

# Rotary

## Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



### Special Membership Video Starring our own Lanzilotta



After much anticipation, we finally were able to enjoy the Rotary District 7430 "Ways to grow your membership" video, and the role our own Lanzilotta played. Pretty impressive. In summary, we learned, if you want to increase your membership, you first must plan to do so. It will not happen on its own. The effort must start at the top and become a priority every week. Quantity, although important, is not the top goal. Quality is. Answering questions on subjects such as diversity, volunteerism vs. check writers (and both are important), classification, orientation and community service plans to utilize new members are all parts of a successful program. We perform pretty well in most of these categories.

Now we must decide just who and what we want to be.

"It is not enough to say we have arrived until we answer the question-- where and to what purpose." *Arthur H. Sapp, Rotary Club of Huntington Indiana, USA, 1929 RI Convention*

### Bits and Pieces

We just keep on serving.

Duncan announced the hot dog giveaway was a success, with over 2000 dogs moving from frozen boxes to warm tummies.

Our coat drive has started. We need volunteers for box collection pickup in January and March.

Our road cleanup was successful with a great turnout. Wonder what the "trash container of choice" was this year?

M. Vavrek, our new CART Chair, needs folks who have an interest in joining his committee.

Barabra Lawerance joined us again.

Firewood was picked up and delivered to the HEC. We have even more stacks donated. Got a Truck?

Final Polio amount is \$2350. Good job everybody.

Holiday dinner folks are looking for volunteers. Shifts are available on Dec 25. Jobs include serving, raffle, busing tables and cleanup. Other jobs on the 23rd/24th are available, including setup and desserts.

Never a dull moment at MTR!

### Toyland

### Weekly Zoom Invite

By Andrew Keithline Walker Sr. Sunday, November 12, 2023  
Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88486689874?pwd=OVVhbnRQk10Vjd6UEJVSks9pSUIFOT09>  
Meeting ID: 884 8668 9874  
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### Speakers

**November 13, 2023**  
[Club Assembly](#)  
Club Assembly

**November 20, 2023**  
[Becky Bennett](#)  
Magnolia Mission

**November 27, 2023**  
[Fun Night](#)  
Fun Night

### Events

November 13th  
[Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Club Assembly  
**Subject:** Club Assembly

November 20th  
[Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Becky Bennett  
**Subject:** Magnolia Mission

November 27th  
[Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting](#)

**Speaker:** Fun Night  
**Subject:** Fun Night

December 4th  
[Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting](#)

December 11th  
[Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting](#)

### Birthdays

William B Kirkman  
November 14th  
Mcallister Isaacs IV

Toys are Us!

It is time to start our annual toy drive and turn the HEC into a toyland for all good little boys and girls!

So, here is how it works.

At at least two churches (the Preberterian and Medothist) and maybe a third (Community Bible) there will be pointed little green trees (Christmas, Yule, Holiday, etc.-you pick it) with lots of paper ornaments, each with an age, gender and toy or clothing suggestions.

You simply go by and grab one or more of the ornaments, then go to your nearest toy store and buy the toys needed. Take them, unwrapped, to the HEC along with the ornaments and, Bingo you are done!

Then you have earned the right to go home and dream of the sheer joy some young person will have when he or she rips open the wrapping and sees what your generosity has provided.

That feeling will make you wish you had done this several times, so grab several ornaments at the beginning. You will be glad you did!

"Being there for a child is the most noble thing a toy can do" *Woody, Toy Story.*



## Board Meeting Summary

Our Board met last Wednesday and discussed several issues. They included:

- Updates on Polio and Hotdog donations
- Updates on District and Global grants.
- Naming of the Nominations Committee and their reporting deadline of this December
- Future location options and our first picks
- The quantity and quality of service projects
- And the need for a Planning Retreat in early 2024.

Much more detail can be found on the DACdb site under secure club files.

## Special Speaker November 20



Jeannie is bringing us a special speaker on the 20th.

Becky Bennett is the founder and president of Magnolia Mission. She and her husband, Kevin, are also licensed foster parents with Macon County DSS. Magnolia Mission is a non-profit founded in 2022. Their goal is to provide support, supplies, and encouragement to current and prospective foster families, adoptive families, and biological families. They also aim to mobilize and equip the local community for foster care and advocate for vulnerable children.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear this story.

