

Thanks to all who were able to attend the GHIC Christmas dinner on December 19. We forgot to take a picture of the group, but all those in attendance indicated that the dinner options and evening events were very good.

We discussed the following topics very briefly as part of our monthly meeting:

1. Christmas Concert: We believe we had somewhere between 230 and 280 in attendance, well below last year, but a very respectable number.
2. GD Discussions: Books were ordered. Expected delivery in early January. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If interested, visit <https://hickoryinternationalcouncil.com/2025-great-decisions/>.
3. Hickory FC promotion: Nancy G. was tasked of coming up with a promotion for the board to approve prior to the start of the season in May.
4. GHIC shirts: Those who ordered early got their shirts at dinner. If you ordered recently, your shirt will be ready in early January. If you have not ordered yet, you will be able to place the order in early January when the store reopens.
5. 2025-2026 request of funding from the City of Hickory (7/1/25 – 6/30/26): The funding request is due by January 17, 2025. Since this is the day after our annual retreat on January 16, we must finalize the request before or at the retreat and email it then. Please find attached the funding request for this current year. I would like for you to use this information to make any changes, updates, additions, deletions or suggestions between now and then.