

**PROGRAM:** Dr. Dan Barnard

**TOPIC:** High Point Theatre's 50th Anniversary

**Introduction:** David Jobe

**Sgt. at Arms:** Rick Blake & Cecil Mills

**Invocation:**

**Greeters:** Catherine Mendenhall & Scott Wagoner



**Rotary Club of High Point**

**Thursday 12:00 Noon**

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Rotary Zone 33

Rotary District 7690

Rotary Club # 6062

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APPEARING:  
THIS WEEK AT

**ROTARY**



**Dr. Dan Barnard**  
High Point Theatre Director



Dr. Dan Barnard has been Director of High Point Theatre since August. He holds a doctorate in music composi-

tion from the University of Kansas and other music degrees from West Texas State University and Univ of Northern Colorado. Before becoming a venue manager, Dr. Barnard held lecturer and choral conductor positions at Western Nebraska Community College, Penn State University, and Dakota Wesleyan University. He has directed performing arts venues at the University of Texas Brownsville, Broward College in Fort Lauderdale, and Mississippi State University, and he was the first Executive Director for Marty Stuart's Congress of Country Music in Philadelphia Mississippi.

Established in 1975, High Point Theatre is one of the nation's first cooperative ventures between municipal government, private enterprise and the arts.

Over the years, the Theatre has hosted many world-class artists and performances. Such luminaries as Dolly Parton, Dave Brubeck, Joan Rivers, William Windom, Charles Kuralt and Cloris Leachman have graced the stage. In more recent years, the Theatre has welcomed Boney James, Ricky Skaggs, Kathy Mattea, Barbara Eden, Nneena Freelon and Branford Marsalis just to name a very few. It celebrates its 50th Anniversary in 2025!

## Last Week at ROTARY

Rotary kicked off last week with a welcome from President Slade Lewis who invited us to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. Shaylene Tootl-Grbus introduced offered our invocation. Tony Bertschi introduced our two guests. Debbie Johnson brought her protégé from Sechrest-Davis, a prospective member. Debbie has received a promotion and will now be traveling a three state territory. Bill Kester hosted a guest of his visiting from Maitland, Florida. Gus Schwenk highlighted several birthday celebrations and kicked off the singing of *Happy Birthday* for Clark Pierce who is celebrating Saturday.

The Happy Dollars were flowing Thursday with Kristen Hoskins, Jeff Fuller, Myra Clodfelter, Nancy Bowman, and Debbie Johnson all having 'happy thoughts' to share.

Six members were recognized as having just gone through Orientation. Eric Foushee, Lee Gann, Gary Newcomb, Dottie, Clarke, Jessica McKnight, and David Hanein gathered at the front of the room to officially be welcomed and receive their pins.



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**The Venue that ALMOST became the High Point Theatre (see page four)**

## A ROTARY STORY YOU HAVE PROBABLY NEVER HEARD



Here is a story about Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and Rotary which you may not know. When Margaret was 12, her older sister Muriel had a letter from her pen friend Edith in Vienna. Edith Muhlbauer was a 17 year old Jewish girl. Be-

cause the Nazis were already rounding up the Jews in Austria, Edith wrote to Muriel to ask if she could raise enough money to help her leave Austria as soon as possible. Muriel enlisted the help of her sister Margaret and together they asked the local Rotary Club for their support. Their father, Alfred Roberts was not only a founder member of the Grantham Club but in the 1930s had been its President. The club readily gave their support and the money was raised quickly. Edith came to England and stayed with the Roberts family in Grantham, at one stage sharing a room with Margaret. Later she stayed with other local Rotarians before being helped on her way to relatives in Brazil.

Among the guests at Mrs. Thatcher's funeral was Betina, Edith's daughter and her husband , who had travelled especially from Sao Paulo, Brazil. **In 1995, Prime Minister Thatcher received a Paul Harris Fellowship** and at the time, she said, "Its wonderful to know that the Rotary Club in our home town, and my father played their part in defeating the forces of evil, thus enabling a few more souls like Edith to live in freedom."

