

Rotary

Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



NO MEETING MONDAY 20TH



As we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is a powerful occasion for reflection on his contributions to civil rights and social justice. It's a time to think about the progress made toward equality and the work that still lies ahead.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a national day of service that encourages Americans to volunteer and improve their communities.

How will you honor this day?

JOIN THE FIESTA ON THE 27TH



Please respond to the Evite by the 20th and sign up for food to bring.

Due to space constraints, the party is for Members only.

Let's celebrate the opening of the Dillard Road!

A MOMENT WITH ROTARY THAT

Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karen Sunday, January 19, 2025
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Time: 5:30

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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Meeting ID: 914 8892 8691
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Speakers

February 12, 2025

Board Meeting

Board Meeting Silver creek

Events

January 18th

Bill Test

January 20th

NO MEETING

January 27th

Mountaintop Rotary Fiesta Party

January 27th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

February 3rd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

February 10th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

February 12th

Mountaintop Highlands Board Meeting

CHANGED MY LIFE

By Dean Rohrs, Rotary Foundation Trustee and past RI vice president

A few years back, I was taking part in a polio immunization field trip in northern Nigeria, vaccinating children against the disease. After a dusty trip on non-existent roads right into the northern Nigeria countryside, I was dropped off under a tree with a Rotaractor translator, one other Rotary member, and the local polio immunization team. This is an area frequented by Boko Haram and although I grew up in Africa, and am adventurous, I wasn't sure that I would ever be found again.

The whole morning, women and children came to us for their polio vaccinations – winding their way to our tree through the fields. But by the early afternoon when the women start preparing the evening meal, there were no further children to immunize. I then took the opportunity to wander through the groups of compounds looking for children to immunize. While doing so, I came across a simple well with a rope and bucket and little girls – aged 10 to 12 years – collecting water, filling containers, and then disappearing into the bush with their water.

I asked the head of the village where they were going, and he told me that there were two other settlements in the area – one 2 kilometers away and the other more than 3 kilometers away. These settlements had no water. These little girls walked twice a day to fetch water for their families and thus never attended school.

When I got back to the tree and back to the team, I asked this leader what it costs to dig a simple well like that. That answer changed my life – and the realization of how little it takes to change lives.

When I got back to my hotel that night, I took out my spending money and my travel emergency fund and laid the money out on my bed. I had enough money – not only for one well – but to dig two wells and to rehabilitate the well that I had seen that day.

Leaving those funds in the hands of the local Rotaractors – 10 months later I had photos of the “Canadian wells” in those two new settlements and the cover and new surround of the original well.

Every time I look at these photos, I remember how little it took to make a difference. I remember the sight of those little girls with their small dusty bare feet, their buckets and containers on their heads, and their strong little backs as they not only faced with courage and stoicism their walk home through this dangerous bush, but also the life they lead and will lead.

Just a brief moment and a few dollars from my life – but what did it mean to those girls? A safe environment of not walking through dangerous territory. A chance to go to school and better themselves. A community that could now focus on living instead of always stretching for the daily water.

We all have these moments in our Rotary journey. But what we do with them is really what counts.



Speaker: Board Meeting
Subject: Board Meeting Silver creek

Birthdays

Susan H Cox
January 23rd
Lorine Spencer
January 31st
Leon Hananel
February 7th
Andrew W Spraggins Sr.
February 9th
Leslie Logan
February 11th

Club Leaders



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Club Director



Robin King Austin
Club Membership Chair



Lorine Spencer
Sergeant-at-Arms



Cathy S Myers
Club Public Image Chair

ROTARY STORIES AROUND THE WORLD - ETHIOPIA



The Rotary Club of Addis Ababa Central-Mella, is currently working on a water project to develop and build wells in 24 rural communities in southern Ethiopia. The evidence and data that the club gathered helped identify the community's needs and helped determine the best way to address them.

This project aims to improve the quality of life of the residents who lack access to clean water and the daily routines once clean water is near and accessible. These communities often have to walk long distances to reach a water source that is often dirty and carries water-borne diseases.



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