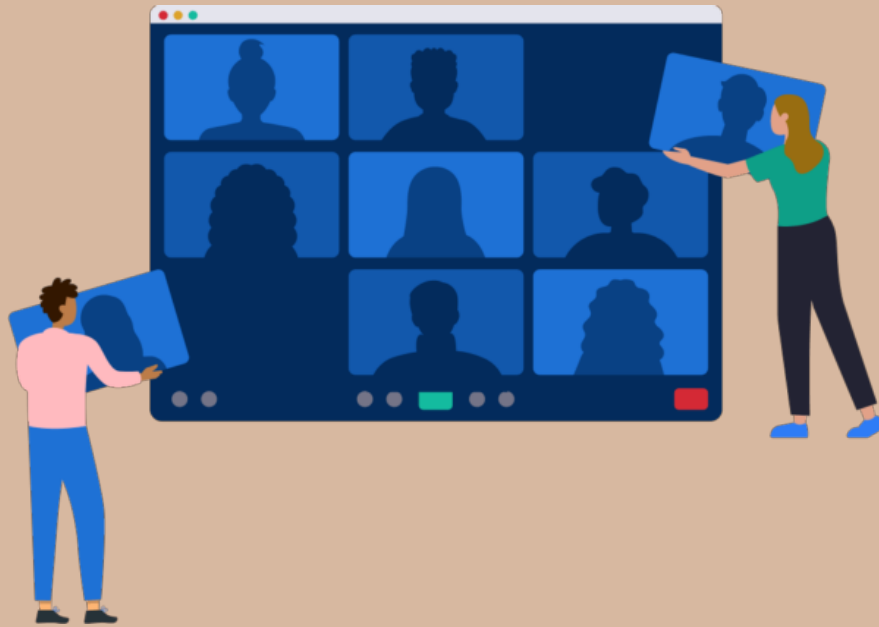


Rotary

Mountaintop Rotary Club - Highlands



ZOOM ONLY MEETING MONDAY 23rd



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Weekly Zoom Invite

By Karen G. Armory Monday September 23, 2024
Time: 5:30

Join Zoom Meeting
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Speakers

September 23, 2024

John Baumrucker
Bolivian Mission

September 30, 2024

Lester Norris Highlands Park and Rec Director
New Playground

October 07, 2024

Robert Hall
PDG 6900 21-22 Bilbro will intro

October 09, 2024

Board Meeting
Board Meeting Silver creek

Events

September 23rd

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: John Baumrucker
Subject: Bolivian Mission

September 30th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Lester Norris Highlands Park and Rec Director
Subject: New Playground

October 7th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Robert Hall
Subject: PDG 6900 21-22 Bilbro will intro

October 9th

Mountaintop Highlands Board Meeting

Speaker: Board Meeting
Subject: Board Meeting Silver creek

October 14th

Highlands-Mountaintop Weekly Club Meeting

Birthdays

ROTARY MINUTE BY LORINE SPENCER





During our recent silent auction, a heartwarming moment stood out that Lorine was eager to share with all of us. Lorine's Rotary Minute highlighted an exceptional act of generosity that truly embodied the spirit of our community.

After the bidding was over, the winner of a beautiful painting donated by Barbara Lawrenc, took a moment that turned an everyday win into something quite memorable. Recognizing the passion and desire another attendee had for this item, the winner made a spontaneous decision to gift it to her. This selfless act not only made the recipient's day but also inspired all of us with a striking example of kindness and community spirit.

Thank you, Lorine, for sharing this beautiful moment and a special thanks to the generous individual who exemplified what Rotary stands for. Let's continue to support one another and make our community a place where generosity thrives.

