

Rotary



Club of Belmont

Bulletin

June 6, 2023

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Club Meeting

Belmont First Presbyterian Church

102 S. Central Ave.

Belmont, NC 28012

Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM

(Park in the lot off S. Central Avenue and use the main church entrance. Cross the lobby and walk through the library to the gathering room.)

Speakers

June 7th

[Kathy Gauger, CEO / President, Catherine's House](#)

Catherine's House welcomes women and their children who would otherwise be homeless due to circumstances such as domestic violence, unemployment/underemployment, shortage of affordable housing, unexpected tragedies, and lack of support network.

June 21st

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

President Whitney Norton presiding.

June 14th

[Barry Dyche, Vice President, Franklin Templeton](#)

Franklin Templeton's outlook for the rest of 2023 and the long term outlook going into 2024. Rotarian Don Hartsoe of Edward Jones Investments in Belmont will host the program.

June 21st

[Dr. Omer L. Shedd, Board President, Promise for Haiti](#)

Dr. Shedd will speak about his work to help the people of Haiti and how it connects with Belmont Rotary Club's efforts to support the hospital in Pignon, Haiti. Club President Whitney Norton will host the program.

Future Program Responsibility

(Book speakers at least 3 weeks ahead, and notify Program Chair Mike McKeever and PR Chair Ted Hall)

June 28 - No meeting

July 5 - No meeting

July 12 - Gary McCord

July 19 - Ryan Murphy

July 26 - Mike Giang

Events

June 30, 6 - 8 PM

BELMONT CLUB SOCIAL

Location: Hosted by Rotarian Jennifer Grant at 1006 Middleton Ct. Cramerton, NC 28032
2023-24 officer installation and a prospective member meet & greet.

Each member to bring one or more potential new members.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Little Theater of Gastonia

Wednesday, May 31, 2023



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Birthdays



[Allen Buchanon](#)

June 15th



[Michael C. Giang](#)

June 22nd



[Floyd Farmer](#)

June 25th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Richard S. Cromlish Jr.](#)

June 1st



[Kenneth J. Pahon](#)

June 18th



[Ted B. Hall](#)

June 30th

Club Officers



[Whitney Norton](#)

President



Thomas M Hunter III
President -Elect



Michael C. Giang
Secretary



Jennifer Grant
Treasurer



Ted B. Hall
Public Relations Chair
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iPast President

District Leaders



Kamlesh (Kam) Chandan
District Governor



Debra L. Corbett
DG - Elect



Laurel Roe Morris
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

Actress, director and drama teacher Lauren Parker, left, spoke recently to Belmont Rotarians in her role as executive director of the Little Theater of Gastonia. Rotarian Ashley Brayton of Bank OZK in Cramerton has performed in several LTG productions, and she hosted the Rotary program.



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and studying theater helps in developing other skills
such as public speaking and being successful in the business world."**

*-- Lauren Parker, Executive Director,
Little Theater of Gastonia*

The only thing little about the Little Theater of Gastonia is its name. Otherwise, the LTG is big on talent, big on enthusiasm, and big on providing high quality theatrical entertainment for the citizens of Gastonia and Gaston County.

LTG Executive Director Lauren Parker, an award-winning actress, director and drama teacher, spoke recently to Belmont Rotarians about the history of the Little Theater and about upcoming productions. Belmont Rotarian Ashley Brayton, an actress who has performed in several LTG productions, hosted the program.

The theater is located at 238 Clay Street in Gastonia. The non-profit Little Theater of Gastonia organization began in the 1950s, and the theater building opened in 1974. An all-volunteer board of 13 oversees the LTG.

Jennifer Stepp is board president. Other officers are: Michael Sisk, vice president; Sarah Drummond, treasurer; and Bryan Rife, secretary.

Parker said the Little Theater operates entirely on proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships and contributions. Volunteer actors, musicians, production crew members and others come in all ages and backgrounds and from throughout the community because of their love for the theater, she said.

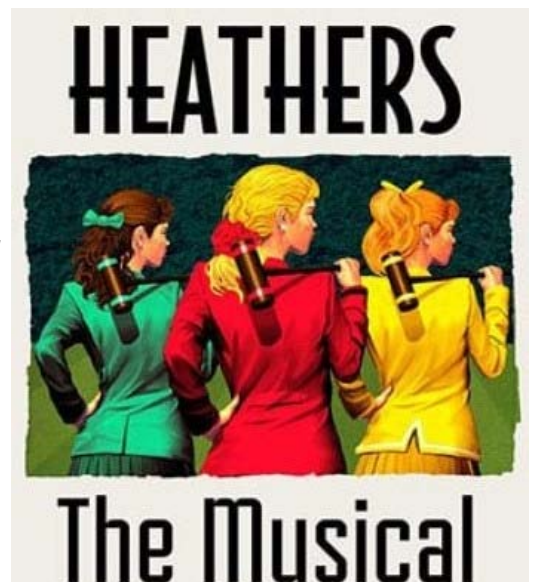
"Art is a driving force in the community," she added, "and studying theater helps in developing other skills such as public speaking and being successful in the business world."


The LTG will conclude its current five-show season on July 28-30 and Aug. 4-6 with performances of "Heathers The Musical," a moving love story and laugh-out-loud comedy recommended for mature audiences. It's about a brainy, beautiful teenage misfit who hustles her way into her high school's most powerful and ruthless clique, the Heathers, led by the almighty Heather Chandler.

Five great shows are planned for the upcoming season, which starts this fall. They include:

- Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, Oct. 2023
- The Diary of Anne Frank, Jan. 2024
- The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe, Mar. 2024
- The Odd Couple (female version), May 2024
- Sister Act, July 2024

Between the current season and into the upcoming season, the Little Theater will conduct summer camps and two 16-week semesters of drama classes, one for beginners age kindergarten through 5th grade and another for intermediate and advanced performers age 6th through 12th grade. Lauren Parker and Shane Elks will be the instructors. Scholarships are offered.





For information on tickets for shows, summer camps and drama classes or on auditioning to join the cast for an upcoming production, visit www.littletheaterofgastonia.org, or phone 704.865.0160.
