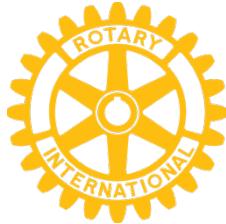


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Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



COAT DRIVE KICKS OFF



AS FEATURED IN THIS WEEK'S HIGHLANDER

Annual winter coat drive kicks off Sept. 29

By Ryan Hanchett rhanchett@highlandsnews.com

The Mountaintop Rotary Club is kicking off its annual coat drive in hopes that every resident of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau will have a warm jacket to wear this winter. The drive will officially begin on Sunday, Sept. 29 and run until March 15, 2025, but donation boxes have already been placed in several locations around town.

â€œThis is the fourth year of the coat drive and we are asking everyone to clean out their closets for a good cause,â€ Mountaintop Rotary Club member Duncan Greenlee said.

FIRST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS

We'll learn more from Michael Burel!



Rotary pickleball tournament a success

Mountaintop Rotary Club held its first benefit pickleball tournament to raise money for the new Boys and Girls Club in Highlands on Sept. 21-22. The tournament was also sponsored by Rotary and facilitated by Southern Pickleball. Matches were played at the Highlands Rec Center.

Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karen G
Armor

Monday, September 30,
2024

Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

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Speakers

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 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

Mountaintop Highlands Board Meeting

Speaker: Board Meeting

Subject: Board Meeting Silver creek

October 14th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

October 21st

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays

George Michael Vavrek
September 29th

Debi W Bock

October 7th

Amy D Cooper

HIGHLANDS BOLIVIAN MISSION





The Highlands Bolivian Mission is a living example of the Power of One: the idea that every individual has the potential to create significant impact in the world.

It began with a single visionary—a person who saw beyond the immediate challenges to recognize the potential for profound change in underserved Bolivian communities. Armed with nothing but determination and a belief in the betterment of humanity, John Baumrucker reached out to make a difference.

Highlands Bolivian Mission improves the living conditions of the poor people of Montero, Bolivia and the surrounding areas through supporting the foster home for street boys. The mission has implemented six water projects to bring clean potable water to the region and by aiding a jail. They also provide funds for college education for the foster home children.

We are proud to have John in our club!

October 20th
Michael E. Crowe
October 23rd

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 Bewley
Club Director

THE PLUS IN POLIOPPLUS





Musa Muhammed Ali, a farmer in Borno state, Nigeria, has had to deal with the many ways polio has affected his life. For instance, he used to have to pay for transportation when he needed to buy feed for his animals. But after receiving a hand-operated tricycle funded through Rotary's PolioPlus grants, Ali can now spend that money on other necessities. His life was changed by the "plus" in PolioPlus.

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.

ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD - AUSTRALIA



Rotary clubs in Australia have many projects, including those that focus on children, mental health, and the environment:

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

Provides life-saving surgeries for children from South Pacific countries, such as Timor Leste, PNG, Solomon

Island, and Vanuatu.

- **Protecting children's vision**
A consortium of Rotary clubs and districts raised funds for a mobile diagnostic imaging platform for the Children's Hospital at Westmead.
- **Peacebuilding and conflict prevention**
Rotary clubs raise awareness and funds to prevent domestic violence and support

its victims.

- **Check dams**

Rotary clubs in Australia and India collaborated to build check dams to control stormwater flow, decrease erosion, and increase water percolation into the ground.

- **Beecroft Spirit Gin**

The Rotary Club of Beecroft produced a gin infused with botanicals from the area, with proceeds going toward the renovation of an electrical substation and other projects.

- **Operation Cleft**

A project that has changed the lives of more than 7,600 children since 2005.

- **Safe Sanitation and Water Saves Lives (SSWSL)**

A program to supply clean water to people in underdeveloped countries.

- **End Hepatitis Now Project**

A partnership between Rotary Melbourne and Hepatitis Victoria.