



## **Rotary Club of Highlands**

**Club 6023 - Chartered May 2, 1945 - District 7670**

Bulletin November 17, 2020

Fellow Rotarians:

At last week's meeting, Paige Engelbrektsson, the Education Specialist for the Highlands Nature Center gave a presentation entitled "Highlands: A Biodiversity Hotspot". Unlike the enormous Amazon rainforest, which has great biodiversity, the Highlands Plateau is a relatively tiny region, but which also has much biodiversity, thus earning its designation as a hotspot. It is unique due to the topography of the Appalachians, the oldest remaining mountain chain in the world at 400 million years old, and its climate, being a temperate rainforest, normally receiving 80-120 inches of annual rainfall. The summers are relatively cool and winters are relatively mild. Over millions of years, these factors together promoted speciation, increasing the biodiversity. There are also some northern species that were forced south by growing glaciers and made this area home. The spotted owl and red squirrel are examples. One iconic example of our biodiversity is the salamander. We have more than 30 species of salamanders on the plateau, making it the salamander capital of the world. Paige has greatly expanded the number of educational programs at the Nature Center, and is an invaluable resource to the area.



Paige Engelbrektsson

Paige's presentation, as well as all previous programs dating back to June 2 are available in the members' area of our web site.

### Winter Warm Wear

Following today's meeting, our club and Mountaintop Rotary will distribute donated winter items to area residents in need. Special thanks to Sherry Holt and Scott Carter for organizing this event.



Rotarians collect Winter Warm Wear items

### Take Out Polio Pin Fundraiser

Thanks to the Rotarians that have already purchased an "I Saved 200" (\$40 donation) or "I saved 600" (\$120 donation) pin by making a donation to the PolioPlus Fund. The campaign will run through December 15. **Keep those donations coming!** **1.** Make checks payable to Rotary Club of Highlands with "Polio pin fundraiser" on the memo line, **2.** Mail to Rotary Club of Highlands, PO Box 1741, Highlands, NC 28741 (or bring to a meeting) and **3.** Notify Scott Carter by email ([scottcarter22@aol.com](mailto:scottcarter22@aol.com)) that you have donated.

### Matching Foundation Contributions

Two weeks remain for members to double the impact of their special \$100 contributions to the Paul Harris Foundation, giving participants a \$200 credit toward their Foundation goals. This match is limited to the first 20 Rotarians who make the special donation. Several Rotarians have already reserved a match, so contact Bill Futral ([bill@futral.net](mailto:bill@futral.net)) soon if you want to participate.

## Old Fashion Drive-Through Festival

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an alternative kind of Christmas parade this year, and they need our help. We need 15-20 volunteers to help direct traffic and keep it moving. The parade date is the evening of December 5 between 5:30-7:30. The town will be alive with festive lights and entertainment. If you were disappointed at not being able to do our normal Halloween crossing guard duties, this is a great chance to make up for it and to wear our cool vests! A sign-up sheet is out front. All interested Rotarians are urged to participate. Email Scott Carter ([scottcarter22@aol.com](mailto:scottcarter22@aol.com)) if you can help.

## A week from now

The program on November 24 will be given by Erika Tyburski, the CEO of Sanguina, Inc., who will discuss: The Role of Health and Wellness Tools in the Commercialization of Healthcare.

The reason for announcing this program a week early is that after the presentation, members will have a voluntary opportunity to test themselves for anemia using a new device that her company has developed. This is part of an approved clinical trial of 300 persons. The device is already approved for clinical use, and the FDA has approved this trial. The purpose of the trial is to show that consumers are able to use the device—many have already successfully proven this. Members interested in testing themselves should contact Tom Stribling ([sTRIB111@yahoo.com](mailto:sTRIB111@yahoo.com)) by November 23 to get more information and so that Erika can bring the right number of test kits.

## In-Person Rotary meetings

Remember to use the sign up form sent out weekly to all members if you want to attend a meeting in person. This helps us make sure we don't exceed attendance guidelines for indoor meetings.

## Zoom assistance:

**An announcement has been added to the home page of our web site to guide members to the zoom session sign on.**

Remember that if you have any technical or training issues attending the Tuesday Zoom meetings, you can contact Mike Murphy or Jim Oesterle, who will be glad to help you.

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### November Birthdays

Harry McDonald	11/5
Bentley Manning	11/7
Brian McClellan	11/7
Sarah Sloan	11/9
Pat Allen	11/15
Tony Potts	11/19
Derek Taylor	11/20
George Powell	11/21
David Jellison	11/24

### November Anniversaries

Bill Edwards	11/10
Rick Trevathan	11/14
Tom Graham	11/27
Robert Buchanan	11/29

### November 17 Program:

Mayor Patrick Taylor will discuss the State of the Town after Covid-19, a topic in which we all have great interest.

**To join Tuesday's Zoom meeting,**

**click ==>** [Join Rotary Meeting](#)

**or**

**copy and paste to your browser →**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88936068330?pwd=eFRjWVZSbm1WdGxWU0ZVMWNnUE11QT09>

**Meeting time 12:15 p.m., but you can enter the meeting earlier to test your system.** I hope to see you all Tuesday!

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