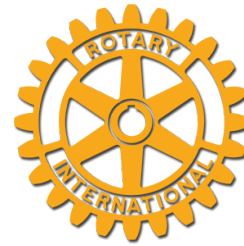


# Rotary

## Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



### BREAKING NEWS--- Highlands Holiday Parade

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022



Mountaintop-Highlands Rotary participated in the annual Highlands Holiday Parade on Saturday, sporting perhaps, the best float in the parade ( yes, I am prejudice, but that's ok for MTR floats).

This 30 minute walk just didn't happen, but rather was the result of hundreds of Rotarian hours planning, obtaining props and equipment, constructing, decorating and coordinating a dream into a reality.

At best count, at least 35 members of our club participated in some manner. To attempt to list all the players would only assure with certainty I would leave someone out.

However, the Top Rotarian in Charge, Jennifer Martin, must be singled out. She accomplished a mammoth job. In fact, the project was such a success, she may have worked herself into a permanent role. Ha-Ha!

I mean to tell you we were first class! Every decoration held a meaning.

We had Ukrainian bunk beds as tree ornaments, a dozen wrapped boxes each with a label announcing one of our service projects carried by a group of identically dressed walker elves (We had matching uniforms!), a yule tree with blinking lights and, in a red wingback chair, our latest RYLA candidate. As ZZ Top once sang, "We were nationwide".

Here is a quote from our President:  
"Wow! What an EVENT! The Highlands Holiday Parade with Mountaintop Rotary Club of Highlands proudly presenting our first float ever! A big thanks to Jennifer Martin for chairing the Float Initiative and everyone who came together to finalize design, build, decorate, drive, march in the parade along with Lilly Cambrook, our RYLA participant this year, and celebrate."

Below is a link to the parade and I have included a photo sent out by Jim Spencer. I

### Weekly Zoom Invite

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVWb1NROk10Vjd6UEJVSk9pSUIFOT09>  
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### Speakers

**December 12, 2022**  
Dornbush, S. Cox, L hannanel  
Chanuka Night

**December 19, 2022**  
Leslie Manning  
Counseling Center

### Events

December 5th  
**Highlands-Mountaintop Annual Meeting**

December 8th  
**Annual Holiday Party**

December 12th  
**Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Dornbush, S. Cox, L hannanel  
**Subject:** Chanuka Night

December 19th  
**Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting**

**Speaker:** Leslie Manning  
**Subject:** Counseling Center

December 21st  
**Highlands-Mountaintop Club Board Meeting**

December 26th  
**Highlands-Mountaintop No Meeting Tonight**

January 2nd  
**Highlands-Mountaintop No Meeting Tonight**

### Birthdays

Robin Canady  
December 18th  
Clark Plexico

promise a followup story later on.

[https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN\\_GKOT-GK1C&mibextid=c059er&ref=watch\\_permalink&v=720430035704315](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GKOT-GK1C&mibextid=c059er&ref=watch_permalink&v=720430035704315)

Great Job everybody!

## Cath Introduces the New Arts and Craft Fair

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

For the next six months, all of us will need to work with Cath Connolly-Hudson as she pilots our New Arts and Crafts Fair. Her presentation on the planning and upgrading of our fair (now that it is all ours) was inspiring. You will hear more about the upgrades and plans over the next months, but for now just know we have a new structure, new technology, new vendor processes and reporting paths. All are first class and may very well make us the best Fair in Western Carolina. If you want a sneak preview, you will have to use DACdb. The playbook is under My Club, Club files, Secure, Fundraising 22-23, Arts and Crafts Show, Playbook Draft. You will learn later about the dozen or more subcommittees and what the changes will entail. Start thinking about where you fit in and get ready for the spring event. Now is the time to end any procrastination and to start embracing DACdb. As your grandchildren would say, "Get with it". If you would like a copy of her PowerPoint presentation, check out the special Pmail Bulletin of the 29th or email me.

