

Rotary



Club of Belmont

Bulletin

For Meeting - Sept. 13, 2023

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Club Meeting

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

Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM

Speakers

September 13th

[Alyssa Andrews, owner, Belmont Wellness Center](#)

Massage therapy, Accupuncture and hydration therapy will be discussed when Alyssa Andrews and others from her team present the Rotary Club program this week. Rotarian David Demperio will host the program.

September 20th

[Rotary District Governor Debra Corbett](#)

Making her first official visit to Belmont Rotary Club, District Governor Corbett will speak to members about Rotary goals and objectives for the year.

September 20th

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Rotary District 7680 Governor Debra Corbett will participate as she makes her official visit to the club. President Thomas Hunter, III, presiding.

September 27th

[NO MEETING TODAY - See Club Event on Sept. 28](#)

Club meeting cancelled because of Candidate Meet & Greet on Sept. 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Techworks Gaston in Belmont

PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY:

Confirm your speaker at least 4 weeks in advance and notify Program Chair Mike McKeever and Public Relations Chair Ted Hall.

Sept. 27 - No Club Meeting Today

Oct. 4 - Michelle Petty

Oct. 11 - Mike McKeever

Oct. 18 - Ted Hall

Events



Birthdays



[Ryan Murphy](#)
September 11th



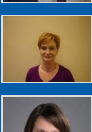
[Richard S. Cromlish Jr.](#)
September 18th



[Monica Mattioli](#)
September 25th



[Samuel P. Stowe III](#)
September 26th



[Tammey C. Thomas](#)
September 27th



[Allison H. Cottingham](#)
October 4th



[Parks H. Wilson Jr.](#)
October 5th



[Jo Elizabeth B. Hollars](#)
October 6th



[Don M. Hartsoe](#)
October 6th



Kathryn E. Gauger
October 28th

Wedding Anniversaries



Thomas M. Hunter Jr.
September 11th



Michael C. Giang
October 3rd

Club Leaders



Thomas M. Hunter III
President



Jennifer Grant
Treasurer



Ted B. Hall
Public Relations/Image Chair
Webmaster



Whitney Norton
Rotary Foundation Chair
iPast President



Michelle Petty
Membership Chair

Account Leaders



Debra L. Corbett
District Governor



Kevin Kendrick
DG - Elect



Laurel Roe Morris
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County



September 28th, 6:30-8:30 PM
Belmont Candidates Meet & Greet

Subject: Meet and hear from candidates seeking election as mayor of Belmont and as members of the Belmont City Council.
Location: TechWorks Gaston 52A Ervin Street Belmont, NC 28012



October 21st, 8:00-4:00 PM
Belmont Rotary Pickleball Tournament

Location: Davis Park 204 Park Drive Belmont, NC 28012

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

Polygraph an important FBI tool, former agent tells Rotarians

Wednesday, September 6, 2023



Former FBI agent Randy Walker, left, spoke recently at a meeting of Belmont Rotarians. Belmont Rotary Club Past President Whitney Norton hosted the program.

"If your son or daughter goes missing, who're you going to call? Call the FBI."

Former FBI agent Randy Walker

Not all FBI agents rely primarily on using firearms to defend our country. In his 21 years with the bureau, the weapon former FBI agent Randy Walker wielded most against organized crime figures, corrupt politicians, terrorists and others was a polygraph machine.

Walker shared some stories and insights recently when he spoke at a meeting of the Belmont Rotary Club.


"Research has shown that a polygraph is accurate 85 to 90 percent of the time," he said, in determining whether a subject is telling the truth or being deceitful.

Walker said most of his polygraph work in the FBI involved white-collar crimes, including some notorious cases such as mafia godfather John Gotti and a US congressman convicted for corruption. Closer to home, he was called in to help on the 1997 Loomis Fargo \$17 million heist in Charlotte for which Gaston County residents were convicted.

In his presentation, Walker strongly defended the FBI, noting that some bureau criticism should instead be directed at the Department of Justice. "The FBI is a part of the Justice Department, and it's the Justice Department, to a certain extent, that controls what cases are investigated," he said.

Since retiring from the FBI, Walker has continued his work in the private sector administering polygraph





examinations about 100 times a year. "Most of the time, it's he-said-or-she-said cases," Walker added. But he also has been called in to work for the State Department helping vet suspected terrorists and others who provide information to determine whether they are telling the truth about potential terrorist plots. The former FBI agent left Rotarians with this advice: "If your son or daughter goes missing, who're you going to call? Call the FBI."