## The Rotary Corner

The first week of November was World Interact Week. Did you miss it? I did. But I bet you a dime to a donut, the 14,911 Interact clubs with 342,953 Interactors in 145 countries celebrated the occasion. The second week of March was World Rotaract Week and the 10,698 Rotaract clubs, 203,298 Rotaractors in 180 countries were also celebrating.

I missed that event also.



November 17th  
Jamie Tomczyk  
December 2nd

## Club Leaders



William B. Kirkman  
President



Catherine Connolly Hudson  
President-Elect  
Club Fund Raising Chair



Andrew Keithline Walker Sr.  
Secretary



Robin Canady  
Treasurer



Michael Burel  
Club Director  
Club Funding Vice Chair



Lorine Spencer  
Club Director at Large



Gerry L. Bilbro  
Rotary Foundation Vice Chair



Berry Howard  
Membership Chair



John Martin  
Rotary Foundation Chair



Jeannie Chambers  
Club Programs Chair



Duncan Greenlee  
Club Service Vice Chair



James H. Spencer  
Club Service Chair  
Club Fundraising Vice Chair



Robin S. Phillips  
Grants and Scholarship Chair  
Exec Secretary



Jennifer Cambrook  
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



Overton Tucker Chambers  
Club Fund Raising Vice Chair

Michael Lanzilotta  
Club Public Image Chair  
iPast President



So, just what are these two major programs of Rotary International that involve half of a million young people around the world, none of whom I know or have a connection with?

**Interact** is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18.

Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs (and may be co-sponsored by Rotaract clubs), which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community, and welcome home-schooled students.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects and one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill.

The Interact Club of Melbourne High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, USA, became the first Interact club on November 5, 1962.

**Rotaract** originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 at the Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is a service, leadership, professional and community service organization for young men and women aged 18 and over, although most have upper age limits.

Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world. In 2019, Rotaract went from being a program of Rotary International to being a membership type of Rotary International, elevating its status to resemble that of Rotary clubs. As of 1 July 2020, Rotaract clubs can exist on their own, or may be sponsored by Rotary and/or Rotaract clubs.

Although both of the programs were originally designed to develop future leaders of high school and college age in the importance of Service Above Self (and perhaps as possible future Rotary Club members), they have evolved into much more and, in the case of Rotaract, has become a semi-autonomous organization.

Highlands has an Internet club and, until recently, had a Rotaract club. Both organizations are growing, but because of the more liberal rules for membership in Rotary in the USA and competing interests of young adults, Rotaract is growing faster in other parts of the world.

Take, for example, the new Rotaract club in Saigon-Rotaract Club of One Million Lives Saigon, chartered in February of this year. The charter President, Ha Vo Nguyet Le, (who was already heavily involved in providing school supplies, transportation and food to students of need in her region) had the occasion to meet Jason Lim, past President of Rotary District 3350, and was encouraged to form a Rotaract club. You can read about the club and its powerful women leadership in an article by Etelka Lehoczky in the September issue of the Rotary Magazine. We have a small connection to Saigon because of the excellent work of Robin Austin (see Bulletin 11-5-23).

We have so much going on in our club that it is difficult to see how we can find time to concentrate on another project, but youth projects such as Interact, Rotaract and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) are major focuses of Rotary International and our future.

What we need (wait for it) is a champion. Are you our champion?

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**2026-2027 Rotary District 7670 Governor**



October, 2023 has been an exciting month for the Rotary District 7670!

Rotary clubs in District 7670 have celebrated World Polio Day, club anniversaries, new Rotarians, new Foundation donors, service projects and creating hope in the District, but Rotarians are celebrating our newest member of the District Governor's line. On October 19th, Paige Scott of the Burnsville Rotary Club was announced as the 2026-2027 DG for District 7670. It was a fun event for her club and the nine District Governors who showed up to support Paige.

Congratulations Paige!!



**2026 - 2027**  
**7670 DISTRICT**  
**GOVERNOR**