## Toys, Coats and Shoes.

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

We are still involved in our annual toy drive. Duncan may still need a toy or two to complete the second appeal for 9 more toys and ornaments are still hanging on various church trees for anyone that needs them.

We are still involved in our annual coat drive. Bring your coats to the HEC and keep a kid warm this season.

We are involved in our annual shoe drive. Michael B tells us "I received information from the school for 12 students who are in need of shoes. I have ordered all the shoes which arrive on various dates up to the 13<sup>th</sup>. The kids get out of school at noon on the 16<sup>th</sup>, so I will try to deliver them on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

The average cost of the shoes is about \$20 per pair for members who want to donate.

Checks should be made to MTR and given to either me or Robin. If we receive more money than is needed, it will go to fund other projects." So stay involved and keep doing.

## Glass Packers Needed

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

Nick Sharpe needs volunteers to help wrap and transport all the glass recently donated to us from The Glass Shop. There are two work shifts for volunteers to help with this thousand-piece collection. The fun day is December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day. The potential revenue stream from this collection is equal to an additional fundraiser. Please find a little time to help.

Here is a link where you can sign up for your shift.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1SYeJzVN5P4QZ71b-w-s63Llo7pv-7Jp6N3SKja0s13g/edit?usp=sharing>

## Holiday Party

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022

Our Holiday Party at Highlands BBQ. I am pretty sure the start time is 5:30 pm, but

December 27th

Randy Foster

January 1st

Jeffrey Paul Owens

January 3rd

## Club Leaders



Michael Lanzilotta  
President



William B Kirkman  
President-Elect



Andrew Keithline Walker Sr.  
Secretary



Robin Canady  
Treasurer



Robin S. Phillips  
Club Director at Large



Lorine Spencer  
Club Director at Large



Gerry L Bilbro  
Rotary Foundation Vice Chair



Berry Howard  
Membership Chair



John Martin  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Duncan Greenlee  
Club Service Vice Chair



James H Spencer  
Club Service Chair



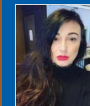
George Michael Vavrek  
Club Programs Chair  
iPast President



Gardner Nick Sharpe Jr.  
Scholarship Chair



Michael Burel  
Club Fund Raising Vice Chair



Jennifer Cambrook  
Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Berry knows and can tell us Monday. I do know food is covered; whiskey is not. The dress code is anywhere from casual to dress up. It is rumored lottery tickets will circulate! So, bring your main squeeze and guests (potential member guests especially) to the social event of the season. Be there or be square. Here is an interactive RSVP list link: <https://forms.gle/116n6iaiAt1aZ1928>

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## Who is this Rotarian?

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Edith Walker was our mystery Rotarian last week.

Now here is a good one.

Our Rotarian is a Scorpio and has been a member of our club for all of the Rotarian's Rotary career. In fact, the Rotarian's joining month and day is the same as that of Copernicus' first observation of Saturn. I wonder if the Rotarian has a special love for the planet? The person's work history is all about making sure your pocketbook jingles with the right amount, on the right day, a very important requirement of a happy life.

The Rotarian lives down where the Blue Hound cooks!

That's important because, as a future top dog, the Rotarian needs to know where to eat!

Our Rotarian shares a common birth day and month with a pretty good group of folks. They include Condoleeza Rice, Yanni, Jawaharlal Nehru (love your coat), Mamie Eisenhower and, get this, Tom Golisano, founder of Paychex (\$44.4 billion in market value and I am sure, a love idol of our Rotarian).

Shared famous events include the day Herman Melville published his novel, Moby Dick, Gail Bordon (Elsie the Cow) patented condensed milk, FDR declared the Philippines a free commonwealth (another 10 years would pass before the country was independent) and finally, Tucker Carson premiered his show on the FOX network. Surely you have this one, but if not, check out # 28 on the membership list.

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Club Fund Raising Vice Chair



[Catherine Connolly Hudson](#)  
Club Fund Raising Chair



[Michael E. Crowe](#)  
Club Public Image Chair



[William Swift](#)  
Assistant Governor