

Rotary



Club of Belmont

Bulletin

May 31, 2023

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Club Meeting

NEW LOCATION:

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

*(Park in the lot off S. Central Ave. Use the main church entrance;
Cross the lobby and go through the library to the gathering room.)*

Speakers

May 31st

[Lauren Parker, Executive Director, Little Theater of Gastonia](#)

Lauren is an award-winning and nominated artist, instructor, director. She has participated in the arts for three decades, finding a love for performing at a very young age.

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 7th

[Speaker and program topic TBA.](#)

June 21st

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

Events

June 30, 2023, 6-8 PM

CLUB SOCIAL

Location: Hosted by Rotarian Jennifer Grant at 1006 Middleton Ct. Cramerton, NC 28032


Subject: 2023-24 officer installation and a prospective member meet & greet. Each member brings one or more potential new members.

Last Week's Program

Belmont Historical Society


works to preserve the past for future generations


Wednesday, May 24, 2023




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Birthdays


[Allen Buchanon](#)
June 15th


[Michael C. Giang](#)
June 22nd


[Floyd Farmer](#)
June 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

[Rebecca Monk Johns](#)
May 30th

[Richard S. Cromlish Jr.](#)
June 1st

[Kenneth J. Pahon](#)
June 18th

[Ted B. Hall](#)
June 30th

Club Officers

[Whitney Norton](#)
President

Belmont Historical
Society President Myra
Joye (center) told



[Thomas M. Hunter III](#)
President-Elect



[Michael C. Giang](#)
Secretary



[Jennifer Grant](#)
Treasurer



[Ted B. Hall](#)
Public Relations Chair
Webmaster



[Thomas M. Hunter Jr.](#)
Rotary Foundation Chair



[Mike Mckeever](#)
Membership Chair



[Seth M. Sherrin](#)
iPast President



[Laurel Roe Morris](#)
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County

District Leaders



[Kamlesh \(Kam\) Chandan](#)
District Governor



[Debra L. Corbett](#)
DG - Elect



[Laurel Roe Morris](#)
Assistant Governor-
Gaston County



Belmont Rotarians recently how the all-volunteer organization works to record, preserve and pass on local history to future generations. BHS Treasurer Elizabeth Atterberry (left) also participated in the program, which was hosted by Rotarian Beth Hollars.

1899 Stowe family home still serving its community

"Preserving the Past for the Sake of the Future," is both the mission and motto of the Belmont Historical Society, which resides in Belmont's second oldest house, built in 1899, at 40 Catawba Street, just one block from Main Street shops and restaurants.

The home is the birthplace of Belmont textile industry icon Robert Lee Stowe, Jr., and it was donated by the Stowe Foundation to the Belmont Historical Society soon after the organization was founded in 2005.

Historical Society President Myra Joye told Belmont Rotarians recently about the work of the organization and about the museum, which is known as the Cultural Heritage and Learning Center. Also on the site and available to tour are the 1899 freestanding kitchen and cook's quarters and a restored and furnished 1920/30s mill village house. BHS Treasurer Elizabeth Atterberry also participated in the presentation.

Mrs. Joye praised the vision of the society's founders: the late Yates Abernathy, the late Robert (Bobby) Brown, Jack Cannon, Allen Millican, Jack Page, David Robinson and Max Robinson.

The museum, which consists of six rooms and two long hallways, contains furnishings, artifacts and pictures that tell the story of Belmont from the time of the Indians through the textile age. A reading library contains books about Belmont's history and genealogical information. And glass display cases are used to present both permanent and rotating exhibits.

The Belmont Sports Hall of Fame, recounting the city's storied sports history, is permanently housed in the museum. Other recent exhibits include Black History Month, an exhibit featuring the history of the Belmont Police Department and an exhibit on Native American history.

The Historical Society also hosts events such as Living History Day in the spring and a fall Silent Auction, and participates in others, including the Juneteenth Celebration, the Community Foundation Run and the Festival of Trees and Christmas parade.

Mrs. Joye announced two projects now in planning. One will be an exhibit featuring women who've made major contributions in the Belmont area. And she said work will begin soon on a Belmont Historical Society video to be produced locally by Rutherford Media Group.

The museum is free to attend and is operated entirely by volunteers. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 until 4 p.m., except the museum is closed on 5th Saturdays and 5th Sundays. Group tours are welcome. Call to arrange a time: 704.825.4848.

Membership in the Belmont Historical Society is \$25 per year. For more information, visit the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BelmontHistoricalSociety/>