Mary Lou Bilbro
September 23rd
Berry Howard
September 25th
George Michael Vavrek
September 29th
Debi W Bock
October 7th
Amy D Cooper
October 20th

Club Leaders



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Club Technology Chair

MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN AWARD 2023/2024

ROTARY GOALS ACHIEVED

ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

MAP AWARD

Membership Action Plan



Tabby Bewley
Club Director



We are thrilled to announce that our past president, Bill Kirkman is on a remarkable winning streak! After a year filled with exceptional leadership and commitment to our club, Bill has continued to achieve great success and was recently honored with the Bronze Award for the Membership Action Plan (MAP). Congratulations Bill!

POLIO PLUS INITIATIVE KICKOFF

Robin Austin began the initiative to raise money for Polio Plus to run through October 24, 2024. Lorine Spencer will head this initiative in Robin's absence.



Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but thousands of cases are estimated to be present in Gaza. But it's crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

HIGHLANDS CHAMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



CONGRATULATIONS and well deserved to our own Michael Lanzilotta for winning this award - and let's not forget Jim Spencer was the winner last year!

"The Volunteer of the Year Award is a prestigious award that recognizes and rewards leadership and involvement in volunteerism and community service. It is presented annually to a person who positively impacts the lives of others on the Highlands Plateau through their time, talent, and compassion. Nominees should have a distinguished record of outstanding community service and embody the spirit of selfless giving."

HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTATION





In a recent presentation by the Chamber of Commerce, Kaye Mchan shared some valuable insights into and some fascinating numbers on the significant role that tourism plays in our local economy. The presentation illustrated not only the impressive amount of revenue generated by tourists but also detailed how these funds are being utilized to benefit our community.

The influx of tourist dollars is a primary driver of the local economy, supporting a wide array of businesses including hotels, restaurants, and local attractions. This continuous flow not only helps in maintaining current business operations but also in creating new opportunities for growth and employment.

It was revealed that a considerable portion of the tourism revenue is being reinvested into community infrastructure. Improvements to public spaces, enhancement of local parks, facilities are just a few ways these funds are being allocated to ensure that our town not only attracts new visitors but is also a better place for residents.

A significant focus has been placed on enriching our local cultural scene and recreational facilities, which further attracts tourism and enhances the quality of life for residents. Events, (including our own Arts and Craft Show), festivals are some of the initiatives that benefit directly from these funds.

With visitor spending in 2023 at \$350,100,000 - here are some of the Chamber's spending highlights that Kaye shared with us:

Community Services and Campaigns: \$150,000

Special Projects: \$198,000

Free Events: \$180,000

Grants & Scholarships: \$473,000

ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD - FRANCE



Since the 2024 Summer Olympics, officially the Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, took place in Paris, France, here is some information about Rotary in the City of Light. With a population of over 2.1 million, it is not unusual that there are over 45 Rotary clubs that call Paris home. The clubs are in Rotary District 1660.

The oldest of the Rotary clubs in Paris is the Rotary Club of Paris was founded on April 1, 1921. Today the club has some 180 members, It is thus the father, grandfather or great grandfather of French Clubs, but also of clubs abroad such as Brussels (1923) or Zurich (1924).

The Rotary Club of Nice Riviera Côte d'Azur has tackled an outsize number of projects in France and beyond in recent years. It worked with a sister club, the Rotary Club of Norwich, England, to install a rainwater recovery system in Ho, Ghana, and has done fundraising for cancer research. The Rotarians also donated to a charity that

purchased garden planters valued at more than \$6,000 for local pediatric medical facilities in Nice. The club also raises funds for cancer research. At local grocery stores, in exchange for a donation of 1 €, club members offer tokens used to unlock shopping carts.

Le Rotary E-Club 9920 Francophone (D.9920, New Zealand and South Pacific Islands) has participated as Secondary International Partner, and as Fundraising Coordinator, to a USD 100,000 Rotary Foundation Global Grant project. This was to build a "Reservoir" for the community in Chaiprakarn (Northern Thailand). The reservoir enables a constant water supply for agriculture with the water flowing directly from the nearby mountains. In addition, this provides clean drinking water through a filtration system not only for their own needs but also to make the project sustainable by selling the drinking water at a very reasonable price to others in surrounding communities.