



**BULLETIN: For Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025**  
[www.BelmontRotaryClub.com](http://www.BelmontRotaryClub.com)



### Club Meeting

**Belmont First Presbyterian Church**  
102 S. Central Ave.  
Belmont, NC 28012  
*Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM*

### Speakers

### Birthdays



Jennifer Grant  
February 8th



Kenneth J Pahon  
February 24th



Whitney Norton  
March 2nd

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

### Club Officers



Kenneth J Pahon  
President-Elect  
President



Jennifer Grant  
Treasurer



Ted B. Hall  
Public Relations/Image Chair



Michelle Petty  
Membership Chair

#### February 5th Keanu Trujillo

Keanu is the founder of Alchemy Coworking in downtown Gastonia, where the emphasis is on "community and organic incubation." He'll explain what that means and more in his presentation.



Rotarian Kathy Gauger will host the program.

#### February 12th Dr. Brad Frazier

Rotarian Dr. Brad Frazier of Belmont Abbey College will present a program on a topic to be announced.



#### February 19th Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Club President Ken Pahon presiding.

#### February 19th Speaker and program topic TBA.

Rotarian Chad Hammond will host the program.

## Support Rotaract Club's Food & Clothing Drive; Bring donations to Feb. 5 meeting

Bring donations of warm clothing and non-perishable food to the Rotary meeting on Feb. 5 to support our Rotaract Club's drive to help the homeless. Rotaract President Anthony Ruttler will attend the meeting.

The Belmont Abbey College Rotaract Club is partnering with the Gastonia Street Ministry for the food and clothing drive, which lasts through February 7.

Here are some items you can donate: canned food, dry cereal, blankets, clothing, hygiene products, and sleeping bags. Email [anthonyruttler@abbey.bac.edu](mailto:anthonyruttler@abbey.bac.edu) for more information!



Thomas M. Hunter III  
iPast President

### District Officers



Kevin Kendrick  
District Governor



Donna M. Moffett  
DG - Elect



Laurel Roe Morris  
Assistant Governor- Gaston County

Belmont Abbey Rotaract Club

## Food & Clothes Drive

Jan 27 - Feb 7

**Items Needed**

- Canned Food
- Dry Cereals
- Blankets
- Coats
- Hygiene Products
- Blankets/Blanking bags

**Drop-off Bin Locations**

Dining Hall, Residence Life Office, Student Commons, ST Michaels, Sacred Heart, Holy Dreams

For More Information: [Anthonygruttler@abbey.bald.edu](mailto:Anthonygruttler@abbey.bald.edu) Instagram: @aerotaract

## Local Rotary clubs host Opioid Forum 2025



Click this link to watch the Opioid Forum video:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kz1VbZVMdjQ>

The second annual Opioid Forum sponsored by Gaston County Rotary Clubs drew a large group of students, including nursing students, and others at Belmont Abbey College on Tuesday, January 28. Belmont Rotary Past President Whitney Norton led in organizing the forum to reduce the number of opioid deaths. Rotary District 7860 Governor Kevin Kendrick attended. A panel of local experts presented information and addressed questions. In the photo above, Cramerton resident Tammy Chowdhury is shown telling the heart-breaking story of her 24-year-old son Austin, who died from fentanyl soon after receiving his master's degree. Use the link above to watch the forum and hear the story and visit the website [www.rememberingaustin.org](http://www.rememberingaustin.org).

### **LAST WEEK AT ROTARY**

**Dr. David Demperio speaks on chiropractic care**



Chiropractor Dr. David Demperio of Belmont Chiropractic Center with three guests who attended the Jan. 29, 2025 club meeting, where he presented the program. From the left, are Patti von Hofen of Catherine's House, Madison Illges and Abigail Toal of the Mite nonprofit organization in Belmont.

**"Chiropractic represents a paradigm shift  
from treating symptoms to prevention."  
-- Dr. David Demperio  
Belmont Chiropractic Center**

Daniel David Palmer is credited with founding the practice of chiropractic treatment in 1895.

Eighty-seven years later in 1982 David Demperio obtained his Doctorate in Chiropractic from Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, Missouri, and two years later he established his practice in Belmont. Belmont Chiropractic Center is at 5803 Wilkinson Blvd., Belmont.

"Chiropractic changed my life," Dr. Demperio recently told his fellow members of the Belmont Rotary Club. "I love chiropractic and what it does for people. I love interacting with people," he said.

"Chiropractic represents a paradigm shift from treating symptoms to prevention," he added.



The early days were difficult for chiropractors, Dr. Demperio told Rotarians, and many chiropractors went to jail. As recently as the 1960s, the American Medical Association attempted to discredit chiropractic treatment, he said. But chiropractors prevailed in an antitrust suit against the AMA in 1987.

Today there are 47 colleges of chiropractic in the United States and all insurance, including Medicare, covers chiropractic treatment.

For more information on chiropractic treatment and Belmont Chiropractic Center, visit [www.belmontchiropracticcenters.com](http://www.belmontchiropracticcenters.com) , or call 704.825.9799.

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