

PROGRAM: MARK HENSLEY

TOPIC: District Action Committee

Introduction: Ken Esposito

Sgt. at Arms: Tony Bertschi & Steve Ilderton

Invocation: Shaylene Tootle-Grbus

Greeters: Myra Clodfelter & Jordan Lessard



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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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY



Mark Hensley is the Executive Director for the Randolph Senior Adults Association. He is a native of Marion, NC. And a graduate of North Carolina State and the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business Executive Program

He Retired in July 2018 after a 38-year career in banking. Mark spent over 20 years with Wachovia Bank and 18 years in Asheboro with First National/Community One/Capital Bank as an Executive Vice President.

After two months of retirement, Mark started his new career as the Executive Director of the Randolph Senior Adults Association on September 17, 2018.

Mark is a 2002 graduate of the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Leadership Randolph Program; served as the program chair in 2005; and on the steering committee for 13 years. He has served on the board of the Community Foundation of Randolph County and was the Grants Committee Chair. Additionally, he served as a Founding Board Member and Treasurer for the Uwharrie Charter Academy school board. Currently, he serves on the Finance Committee.

He served on the statewide board of Habitat for Humanity, the Board Treasurer for the United Way, and is currently, he serves on the United Way's Uwharrie Society. Also, he has served on the Finance Committee for the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce and as the Chairman of the Board for Hospice of Randolph County. Mark served as a member of the Randolph Health Community Foundation Board.

He is a member of the Asheboro Rotary Club and has previously served as its President. Currently, Mark serves as the District Action Coordinator for District 7690.

Mark and his wife Beth live in Asheboro and are the parents of one daughter, Gracie - who is a Pediatric Cardiac ICU Nurse at Duke Hospital who also has an MBA in Healthcare Management from High Point University. Gracie served as Miss Randolph County from October 2019 - October 2021.

Mark joins us on Thursday to talk about the District Action Committee of Rotary District 7690.

LAST WEEK AT ROTARY

President Slade rang the bell to kick off the Rotary meeting last week. He led us in the pledge and invited Ricardo Siordia up to offer the invocation. Catherine Mendenhall introduced our guests that included Wendy Strader from Pennybyrn, Si Bell's better half Debbie Mellinger, Bobby Ritchie from the second place finishers in our golf tourney, and Tom Blount's guest Roy Roebuck. Gus Schwenk shared birthdays and anniversaries.

Slade kicked off Happy Dollars by thanking everyone for making the micro-project for United Way's Backpack program a success. Evidence of that success was stacked up front by the speaker's podium.



Wil Elder had a double barrel load of good news. One was his daughter was set to finish up first grade in the next few days. Secondly, his parents needed some service on their vehicle recently and Wil sang the praises of the folks at Crescent Ford and our own Tony Bertschi for their assistance.

Scott Wagoner put in a plug for an upcoming RLI opportunity at Cabarrus Community College that even included some post-graduate opportunities for those who have completed the regular program. Don Shaw came up to present a Paul Harris +8 Pin to Jeff Fuller for his giving

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Today is the Memorial Day Service at the Monument our club built 20 yrs. ago

21st Annual
HIGH POINT
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

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MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 | 10AM
 Corner of Main & High Street


POW/MIA Plaque Unveiling
 Featuring Randolph County Honor Guard, Guilford
 Courthouse Fife and Drum Corp, Special Speakers,
 Music, Bagpiper, & Wreath Laying.

Join Us To Remember & Pay Tribute TO Our
 Fallen Military Heroes.

For Inquiries Contact Nick Ruden at
HighPointVeterans@gmail.com

Sponsored and Organized by
 The High Point Veterans Memorial Foundation

TODAY




The Date of Installation of this monument was May 30, 2005.
 It was a project of
 The Rotary Club of High Point
 and Nicholas Ruden a local history buff and student. Our Club President that year was Brian Bunch.

This Service is on the site of the War Memorial given to the City of High Point
 by the Rotary Club of High Point and honoring Veterans of several wars.