### Feeding Lisa's Kids

Wed.  
June 4th

Contact Carroll Brown to help  
adpcorp@triad.rr.com  
336-689-0056

### Meals on Wheels

Wed.  
June 26th

Call Clark Pierce to help  
clarkpierce72cu@gmail.com  
336- 918-2894

YOU'RE INVITED TO

**DO GOOD STUFF!**

JOIN ROTARIANS AND  
MARK BRANDON FOR THE  
**INSTALLATION**  
OF DISTRICT 7690 LEADERSHIP TEAM

**JUNE 26, 2025**

6:00 cocktails 6:30 dinner 7:15 program  
summer casual

**RED BARN TANGLEWOOD PARK**

625 River Birch Creek | Clemmons

Please RSVP and pay by registering in DACDb by June 20th

Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

### PIGSTOCK

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR  
NOW AND  
JOIN THE HP  
ROTARY  
TEAM FOR  
PIGSTOCK  
2025.**

**THIS YEAR IT  
IS OCTOBER  
25th  
AT A NEW  
VENUE . . .  
H&B FARMS  
IN  
STOKESDALE**



**ROTARY GOLFING  
FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

**AROUND THE DISTRICT**

Register at  
District  
Website

**2 Person Best Ball Tournament \$80**

**Pinewood Country Club Asheboro**

**June 17th 1 pm**

**Includes Lunch, Swag Bag, and Prizes**



Thurs. June 12th

**Dr. Hatem  
Abdallah**

Robotic Surgery

Thurs. June 19th

**Chief Brian Evans**  
High Point Fire  
Department

**COMING  
ATTRACTIONS**

Thurs. June 26th

**CHANGING OF  
THE GUARD**

Thurs. July 3rd

**NO MEETING  
Happy Fourth  
of July**



ROTARY CLUB of HIGH POINT 2024-2025 Officers, Boards, Committees	
President	Slade Lewis
President Elect	Ricardo Siordia
Vice President	Scott Wagoner
Secretary	Mary Sizemore
Treasurer	Amy West
Immediate Past President	Ken Esposito
Executive Secretary	Kristen Hoskins
Sergeant-At-Arms	George White & Gus Schwenk
District Liaison	Joanne Iwan
Membership Retention	George White
Special Recognitions	John Anderson, Joel Gentry Gus Schwenk, Barry Nelson
Condolences	Sharon Smith
Greeters	Steve Ilderton
Blue Badge Administration	Jamie Lee
Football Pool Master	Tony Bertschi
Rotary History	David Wall
Birthday Cards	Nancy Baker
Membership Recruitment	Jeff Benfield
Classification	Gus Schwenk
Orientation	
Attendance	Mary Sizemore
Social Events	
Club Public Image	Guy Lucas
Spokesman Newsletter	Mark Pierce
Website Development	
Social Media	Carol Hughes
Press Releases	Wayne Rutherford
Photography	Myra Clodfelter
Club Administration	Catherine Mendenhall
Luncheon Committee	Don Shaw
District Conf. Contacts	S. Lewis / R. Siordia
Youth Services	
Interact	Jeff Fuller
RYLA	
Local Scholarships	HPRF decision
School/Student Relations	Jeff Fuller
Job Shadowing	
Children's Christmas Party	Ricardo Siordia
4 Way Test Speech Contest	Don Shaw
Community Svc Projects	Jamie Lee
Literacy (Read-A-Thon)	Mary Sizemore
Concern For The Elderly	Clark Pierce
Feeding Lisa's Kids	Carroll Brown
Salvation Army Bell Ringing	
Service Projects	
Fundraising Projects	Allison Aldridge & K. Esposito
BBQ & Raffle	Allison Aldridge & K. Esposito
Poinsettia Sale	Don Shaw
Golf Tournament	
ACC Day	Ken Esposito
Allocations	Joel Gentry
Foundation & Inter. Srv.	Don Shaw
Polio Plus	
District Grants	Mark Pierce
Programs	Tom Blount/David Jobe
HPRC Impact Club	
Satellite Club Rep	

