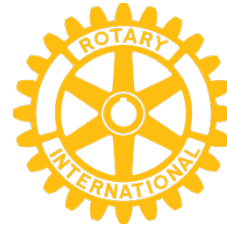


# Rotary

## Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



### ROTARY MINUTE - CAL ISAACS



Our DEI Chair, Cal Isaacs delivered a great Rotary Minute-asking the question: do we listen to respond or to understand?

Clearly active listening goes beyond simply hearing words; it involves fully engaging with the speaker by paying attention, acknowledging their feelings, and responding thoughtfully. By practicing active listening within a DEI framework, individuals can better understand the unique experiences and perspectives of others, fostering empathy and reducing misunderstandings. This practice not only validates the voices of those who may have been marginalized or overlooked but also encourages

open dialogue, collaboration, and innovative problem-solving.

In our clubs, active listening should be a fundamental skill cultivated among all members. This includes creating spaces for people to share their stories, actively seeking feedback, and demonstrating a commitment to understanding diverse perspectives. By combining DEI initiatives with active listening, organizations can build a culture of respect, trust, and support, ultimately driving more impactful change and strengthening community ties.

### DG CONNIE MOLLAND'S VISIT



### Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karen Armor Monday September 16, 2024  
Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVVbINRQkI0Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFQT09>  
Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874  
Passcode: 7670

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### Speakers

#### 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

#### October 07, 2024

Robert Hall  
PDG 6900 21-22 Bilbro will intro

#### October 09, 2024

Board Meeting  
Board Meeting Silver creek

### Events

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

October 7th

#### Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Robert Hall  
**Subject:** PDG 6900 21-22 Bilbro will intro

October 9th



Connie Molland addressed our club on Monday night. She talked about the following:

In a recent address to District Governors (DGs), Stephanie Urchick outlined a clear and impactful agenda for the upcoming Rotary year, emphasizing three crucial goals that will guide the organization's efforts as we work together to make a meaningful difference in our communities: District Governors were to:

1. Grow the district by 100 members
2. Charter 4 new clubs of any type
3. Help Heal a Divided World.

Connie's spoke about the Peace Pole Project and her goal is to plant 50 poles in Western North Carolina. She mentioned the importance of the dedication ceremony and connecting Rotary to Peace.

Connie finally mentioned doing a club health assessment to help increase our ability to remain relevant in the world.

## CRAFT SHOW SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS



### Mountaintop Highlands Board Meeting

**Speaker:** Board Meeting

**Subject:** Board Meeting Silver creek

### Birthdays

Mary Lou Bilbro  
September 23rd

Berry Howard  
September 25th

George Michael Vavrek  
September 29th

Debi W Bock  
October 7th

### 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



Here are some numbers for both the June and August shows:

Over 10,000 attendees:  
65% returning visitors  
25% saw the signs and came

60% were visiting Highlands  
40% were locals

We made over \$10,000 on the Silent Auction and  
Over \$7,200 on the Raffle

We gave \$8,250 to the Boys and Girls Club and will give another \$15,670 - for a total  
of \$24,800

The Total Income was \$81,757 which is an increase of \$16,667 over last year's show  
(or a 25% increase)

**60 out of 65 members signed up to work the shows!**

## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the Highlights:

4th Monday Meetings to be ZOOM only.

Holiday Party is to be held at Mountain Laurel Tennis Club on Wednesday, December  
4, 2024.

Coat Drive Grant of \$5,000 received from the District.

Peace Pole Project design discussions are underway with Highlands Rotary Club.

90-day visual calendar is in the works.

Grants and Scholarships awarded so far:

Afghan Project - \$5,000  
Highlands School Supplies - \$1,000  
Magnolia Mission - \$1,000  
Lynn Wright Memorial Scholarship - \$500  
Edwards Mold Remediation - \$2,500

## ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD -UK

For its centennial project, the Rotary Club of Halifax built a scenic overlook above the town on an ancient road and footpath known as the Magna Via. Illustrated panels identify landmarks such as Wainhouse Tower, Borough Market, Square Church spire, the Halifax gibbet (a replica of the 16th century precursor to the guillotine), and the Town Hall, designed by Sir Charles Barry, architect of Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. QR codes link to descriptions of the landmarks on the club website. "The views are magnificent and span the horizon," says Ken Robertshaw, a past governor of District 1040. The \$25,000 project, dedicated in late June, was funded by sponsoring businesses and individual donors, including Robertshaw, who contributed in honor of his late wife, Pauline. The Town Council agreed to maintain the overlook. "Given the history of the site, it seemed like an appropriate place for us to build something that celebrates the rich heritage of the town," Robertshaw says.



