



Rotary Club of Highlands

Club 6023 - Chartered May 2, 1945 - District 7670

Bulletin April 13, 2021

Fellow Rotarians:

Last week, David Stroud, Executive Director of the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, addressed the club. CHHS was hurt financially by the pandemic, which caused the cancellation of its largest annual fundraiser. On the other hand, a positive effect of the pandemic was that, with people confined, CHHS saw an increase in the number of folks wanting to adopt or foster pets. On a sad note, David's years-long companion dog, Max, recently passed away. Max was a service dog that brought much pleasure to shut-ins. With many people out of work or on reduced income, CHHS provided free pet food to those in need. The center is optimistic about the remainder of 2021, as the nation begins to return to a more normal status.



David Stroud with some of his pals

The Highlands Cashiers Plateau Vaccination Initiative:

What is likely to be the last vaccination clinic was held this past Saturday. Most of those getting vaccinations came for the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Shots of the Pfizer were also available as a first dose for some, and a supply of J & J vaccine was also administered. Tom Neal thanked the many volunteers who have helped in this very successful effort.

Many of our club's Rotarians have participated by donating hundreds of volunteer hours, and some have played key roles, including, Mayor Patrick Taylor, Robin Tindall, Mike Murphy, Jerry Moore, