

Rotary



Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands

No Meeting Memorial Day

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
We will not hold a meeting on May 29th in recognition of Memorial Day.

Dr. Rada Petric, Batwomen

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023



I understand we had a pretty heady presentation last week. Sorry I missed it.

I am told we learned how Dr. Rada Petric, a UNC-CH professor and a field biologist with broad interests in animal

behavior, is identifying how external and internal stimuli alter individual behaviors and the potential consequences of those changes, particularly how urbanization pressures with concomitants pollution may alter the behavior of the members of the Chiroptera species (Bats). From her work, we gain a better understanding of animal behaviors and enhance our ability to address pressing conservation issues, especially those related to the preservation of threatened or endangered species and their environment.

It is amazing how many smart people there are in this state.

And all the time I thought these little, furry flying mammals were just alter-ego representations of an old Romanian Count with a bad overbite.
Go figure.

New Members Inducted.

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
And we keep on growing!

District DEI Committee Disbanded

By George Michael Vavrek

Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Some Rotarians think DEI is vague; this was confirmed by the committee's conversations with most presidents and presidents-elect. A few leaders thought diversity was only concerned with ethnicity, and the meaning of equity was unclear. Some thought inclusion was meaningless because Rotary welcomes all, even though some clubs can't recruit women and young men.

The exemplary actions of eleven clubs are leading the way to abandon 7670's DEI urging. These clubs have examined their communities' demographics and are taking action to have their membership reflect them.

- Asheville
- Asheville - Metro
- Brevard
- Denver/Lake Norman
- Hickory
- Hickory Sunrise
- Highlands - Monntaintop
- Lincolnton
- Lincolnton Sunrise
- Murphy
- Valdese

Reach out and touch someone in these paragons. There is a club close to you. On the other hand, all Rotarians are kin. DACdb is your key to kinship.

Eventually, the district emphasis will end because, for all 45 clubs, past vagueness has become future clarity. But until then,

President Lanzelotta inducted two new members last Monday, Steve Goff and Jim Jones.

Make sure you give them a warm Rotary welcome.

There are now over 50 members in MTR with several candidates in the wings. As with our last inductees, we need to make sure they are quickly on at least two committees.

Rotary tells us the best way to make and keep a new member is to get them involved.

Congratulations, guys!

And thank you sponsors!



The Facts and Myths of Counseling.

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
Tracie Franklin will speak on Monday about the Facts and Myths of Counseling.

It should be a great program, so let's make sure we give her a warm Rotary welcome.

Year End Party and Awards Celebration!!!!

By Michael Burel on Sunday, May 21, 2023

Everyone should have received the Evite for the June 16th Year End Party and Awards Ceremony which includes the time, location, and food assignments. Please respond to this evite ASAP. Your planning committee is deep in the weeds with party preparation and will need an RSVP count for planning.

It is very important that everyone arrives at 4:15 so we can begin our team-building activities promptly, at 4:30. Just a reminder that the evening will have an Hawaiian theme.

There will be a cooking contest with awards for

- Best Appetizer
- Best Side/Salad
- Best Appetizer
- Best Presentation

We will also award a prize for the best Hawaiian shirt!!!!!!

Please bring spouses and guests. This will be a very fun evening and a great time to introduce others to Mountaintop Rotary!

the title of this piece was just to get your attention, and since you've read this far, we guess it did.

Questions or comments about diversity, equity, or inclusion? Contact DEI chair Michael Lanzilotta (see DACdb).

Weekly Zoom Invite

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr.

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVVbINROk10Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFOT09>

Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874

Passcode: 7670

One tap mobile:

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Speakers

May 22, 2023

Tracie Franklin

The Facts and Myths of Counseling.

May 29, 2023

No meeting

No meeting Memorial Day

June 12, 2023

Faye Lockard

Bagpipes with Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris

Events

May 22nd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Tracie Franklin

Subject: The Facts and Myths of Counseling.

May 29th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: No meeting

Subject: No meeting Memorial Day

June 5th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

June 7th



HBS Garden Volunteer Morning for Rotary

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
Highlands-Mountaintop Rotary and the Rotary Club of Highlands will perform a joint service project at the Biological Station on Wednesday, June 7, from 9 am until 12 noon.

Dr. Costa and the Rotary garden volunteers will help with critical areas of improvement, such as resetting the split-rail fence and doing a weeding blitz to remove the remaining invasives in our Native Plants of the Cherokee Garden.

Joint Rotary projects make meaningful impacts on our community and what is better than addressing the needs of the environment. Let's all make an effort to participate.

Cars in the Park Event

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023



Boy, did I miss the facts about our area's annual Motoring Festival. Thank you Jerry Hermanson.

Let's see if I can get it right this time.
The 15th annual show will be Saturday, June 10th, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Kelsey Hutchinson Founders Park. For more information, contact Jerry Hermanson, Volunteer Coordinator, Highlands Motoring Festival (828) 342-3571 jhceo@aol.com

Highlands-Mountaintop Service Event

June 12th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Faye Lockard

Subject: Bagpipes with Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris

June 16th

Highlands-Mountaintop Year End Party

June 19th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays

Gardner Nick Sharpe Jr.

May 22nd

Michael Burel

June 8th

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

Mountain Garden Club Event

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
Dixie reminds us:

May 27, Saturday, from 9 until 12 noon, the Mountain Garden Club will hold their annual Garden Plant Sale at the ballpark. You will find native plants and a collection of many other items. Come early!

And on July 15, also a Saturday, there will be a Low Country Shrimp Boil at the town park!
Tickets are \$80, which includes two drink tickets and a meal with dessert!
See Dixie Barton for tickets.

Who is this Rotarian?

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 21, 2023
Last week? The incredible Dixie Barton

This week's mystery person is a Pisces, known for their intuitive and empathic traits. A RI member for 20 years, this person, according to the profile, has only been a member of our club for 3 years? The Rotarian was originally sponsored by Bill Bathrust.



Our mystery Rotarian is a world traveler and truly a person of the world, having been born in the City of Light.

In 2006, this person co-founded a foundation dedicated to the heart health of children of an Asian country and, through those efforts, has had a positive impact on hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries. (<http://www.vinacapitalfoundation.org/>). On top of all of this, our Rotarian, along with the person's spouse, lead an international company specializing in furniture and interior design.

Quite an interesting list of common birthday people: Ferdinand II of Aragon, King of Naples (a place our Rotarian has probably visited); Kate Sheppard, famed New Zealand suffergette (another place our Rotarian has probably visited); Chuck Norris, American martial arts actor and fictitious Texas Ranger (bet you he can line



John Martin
Rotary Foundation Chair



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Club Service Vice Chair



James H. Spencer
Club Service Chair



George Michael Vavrek
Club Programs Chair
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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

dance) and Carrie Underwood, American Idol winner (an Okie from Muskogee).

An interesting set of famous events on this birthday include:

The day the French Foreign Legion was established (you know, a garrison of which, two Casablanca guys set out to join); the Republic of China abolished slavery (45 years after we did); the PalmPilot was released (replaced the cube note pad) and Russia passed a law allowing Putin to be President for Life (then the fun began!)

OK, pretty easy, but if you need help, check out #2 on the hit parade!