THINK MEMBERSHIP

Invite a Guest to Rotary

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



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




RotaryBeachBash.com



District Conference 2026
 Atlantic Beach, NC

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

Thurs. June 5th Dan Barnard H..P. Theatre's 50th Anniversary	Thurs. June 12th Dr. Hatem Abdallah Robotic Surgery	COMING ATTRACTIONS	Thurs. June 19th Chief Brian Evans High Point Fire Department	Thurs. June 26th CHANGING OF THE GUARD

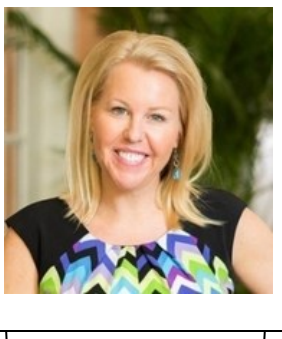
Happy Birthday



A \$ 1,900 POT
and less than half
the deck remains



Hayden McKenzie



Catherine Mendenhall



Clark Pierce

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Saturday, May 31, 2025

No Club or Wedding Anniversaries this Week

MAKE-UPS 5/15/25: Aldridge, Esposito, Fuller, M. Pierce, Sizemore

ABSENT 5/22/25: Aldridge, Baker, Byrd, Clarke, Coulson, Davis, Draelos, Dunbar, Gibson, Hanein, K. Hughes, Jackson, D. Johnson, Lessard, Lucas, McKnight, Mills, Morgan, Nelson, Newcomb, Ross, Dw. Shaw, Smith, Suire, Webster, West, Whitley

Courage is knowing it might hurt, and doing it anyway.
Stupidity is the same. And that is why life is hard!



**Slade Lewis draws the
Winning Number**

NEW PAUL HARRIS PLUS RECIPIENT

PH+8 Recipient Jeff Fuller

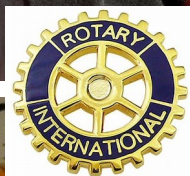


Wil Elder finds the 8 of Clubs

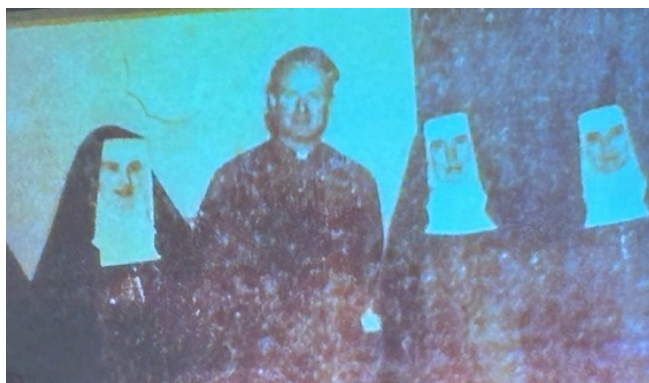


**PROUDLY
WEAR YOUR
ROTARY PIN
King Charles
Does**

**So did
Kentucky Fried
Chicken
Founder
Colonel Harlan
Sanders on his
famous white
suit**



King Charles is an honorary member. Colonel Sanders was an active, engaged member. Many often asked who are honorary members. Simply put, those selected for honorary membership are those who have done much to further the ideals of Rotary. Many are distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts and other public personalities, Many others are lesser known or just locally known persons that are committed to furthering Rotary's ideals around their community!



The Original Group of Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God that came to Pennybyrn in 1947.

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 Srvc 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

Easy Make Ups!

You can now receive make up credit through the Internet. Just go to the web-site: www.rotaryclubbone.org. 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.

Rather do a Make-up in Person?

Use your Ignite App.
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.

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generosity. He reminded us that being a Paul Harris Society member can advance your cumulative giving totals quickly too. In Don's words, those were his scripted comments. His unscripted ones, which he said he always has, included a last thank you to our golf tourney sponsors. He also recognized Bobby Ritchie who joined us Thursday at Rotary. He was part of Lee Ganns second place foursome on the Willow Creek links.

