

Rotary

Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



Cassandra Rising Speaks Monday

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023

Cassandra Rising has been a Family Recruitment Specialist for over 6 years, and is thrilled to be a part of an innovative team at CHS that helps educate communities across the state on the needs of children in foster care and how everyone can make a difference, even if they are unable to become a foster parent themselves. She comes to CHS with an extensive background in customer service, social statistics, and non-profit servant leadership. She graduated from Mars Hill University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy and is passionate about giving hope to anyone in need.

Plexico Details Afghanistan Efforts

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023



Last Monday night we heard from our own Clark Plexico about his incredible work in Afghanistan.

For the last 2 years, he has worked to free trapped Afghanistan citizens from the horror of their collapsed democracy and relocate families to a better life. The obstacles are great. Timing,

logistics, visas, bureaucracy and money all play a part in this journey to freedom. He requested our help, not necessarily as a club, but as concerned individuals. We can help by donating money. Here are the instructions you will need:

Make a Donation to the Global Network Foundation, Inc., Fed Tax ID 58-2069383, A Domestic US 501(c)(3) organization registered in Georgia. Please make checks payable to Global Network

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=OVVVbINROkI0Vjd6UEJVSkt9pSUIFOT09>

Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874

Passcode: 7670

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Speakers

May 01, 2023

[Casandra Rising](#)

Childrens Home Society

May 22, 2023

[Tracie Franklin](#)

The Facts and Myths of Counseling.

Events

May 1st

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Casandra Rising

Subject: Childrens Home Society

May 8th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

May 15th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

May 22nd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Tracie Franklin

Subject: The Facts and Myths of Counseling.

Foundation (GNF) and mail to: Nancy Haselden, Global Network Foundation, 715 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30308. (Reference "Plexico Afghan Project" in memo line.)

Please email Clark Plexico about your donation at clarkplexico@internationalstrategies.world or clarkplexico@gmail.com. and he will confirm receipt with GNF. Reference GNF and Plexico Afghan Project in your correspondence.

Should you wish to wire funds, call the Bulletin for instructions.

In addition, a member of the club will match your donation up to a total of \$3000! You can also simply make out and mail a check to MTR, earmarking the funds for the Afghanistan effort and then these funds can be used to match a District grant. We will forward the funds to Clark as soon as possible. Clark needs funds now and later. Checks mailed to the club will be in the category of later.

I know we are all presented with many opportunities to change the lives of human beings, from keeping them warm in the winter to ending the threat of crippling polio and everything in between. This opportunity affords a family the possibility of freedom and life.

Your Bulletin staff believes it is worth your consideration.

MTR Recognized at District Conference

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023

At our last meeting, our President reported on the 7670 District Conference, during which our club and members were again strongly recognized.

First, a significant tribute was made to Carol King for all she has contributed to Rotary over the years.

Then Lanzi delivered a beautiful invocation at a dinner, which was well received.

We also received the Governor's Distinguished Club Award, the DG's highest honor.

Finally, we were among the top three finalists for the Large Club of the Year.

Not bad for a little old club in the Western Carolina mountains!

Thanks to all who attended.

More to come at a later time.

Board Meeting Summary

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023

The MTR Board met last Wednesday, the 26th, to

May 29th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays

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



Gerry L Bilbro
Rotary Foundation Vice Chair



Berry Howard
Membership Chair



John Martin
Rotary Foundation Chair

conduct the business of the club.
Among other items the Board:

- reviewed the financials
- discussed the nomination process for 3 awards; Rotarian, Volunteer and Vocational honorees of the year
- discussed the club's response to Clark Plexico's Afghanistan efforts
- heard a presentation from Cath on the Arts Fair, including the importance of May 8th as Focus Day.

The minutes are posted on Dacdb under files in the secure section.

What is that other Rotary Club Doing?

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023

Do you wonder what the other Highlands Rotary Club is doing these days?
Just click on this link and find out.

[20230424_newsletter.pdf \(highlandsrotary.org\)](https://www.highlandsrotary.org/newsletter/20230424_newsletter.pdf)

Who is this Rotarian?

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, April 30, 2023

Last week we saw Ron Leslie, our second newest member.

Now this week we learn about one of our famous members. This Cancer born Rotarian (they are known for their willingness to work hard and patience levels) has been a member of both our club and RI for 4 years and is yet another member of the 2-spouse club. The Rotarian is a real estate pro and author with a dazzling and creative mind. Don't believe me? Just ask Gracie Hitt or her sisters Lizzie and Reba Dee or, later on, the amazing Arnetta.

Good group of birthday friends:

Alexander the Great (Macadonian King and a member of the rulers of the known world club); Mad Dog Coll (Irish hitman once an enforcer for Dutch Schultz, then an enemy and machine gunned down by his mob at age 23); Carlos Santana (whose band first came to fame because of their Woodstock performance) and Katie Rabbett (British actor and '80s girlfriend of Prince Andrew)

But even better events on this day.



[Duncan Greenlee](#)
Club Service Vice Chair



[James H Spencer](#)
Club Service Chair



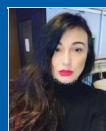
[George Michael Vavrek](#)
Club Programs Chair
iPast President



[Gardner Nick Sharpe Jr.](#)
Scholarship Chair



[Michael Burel](#)
Club Fund Raising Vice Chair



[Jennifer Cambrook](#)
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



[Overton Tucker Chambers](#)
Club Fund Raising Vice Chair



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



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



[William Swift](#)
Assistant Governor

Sitting Bull surrenders to Federal Authorities (known, along with Crazy Horse, for their defeat of Custer at Little Bighorn. He later joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show before returning to his Lakota lands and eventually was killed by Federal Authorities); Alice Mary Robertson (first woman to reside over the US House); FDR was nominated for a 4th term as President (and he won yet again); Neil Armstrong walks on the moon (small step, big step quote); Hank Aaron hits last home run (# 755) and Vanessa Williams resigns as Miss America due to suggestive photos (30 years ago, probably would just get paid more money today.)

I know you got this one, just in case, see # 11