Board Class 2024-2025
Guy Lucas Jeff Benfield Don Shaw
Board Class 2025-2026
David Jobe Steve Ilderton Jeff Fuller
Board Class 2026-2027
Catherine Mendenhall Allison Aldridge Jamie Lee
<b>Easy Make Ups!</b> You can now receive make up credit through the Internet. Just go to the web-site: <a href="http://www.rotaryclubone.org">www.rotaryclubone.org</a> . This site gives you another make up opportunity you can do from the comfort of your own home. This is a fully chartered club by Rotary International. You can choose a 'Program' that you want to read, answer some question, and print out the makeup slip. All they ask is that the person donate the cost of maintaining the site. If you contribute the cost of your meal, please be sure and let Mary Sizemore or Kristen Hoskins know so that you will receive meal credit on your next statement.
<b>Rather do a Make-up in Person?</b> <b>Use your Ignite App.</b> Click on Rotary Resources. Then click on Club Search. Under Search, select Clubs. Enter the Club you are interested in visiting or just select High Point, click on 25 miles and you will get every club meeting within 25 miles. You can even be more specific and add what day of the week on which you would like to find a meeting for your make-up. Click on the Club name and you will see information on the day and meeting time as well as the facility name and address for the meeting. It is easy and can be done right from your phone. CAC MGM TAP

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



**Scott & Lora Dunbar**  
June 1st  
23 years

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Debbie Johnson**  
June 2nd



**Jessica McKnight**  
June 6th

## HAPPY CLUB ANNIVERSARY



**Clark Pierce**  
June 2nd 37 yrs



**Tom Blount**  
June 1st 35 yrs



**Kem Ellis**  
June 2nd 37 yrs



**Jay Motsinger**  
June 6th 47 yrs

### ABSENT 5/29/25:

Aldridge  
Byrd  
Draeos  
Dunbar  
Elder  
Gibson  
Ilderton  
Jackson  
Lessard  
Liebscher  
Lucas  
Maille  
Mendenhall  
Mills  
Nelson  
Ross  
Dw. Shaw  
Siordia  
Sizemore  
Smith  
Suire  
Wagoner  
Webster  
Whitley

**MAKE-UPS 5/22/25:**  
Morgan, Nelson,  
C. Pierce, West,  
Wright



President Slade's last meeting as head of our club is about 2 1/2 to 3 weeks away. He will hand the 'club's keys' to Ricardo Siordia

[RotaryBeachBash.com](http://RotaryBeachBash.com)



District Conference 2026  
Atlantic Beach, NC

## The Impact of CART



# CART

Coins for Alzheimer's  
Research Trust



## \$2 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 2025

### \$500,000 EACH:

ROGER ACKERMAN MEMORIAL GRANT  
VIVIAN CHEUNG, PH.D. (BROWN UNIVERSITY)

DR. JOHN TROJANOWSKI MEMORIAL GRANT  
THEODORE ZWANG, PH.D. (HARVARD UNIVERSITY)

### \$250,000 EACH:

DREW ADAMS, PH.D.  
(CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY)

SHANNON MACAULEY-RAMBACH, PH.D.  
(UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY)

MARTIN KAMPMANN, PH.D.  
(UNIVERSITY OF CALIF-SAN FRANCISCO)

AMANTHA THATHIAH, PH.D.  
(UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH)

## 2025 CART ANNUAL MEETING



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

WES DURHAM,  
ESPN/ACC  
COMMENTATOR

\$50 PER PERSON INCLUDES LUNCH

JUNE 13, 2025, 10AM-3PM  
CHARLOTTE (NC) AIRPORT HILTON  
[WWW.CARTFUND.ORG](http://WWW.CARTFUND.ORG)