Jane Liebscher spoke next and thanked Rotarians for their support of the backpack initiative. She pointed out that 65% of Guilford County School students get free or reduced price lunches. The program serves 2,000 students at 16 sites presently, providing them with nutritious food for the weekends. And the numbers are growing.

Ken Esposito rolled out the Queen of Hearts after an almost month pause in the game. The 1,900+ pot and 22 cards left in the deck make it an enticing game right now. Wil Elder held the ticket with the right number but his luck didn't hold up when he cut the deck and uncovered the of 8 clubs. Play on Rotarians!

Sarah Barker introduced our speakers, Sister Lucy Hennessey and Father Steve Hoyt of Pennybyrn. Former HP Rotarian (now honorary) Sister Lucy outlined the history of what was then Maryfield, starting with the arrival of the Sisters of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, 78 years ago. Their arrival from England and Ireland was at a time on the heels of the end of World War II and many unmet needs in medical care existed. The sisters of S.M.G. date back to 1869 and Frances Taylor a servant during the Crimean War in Russia where she served with Florence Nightingale in a battlefield hospital. Here in 1947, led by Sister Mary Patrice, High Point was selected over several other communities for a new facility. Soon, the 22 bed convalescence facility opened in the Penny House.

Today, Pennybyrn has grown to include independent living, assisted living, skilled nursing, a transitional rehab program, and soon a new Adult Day Center. Some 400+ residents call the 71 acre campus home. Their commitment to their long standing values and missions re-



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Main unchanged. Pastoral Care is ready to meet Spiritual Needs. All of their care is carried out "to the Glory of God!"

In 2023, the Diocese of Charlotte took over sponsorship of Pennybyrn. Father Steve Hoyt came to become Board Chair as well as Director of Mission and Pastoral Care.

Father Steve addressed Rotarians next admitting he is challenged with the responsibility of overseeing the continuing mission of Pennybyrn. He and Sister Lucy used words such as love, kindness, respect, faith, honor, nurture, and spirit to describe what they do. All of that is part of their service to their residents. All staff, not just the Sisters adhere to the furtherance of the mission. Why would I want to change anything Father Steve asks. The service, growth, and strength are solid. He asked if we recalled the WWJD bracelets (What Would Jesus Do?). He says he often thinks WWTSD (What Would the Sisters Do?).

He spoke about how they accommodate and meet people's faith and spiritual needs. He stressed they connect with community clergy as not everyone at Pennybyrn is Catholic by any means. They offer worship, prayer services, and a ministry of presence. Just being present, available, and demonstrating a sense of caring is important. That includes the rapport with the resident's families as well.

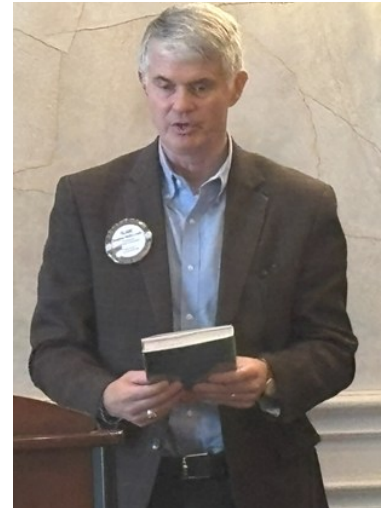
The sisters now serving at Pennybyrn are being called home and will return to England and Ireland in just a few short weeks. Steve Ilderton added that his father picked up the first sisters at the train station when they initially came to High Point to serve. So there will be some change with the absence of familiar faces. But under Father Steve's leadership and all the employees, board members, volunteers, and active residents, things will be much the same. But the Sisters will be missed without question. They have given so much to Pennybyrn!

Slade presented Sister Lucy a plaque recognizing her service and speaker's gift to both our speakers. He reminded us of the CART buckets, thanked our guests and ended the meeting leading us in the Four Way Test.

Sister Lucy Hennessey



Father Steve Hoyt



THE PENNY HOME, PENNYBYRN AT MARYFIELD

