

# Rotary

## Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



### DG CONNIE MOLLAND'S OFFICIAL VISIT MONDAY



Photograph from The Sylva Herald

Let's welcome Connie to our club meeting and hear her plans for the peace pole project.

### DONATION TO HIGHLANDS SCHOOL

Robin Canady recently handed over a \$1,000 check to the principal of Highlands School, designated for much-needed supplies.

Perfect timing as September is the month Rotary International celebrates basic education and literacy!



### FALL IS AROUND THE CORNER



As we approach fall, we will be embarking on a variety of projects that embody our commitment to community service and

### Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karon G Armor Sunday, February 11, 2024

Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVVb1NRQk10Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFQT09>  
Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874  
Passcode: 7670

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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 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

September 30th

**Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Lester Norris Highlands Park and Rec Director

**Subject:** New Playground



commitment to community service and engagement. Here are some of the projects that we are working on and discussing and hope to see on our calendars soon:

1. Pickleball Fundraiser
2. Service opportunities for the Dahlia Festival
3. Launch of Polio prevention and fundraising October
4. Launch of the Community coat drive
5. Hot Dog/Halloween
5. Toys for HEC-ornaments
6. Shoes in the school
7. Holiday party
8. Wood cutting?
9. Fall road clean up
10. The Giving Tree at Brysons

As the leaves begin to change, let's come together to bring these projects to life and make this fall a season of meaningful contributions and connections!

## ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD - SOUTH AFRICA

We'll be looking at Rotary Projects around the world and starting with **South Africa**:

- Survival Gardens Project  
The Rotary Club of Winnipeg delivered 1,000 Survival Gardens kits to women in remote villages in South Africa. The kits were given out as prizes in the "GOGO (Grandmother) OLYMPICS" where



## Birthdays

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.](#)  
Club Programs Chair  
Sponsorships Chair  
President-Elect



[Robin Canady](#)  
Treasurer



[Karen G. Armor](#)  
Secretary



[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



[George Michael Vavrek](#)  
Club Service Chair



[Mcallister Isaacs IV](#)  
Club Diversity Equity & Inclusion  
Chair



[William B Kirkman](#)  
iPast President  
Youth Services Chair  
RYLA Point of Contact  
Youth Protection Officer  
Club Technology Chair



[Tabby Bowley](#)

2000 (Grandmotherly Skills) where grandmothers raced pulling hippo rollers full of water.



Tabby Dewey  
Club Director

- Audacious Request

This project transformed South African schools by installing water tanks, repairing gutters and sewage systems, and remodeling kitchen and toilet facilities. It also included training staff members and parent volunteers in maintenance.

- Academy for Women Entrepreneurs

This hybrid program ran from July to November 2023 and selected 140 participants to join activities in Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Maseru, Mbabane, and Pretoria.

- The E-Steam International project

This project began after a health worker from South Africa spoke to the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Wyoming about water scarcity in South Africa. The project has improved kitchens, bathrooms, and other sanitation facilities at nearly a dozen schools.

- Terego School Project

This project aims to renovate the school premises, including the administrative offices, staff and learner ablutions, and the kitchen and dining facilities.

- Tutu Desks

In 2024, Howard Tours will distribute Tutu Desks in Middleburg, South Africa.

- What began with an enthusiastic health worker telling U.S. Rotarians about water scarcity in South Africa has blossomed into a partnership that has overhauled kitchens, bathrooms, and other sanitation facilities at nearly a dozen schools serving more than 7,200 students. It began with Julia Heemstra, who grew up in South Africa, speaking to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in 2018. Club members decided to support her in providing handheld water filters and were eager to do more. Heemstra connected the Wyoming Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Grahamstown, South Africa, which was at the time rehabilitating sanitation facilities at Ntsika Secondary School.

## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

# SEPTEMBER

"We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations."

PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96





TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



### **September is Basic Education and Literacy Month**

The goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy and to support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

Our club's commitment to supporting education and basic literacy is demonstrated through our ongoing partnership with the Highlands School and the Boys and Girls Club. By investing in these institutions, we are not only fostering academic success but also empowering young people to reach their full potential. Together, we believe that by nurturing a love for learning and ensuring access to educational opportunities, we can create lasting change in our community and inspire the next generation to thrive.