**CART FUND  
LEADERBOARD**  
YTD Giving Through April 2025

**THINK THOSE  
COINS & BILLS  
DON'T  
ADD UP?  
THINK AGAIN!**

**TOTAL CLUB GIVING:**

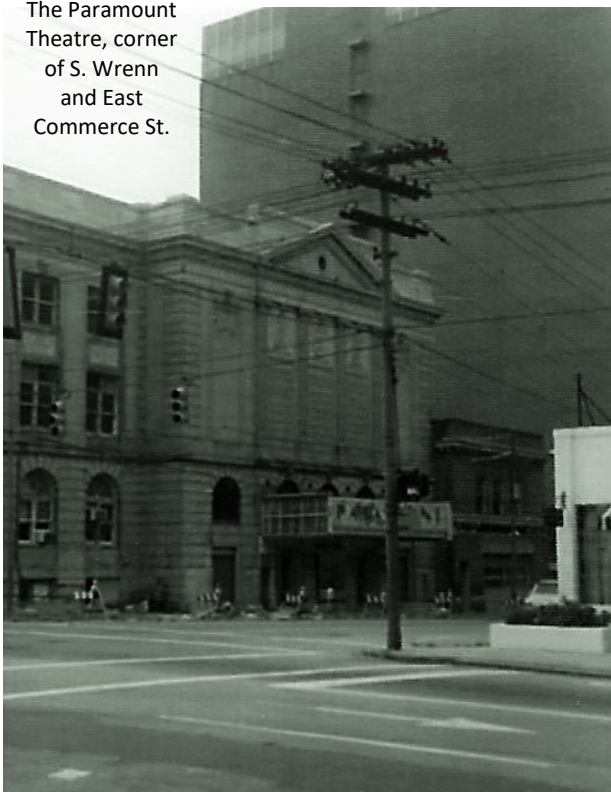
**1ST: ROTARY CLUB OF ASHEVILLE-  
BILTMORE (D7670-NC)**  
\$45,483

**2ND: ROTARY CLUB OF PINELLAS  
PARK (D6950-FL)**  
\$42,703

**3RD: ROTARY CLUB OF NEWTON-  
CONOVER (D7670-NC)**  
\$20,317

## THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME THE HIGH POINT THEATRE.

The Paramount  
Theatre, corner  
of S. Wrenn  
and East  
Commerce St.



## SO WHAT HAPPENED?

Originally the Point Theatre which opened on April 1, 1915. It was later renamed High Point Theatre and on September 1, 1924 it was renamed American Theatre. The Paramount Theatre was opened on December 25, 1930 by the Publix-Saenger chain with Chester Morris in "The Bat Whispers". The theatre had two balconies and was in an Art Deco style. Later operated by Key Theatres, then by Martin Theatres, who it closed on November 19, 1970 and they opened their Martin Twin Theatres the following day.

The building was owned by the City of High Point. A bond was passed to restore the theatre to live theatre use. About this time, Southern Furniture, who basically occupied the majority of the surrounding block, wanted the theatre property. They wanted it so bad that they promised to build a theatre inside the new exposition building, that was state of art, thereby saving the City of High Point considerable money. The Paramount Theatre was demolished in 1972.

Now you know The Paramount's history. Come this week to discover the High Point Theatre's history . . . or at least the first 50 years of its history. It is alive and going strong!



## LAST WEEK AT ROTARY (from page 1)

Don Shaw came forward to recognize Clark Pierce who reached a milestone in his Foundation Giving and was awarded his PH+7 pin. Clark is a Paul Harris Society member.

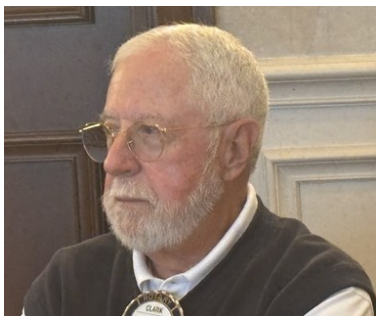
President Slade then recognized another Pierce, Clark's cousin Mark Pierce who is exiting the Club. He listed many of Mark's accolades, including being a Past President, longtime Spokesman Editor, Club Director, and a perfect attender since 2005. The Club's Board voted to make the extremely active 28 year member an Honorary Member.

Ken Esposito carried a \$ 2,006 pot to the podium along with a dwindling deck of cards. Jeff Benfield's number was drawn, but the Queen escaped unscathed as Jeff uncovered the 3 of Diamonds.

Ken Esposito introduced Asheboro Rotarian Mark Hensley, The District Action Coordinator, who spoke on District Service. In this new position, begun by 2025-26 D.G. Mark Brandon, Hensley will assist clubs with their Rotary Service.

