian of the Year at the recent District Conference in Statesville. Assistant District Governor Laurel Morris made the presentation at the May 7 club meeting. Hall was honored for his contributions as club Public Image Chair by developing and maintaining the club website, publishing a weekly bulletin and communicating with the media.



## Car talk drives recent Rotary program

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Keith Hawthorne



Hyundai serves Belmont, Gastonia, Charlotte and Fort Mill from its dealership at 4712 Wilkinson Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28056.



**"We're big**

**enough to have a great inventory,  
and small enough to take good care of our customers."**

*-- Caleb Reese*

*Keith Hawthorne Hyundai*

Cars were the topic of the day when Caleb Reese of Keith Hawthorne Hyundai spoke to members of the Belmont Rotary Club. Rotarian Jim Davidson hosted the program.

The dealership at 4712 Wilkinson Boulevard in Gastonia carries a full line of Hyundai vehicles, including fully electric, hybrid and gasoline-powered models. Keith Hawthorne also has a Ford dealership in Belmont.

In response to a question about tariffs and deliveries, Reese said parts are still arriving with a one-week turnaround, but he acknowledged it's hard to predict the future in this climate.

Some Hyundai models are assembled at plants in the United States, while others are manufactured in several other countries. The Santa Fe and Palisades, Reese said, are the most popular Hyundai models with Gaston County customers.

Keith Hawthorne Hyundai maintains a new car inventory of up to 250 cars, Reese said, and sells 120 to 150 cars each month.

"We're big enough to have a great inventory, and small enough to take good care of our customers," he said.

For more on Keith Hawthorne Hyundai, visit: [www.hyundaiofgastonia.com](http://www.hyundaiofgastonia.com).

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