

# Rotary

## Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



### No Meeting Memorial Day

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023

We will not hold a meeting on May 29th in recognition of Memorial Day.

### Tracie Franklin Talks Counseling Myths and Facts

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023



Wonderful program delivered that week by Tracie Franklin.

As a highly trained professional and volunteer counselor for the Counseling Center in Highlands, she outlined the myths and the facts of the valuable service she performs.

We learned counseling is not just for "crazy" people, but anyone with concerns; it has nothing to do with weakness; it does not have magic answers, but rather guidance and does not need shared experience on behalf of the counselor to be of value.

We also learned that mental illness is not just an adult thing, but can plague young people, particularly after the pandemic.

So, take it from her, a little couch time to find a path to exorcise your demons can be a good thing.

Way to go Tracie!

### HBS Joint Rotary Service Morning-Reminder

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 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 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 could be better than addressing the needs of the environment. Let's all make an effort to participate.

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### Speakers

**May 29, 2023**

No meeting  
No meeting Memorial Day

**June 12, 2023**

Faye Lockard  
Bagpipes with Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris

### Events

May 29th  
Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** No meeting  
**Subject:** No meeting  
Memorial Day

June 5th  
Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

June 12th  
Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Faye Lockard  
**Subject:** Bagpipes with Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris

June 16th

## 3 to be Inducted June 5

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023

June 5th will be a busy day.

MTR will induct 3 new members that evening. They are:

Mcallister Isaacs, IV

Michelle Marek Wilson

Jerry E Wilson

Let's make sure we are present and welcome our newest members.

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## Dr. Vlad has Formally left our Club, but not Rotary

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023

Dr. Vladimir Vedock has formally left our club to join the Sunrise Boone NC Rotary club in his new hometown.

He will be missed, and all of us wish him a long Rotary experience.

It is nice to know we got him started down the road of Rotary.

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## DEI Clarification

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023

The Bulletin has received questions about an article published last week concerning the abolition of the District DEI committee.

To clarify, the committee HAS NOT been abolished. You need to read all the way through to see that the article was written this way to get your attention as to the importance of the work for DEI.

From what I can see, it may have accomplished just that!

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## Who is this Rotarian?

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. on Sunday, May 28, 2023

Well, last week should have been easy. It was, of course, Robin Austin King, who, by the way, tells me she has 30 years in Rotary. She must have joined at 18.

Now, this week is different. Our person is a Cancer, known for their meticulous manner and their enduring personality.

The Rotarian is new to the clan, having been a member of RI and this club for 2 months.

A retired member of the Rotarian's profession, our person is an Emory



## Highlands-Mountaintop Year End Party

June 19th

## Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

June 24th

## Highlands-Mountaintop Arts and Craft Show

June 26th

## Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

## Birthdays

Michael Burel

June 8th

H. Stephen Goff Jr.

June 26th

## 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

graduate and a Phi Delta Phi member, (an international legal honor society and the oldest legal organization in continuous existence in the United States.)

The Rotarian shares some pretty heady birthday mates including: Thomas Clap (1st President of Yale University); Charles Messier, comet hunter (first to catalog comets and nebulee-over 103 in total); William Thomason, physicist and engineer (invented the Kelvin scale of temperature measure, responsible for the transatlantic telegraph cable and Knighted as the first Baron Kelvin of Largs. Buried in Westminster Abby); Babe Didrikson Zaharias (10 LPGA titles and two Olympic medals) and Barbara Edwards, American model and Playboy Playmate of the Year (I had to throw this one in just to keep our Rotarian grounded).

Some interesting events on this day include:

Richard Wagner premieres "Valkyrie" (named for a figure in Norse mythology, depicted as a warrior woman on horseback, a wolf or boar, and armed with a spear, who decides the fate of warriors in battle and carries the dead to Odin's Vallhalla.); Karl Benz, German auto designer receives patent for the gasoline powered automobile (he is the other guy in the Mercedes-Benz brand name); National Credit Union Act that creates Credit Unions is signed (now over 85,000 worldwide with 275mm members and over two trillion in assets in the USA alone, pay no taxes and banks despise them); President Keneddy delivers speech with famous line "Ich bin ein Berliner" (which was suppose to mean 'I am a Berliner" but may have meant "I am a doughnut") and Elvis Presley performs his last concert in Indianapolis, In. (but is he still alive?)

So you know this one, right? If not, check out #21 on the Dacdb membership list.

Of note, I have 8 Rotarians left.



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