

Rotary



Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands

Monday's Meeting is ZOOM ONLY!!!!

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 23, 2023

Zambian Club looking for Laptops

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Our speaker, Tambala Muyawate, joined us last week via zoom at 11:30pm his time from Zambia. This is truly testimony that Rotary is international.

He spoke about their effort to purchase laptop computers for the children of the country, thereby improving the education and job skills of the youth and in many ways securing the future of his country. Can you imagine what the addition of a mere 67,000 laptop computers could do for a struggling democracy by securing computer training for a force of that generation and not only for their country, but the Central African region? Truly, game changing.

Very interesting. Thanks to Mavrick for pulling this program together.

Clark Plexico to give Afghanistan Update

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 23, 2023

Our speaker on Monday will be MTR's own, Clark Plexico. He promises an update to us on his efforts in Afghanistan and also go through some of the challenges he has faced as well as new ones he knows his group will be facing in the weeks and months ahead.

Board Meeting April 26th

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Weekly Zoom Invite

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr.

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVWbINROkI0Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFOT09>

Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874

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Speakers

April 24, 2023

Clark Plexico

Afghanistan

Events

April 24th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Clark Plexico

Subject: Afghanistan

April 26th

Highlands-Mountaintop Board Meeting

May 1st

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

May 8th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 23, 2023

Just a reminder, the extended Board of the MTR club will meet on April 26th, 2023 at 5:00pm. We will meet at the community center. Be there or be square!

Miss USA Promotes Empowering Girls at District Conference

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, April 23, 2023

We have just added an incredible speaker to our line-up for Sunday morning, so be sure you're planning to stay till the end! Morgan Romano, a chemical engineer from Charlotte, NC, will be with us to talk about the importance of empowering girls and encouraging them to consider a career in science!



You'll hear more soon about an opportunity we have to help her put STEM kits in schools in Western

North Carolina. But more importantly - Morgan just happens to be **the new Miss USA!!** She's not only beautiful, but also intelligent and talented. [You can read more about her here.](#)

With Morgan AND Clebe McClary, our Sunday morning session will be one for the record books!!

Which club will be recognized for having the most attendees?? (**Four Seasons** is currently leading the race, with **Pisgah Forest** a close second....)

I love all the "smack talk" going on between clubs for who will have the best "parasol" for the Parade of Clubs on Friday night... send us pics of you guys with your blank umbrella, or pics of you working on them, so we can share on our social media. I can't WAIT to see what you come up with!

Who is this Rotarian?

Meeting

May 15th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

May 22nd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays

Robin S. Phillips

April 23rd

Rebecca Lynne Baker

April 23rd

Gary Alan More

April 24th

Kirk Dornbush

April 28th

Ronald L Leslie

April 30th

Gardner Davis

May 4th

Catherine Connolly Hudson

May 14th

Gardner Nick Sharpe Jr.

May 22nd

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

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Last week? Tricia Wheeler

This week's mysterious Rotarian was born a Taurus and has been a Rotarian for one year, both in our club and RI.

Now retired, our Rotarian was a college professor for a decade and a teacher before that. But education was a second career. Before that, this person was involved in railroading, supplying equipment to the industry. Who knows, the Rotarian may have even ridden the rails with the likes of Arlo Guthrie.

An interesting group of birthday friends includes: Johnny Horton, American balladeer (Battle of New Orleans, North to Alaska); Cloris Leachman (The Last Picture Show, Phyllis on the Mary Tyler Moore Show); Bobby Vee (real last name Valline, born in Fargo, North Dakota) and David Miscavige (reconized head of the Church of Sciencetology after his boss L. Ron Hubbard died, some say saint, others the devil, FBI believes guilty of 11,822 felonies involving slavery, kidnappings, torture, child crimes, human trafficking- all pretty nasty stuff, but no present convictions)

Famous events include:

The day Christopher Columbus gained funds to explore the new World (the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria), George Washington was inaugurated as our first President (despite chopping down a cherry tree, which he never did). Lou Gehrig played his 2,130th and last game in baseball (a true ironman); Adolf Hitler commits suicide (big time bad man gone); Bill Elliott sets an all-time stock car speed record 9with a pole position speed of 212mph at Talladega) and on this day Ellen DeGeneres "comes out" on national TV (tough at the time, but now is one of the most popular TV personalities ever)

Bet you get this one, but if not, check out # 32 on the honor list.



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.
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