



Rotary

Club of Belmont

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CLUB MEETING - March 27, 2024
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Club Meeting

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

Time: Wednesday at 12:30 PM



Birthdays



Chadwick R. Hammond
April 10th

Wedding Anniversaries



Jo Elizabeth B. Hollars
April 25th

Club Officers



Thomas M. Hunter III
President



Kenneth J. Pahon
President-Elect



Jennifer Grant
Treasurer



Ted B. Hall
Public Relations/Image Chair
Webmaster



Whitney Norton
Rotary Foundation Chair
iPast President



Michelle Petty
Membership Chair

District Officers

Speakers

March 27th

Anthony Ruttler, Rotaract Club President at Belmont Abbey College

Anthony will present an update on Rotaract Club activities and plans for the 2024-25 academic year.

Rotaract clubs for college students are sponsored by Rotary clubs. Belmont Abbey Rotaract is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Belmont and Gastonia. Rotarian Ted Hall will host the program.



April 3rd

Allan Meade

Allan will share photos and information about his recent trip to Australia. Rotarian Dick Cromlish will host the program.



April 10th

Bea Cote, Founder & Director of IMPACT + Abuse Prevention Services

Bea Cote is a nationally recognized leader in providing programs that educate and train domestic violence providers and the general community. She has worked more than 25 years with those who control/abuse partners and children. Rotarian Kathy Gauger will host the program.



April 17th

Board of Directors Meeting



President Thomas Hunter presiding.

April 17th

Michele Cook, Dir. of Business Development at All About Seniors

Michele loves to advocate for seniors and to teach them how to advocate for themselves with a healthcare notebook, a skill she will share with Rotarians during her program. Rotarian Michelle Petty will host the program.



April 24th

Marcia Schneideman, Mid-Atlantic Rotary Leadership Institute Chair

The topic will be opportunities for leadership training available to Rotarians through the Rotary Leadership Institute. Marcia is a member and officer of the Gastonia Rotary Club. Rotarian Ken Pahon will host the program.



Events

District Officers



Debra L. Corbett
District Governor



Kevin Kendrick
DG - Elect



Laurel Roe Morris
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

May 9th, 7 - 9 PM

Haiti Children's Hospital Event at DSBG

Fund-raising gala to kick off a campaign to provide medical equipment for a children's unit in Hospital Bienfaisance in Pignon, Haiti, with model and actress Brooklyn Decker as the keynote speaker. **Sponsor. Buy Tickets. Donate.** More information below.

How You Can Help Haiti's poorest children

FOR THE CHILDREN



Sponsor. Buy tickets. Donate.

Support the fund-raising kick-off gala on May 9 at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden. Help build and equip a pediatric wing to serve some of the world's poorest children in Haiti.

Fund-raising gala set for May 9 at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

Model and actress Brooklyn Decker featured speaker

Impoverished children in one of the poorest regions of Haiti will be the beneficiaries of a fund-raising kick-off gala at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont on May 9, 2024, from 6 until 9 p.m. Model and actress Brooklyn Decker will be the featured speaker.

The Rotary Clubs of Belmont and Gastonia, the Belmont-based Promise For Haiti organization and the Rotary International Foundation are combining efforts to raise \$206,000 to complete and equip a children's wing being built at Hospital Bienfaisance in Pignon, Haiti.

The hospital is in Haiti's northern Central Plateau, far from where violence is being reported in the capital city of Port-Au-Prince.

Under the leadership of Past President Whitney Norton, Belmont Rotary Club formed an alliance with the Rotary Club of Pignon, Haiti, in 2022, when Norton began working to support the pediatric wing project at Hospital Bienfaisance.

The 65-bed hospital serves a region of more than 300,000 people. It has two operating rooms, a lab, endoscopy, X-ray and pharmacy, and it also trains doctors and nurses. The hospital

provides care for all who walk in the door, whether or not one can pay. Now it is trying to complete construction of a special wing where children can receive treatment separated from adult patients.

"Since the inception of the hospital in 1981, there has been a need for the children to have a wing dedicated to their healthcare," said Promise For Haiti President Dr. Omer Shedd, MD, of Cramerton. "Currently, children are placed in wards with adults. With the pediatric wing and medical equipment, we will be able to provide dedicated and safe space for the children in the hospital."

Dr. Guy Theodore, MD, founder of Hospital Bienfaisance, will be a special guest at the fund-raising gala. He is a former governor of Rotary District 7020, which serves 50 clubs in 10 Caribbean island nations.



Tickets for the event are \$100 per person, and sponsorships are available for \$1,000. Sponsorships do not include tickets. For more information and to purchase tickets and sponsorships, or to make a donation, visit: www.promiseforhaiti.org/gala



LAST WEEK AT ROTARY

Ken Pahon reports on President-Elect Training

Belmont Rotary Club President-Elect for 2024-25 Ken Pahon reported to the club on his recent weekend attending the Rotary President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) with 300-plus other future club presidents from throughout North and South Carolina.



International Rotary Theme for 2024-25

It was all about Rotary all the time when Belmont Rotary Club's President-Elect for 2024-25 Ken Pahon attended PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) on March 15-16 in Greensboro.

He was among more than 500 who attended the weekend conference, including more than 300 presidents-elect from clubs in North and South Carolina.

Membership growth and retention, especially of younger members, and membership diversity were among the most emphasized issues, Ken told fellow Rotarians.

He announced that 2024-25 District 7680 Governor Kevin Kendrick of the Pineville club will make his official visit to Belmont Rotary on Nov. 8. And he said The Magic of Rotary will be the international theme for next year.