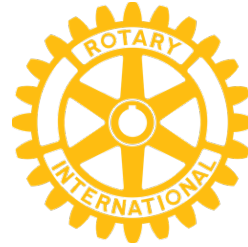


Sunday, September 1, 2024

Rotary

Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Enjoy your Labor Day - Monday the 9th is our next meeting!

Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karon G
Armor

Sunday, February 11,
2024

Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVVbINRQkI0Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFQT09>

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Speakers

September 09, 2024

Connie Molland
DG Official Visit

September 11, 2024

Board Meeting
Board Meeting Silver Creek

September 16, 2024

Kaye Mchan
State of the Chamber

September 23, 2024

John Baumrucker
Bolivian Mission

September 30, 2024

Lester Norris Highlands Park and Rec Director
New Playground

Events

September 2nd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

September 11th

Mountaintop Highlands Board Meeting

Speaker: Board Meeting

Subject: Board Meeting Silver Creek

September 16th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Kaye Mchan

Subject: State of the Chamber

September 23rd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: John Baumrucker

Subject: Bolivian Mission

HOTWIRE IN HIGHLANDS



On Monday night we had a fantastic presentation on fiber optic internet by Will Beck and Emily Lensky of Hotwire Communications, that left everyone in attendance buzzing with excitement! The speaker highlighted the incredible benefits of this

technology, including faster speeds, improved connectivity, and enhanced reliability for our community. It was great to learn about the plans to extend fiber optic internet to the outlying areas outside of the town limits of Highlands, ensuring that even the most rural residents will have access to high-quality internet services. We can hardly wait for this long-awaited upgrade to become a reality and are eager to see the positive impact it will have on our community!

From Andy Walker:

Hotwire is the primary sponsor of the pickleball tournament and a Platinum club sponsor providing wi-fi access at the arts show, the tournament and have been a tremendous partner of our Rotary club and a great community asset. Since 2002, Hotwire Communications has led the Gigabit revolution, pioneering fiber optic internet.

As a nationally known Internet Service Provider (ISP), they own and operate a fully redundant fiber-optic network and provide customers a full suite of telecommunications services.

For over two decades, they have had the same leadership team and as the largest, privately held internet service provider in commercial and community-living environments, their network footprint is ever-expanding, now crossing 9 states from Florida to California

In 2012, Hotwire purchased their biggest competitor and doubled the size of the company.

Shortly after, they relocated their headquarters to Fort Lauderdale, FL, creating 375 new jobs and investing more than \$27 million into the local community.

They have been ranked the Fastest ISP in the World by Netflix and in 2022 were named fastest internet service provider in the southeastern U.S. by PC Magazine.

September 30th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lester Norris Highlands Park and Rec Director

Subject: New Playground

Birthdays

April A. Getz
September 1st

John Martin
September 7th

Mary Lou Bilbro
September 23rd

Berry Howard
September 25th

George Michael Vavrek
September 29th

Club Leaders



Catherine Connolly Hudson
President



Andrew Keithline Walker Sr.
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John Martin
Club Executive Secretary
Rotary Foundation Chair



Michael Burel
Club Director



Robin King Austin
Club Membership Chair



Lorine Spencer
Sergeant-at-Arms



Cathy S Myers
Club Public Image Chair



James H Spencer
Club Fundraising Chair



Berry Howard
Club Grants and Scholarship Chair

DAHLIA FESTIVAL - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Highlands will become Woodstock!



The Highlands Historical Society will hold its 14th annual Dazzling Dahlia Festival September 5 - 7, and the theme is Elevated Woodstock.

The festival needs volunteers, but it's not an official club volunteer event this year. Here's why. About a year ago, the club leadership started hearing that members felt burned out by many requests to volunteer, especially since we took full ownership of the Art and Craft Show. This spring, members were surveyed, and a retreat was held, in part, to consider the burnout issue. Two initiatives emerged from that work: member expectations and clarifying and restructuring service projects.

Service project restructuring included placing some projects into the Service Opportunities category, including the Dahlia Festival. Another entity leads this activity, and members can participate as volunteers rather than club members.

The Festival needs volunteers. To volunteer, contact the Highlands Historical Society at 828-787-1050.



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