



## **Rotary Club of Highlands**

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

Bulletin March 9, 2021

Fellow Rotarians:

The speakers at last week's meeting were Hilary Wilkes and Derek Taylor that gave a brief history of AHEC (Advancing Highlands Education Committee) and an update of its current activities. AHEC is a group of community members whose goal is to raise private funds for the betterment of Highlands School. Working with administration and teachers, the committee identified specific infrastructure and teacher needs at the school. It has helped to secure ipads for all elementary school students, laptops for middle and high schoolers, active boards for the classrooms and a set of Google Expedition reality goggles to be used across all grades. There are also plans to upgrade the library and build a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) closet..



Elementary school student uses an active board

### **Annual Sponsorship Drive**

Our Annual Sponsorship Drive is ongoing and runs through March 31. Each Rotary member is asked to support this fundraiser with either a personal donation or by getting a local business to become a sponsor. All sponsorships, which are tax-deductible, fund our Charities Account for the Rotary year 2021-2022, and will be used to support worthy local needs, including approved grant requests. See the sponsorship email sent on January 3 for details. If you need those instructions re-sent, let me know.

### The Highlands Cashiers Plateau Vaccination Initiative:

Our club, along with other local Rotary clubs and many other organizations, is participating in this initiative to provide Covid-19 vaccinations locally to Plateau residents. Tom Neal provided the following statistics of the effort through this past Sunday's clinic, March 7, at the Cashiers Rec Center:

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| Total vaccinations administered   | - | <b>4,200</b>         |
| Total people vaccinated   | - | <b>3,300</b>         |
| Total people over 65 vaccinated   | - | <b>2,138</b>         |
| Number of vaccine clinics   | - | <b>10</b>            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>5</b> at Highlands Rec Center</li><li>• <b>2</b> at Cashiers Rec Center</li><li>• <b>2</b> at the Old Edwards Inn Farm (Latino event)</li><li>• <b>1</b> at the Highlands Food Pantry (Latino event)</li></ul> |   |                      |
| Oldest person vaccinated  | - | <b>102 years old</b> |
| Volunteer hours at the February 28 clinic only  | - | <b>3,500</b>         |

Tom commented on the volunteer effort, "This is amazing and I know I speak for everyone in the community when I say Thank You!"

If you wish to volunteer for the first time, contact **Rhonda Oakley**, [r.oakley@hchealthfnd.org](mailto:r.oakley@hchealthfnd.org).

### Current Macon County COVID Information:

There is a link on the home page of our web site that will take you the Franklin, NC web site providing **up to date general information concerning Covid-19 in Macon County**. Look in the Announcements section of our home page and click on "Virus Update".

### 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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### March Birthdays

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Tay Bronaugh | 3/10 |
| Josh Ward    | 3/20 |
| Mark Chmar   | 3/21 |
| Randy Lucas  | 3/25 |

### March Anniversaries

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|----------------|------|
| Charlotte Muir | 3/13 |
| Andy Chmar     | 3/22 |

### March 9 Program:

The guest speaker at the March 9 meeting will be Dan Ford, Senior Vice President, BWD, who will provide an overview of OEI's Glen Cove project.

**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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