Hensley reminded us how big Rotary is internationally. With over 45,000 clubs and 1.2 million global Rotarians, Rotary's impact is immense. Yet even with those numbers, the question remains, why would people want to join a civic club? For Rotary, it is about Fellowship, Business Networking, and the number one reason, Service. Still, there remains many people out there who want to give back and don't know how..

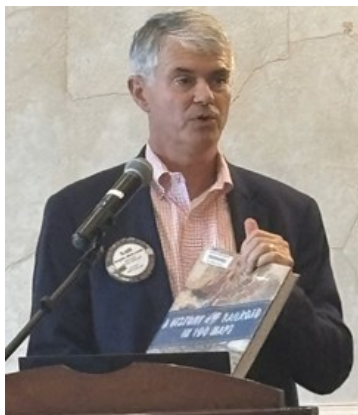
The High Point Club, Hemsley admitted, is all about service. He'd done his homework. About Bikes for Kids and Feeding Lisa's Kids. But he still wanted to share more opportunities that exist in our district. The Hurricane Helene storm damage and its lingering impact are part of a marathon effort to help out in the mountains of the state been by District 7690 Rotarians. \$ 230,000 has given financially and beginning in the fall, we will se sending work teams to the impacted areas. Then, there is Pigstock, the fundraiser for girls in Vietnam. It is in



Clark Pierce (above)  
Mark Pierce (below)



Mark Hensley



President Slade Lewis

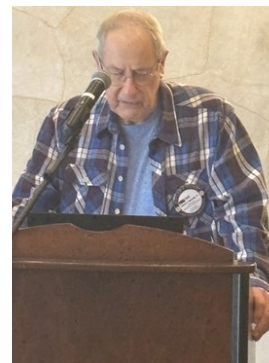
As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I am sure of . . . . . it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

October (the 25th) at a new venue in Stokesdale. Our club has participated for three years now.

Hensley was also big on Micro-Projects like we just completed for the United Way's Backpack program and the one completed earlier this spring for the Human Trafficking Resource Center.

He pledged a district library on the website of Micro Projects and District Grant Projects completed in our District. That will keep clubs from having to 'reinvent the wheel' when planning a project, as another club may have already laid the ground work on how to do it, what works, what doesn't work, etc.

The District is committed to providing opportunities where Rotarians can get involved and get their hands dirty as an alternative to just writing and mailing a check. Hensley also left the door wide open for volunteers to help with the District Action Committee and help put this new vision into action! After taking a few questions, Hensley turned things back over to President Slade who presented him with the Speaker's Gift. Slade announced next week's program, thanked our guests, reminded us of the CART buckets, led us in the Four Way Test, and adjourned the meeting.



Gus Schwenk

Shaylene  
Tootle-Grbus



Tony  
Bertschi





## A Thank You from Jane Liebscher & United Way to the R.C.H.P. for helping with the Backpack Program.

Dear Rotarans, 22 May 2025  
 I want to extend my sincerest thanks to each of you for adopting United Way of Greater High Point's Backpack program as the recent mini-project. Your generous good donations exceeded all my expectations - I was truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of care & love I witnessed. It was incredible to see so many helping hands spring into action, loading my car so fast! The Rotarian kindness and teamwork were on full display!

THANK YOU FOR CREATING OPPORTUNITIES & INSPIRING HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

Because of your generosity, many children will go to bed without the ache of hunger. That's no small thing & it means the world to them & us.



815 PHILLIPS AVE  
 HIGH POINT, NC 27262  
 336.883.4127



**LIVE UNITED**

Thank you so much. I'm so proud to be a Rotarian with you all. I love you <sup>United Way of Greater High Point</sup>



Jeff Benfield reacts as Ken Esposito show off the card Jeff selected during his hunt to find the Queen of Hearts. The 3 of Diamonds he uncovered assures we play on at least one more week. And the \$ 2,000+ pot is destined to grow next week. Stay tuned. Better yet, come play!



**A Rotary Club of High Point Micro-Project**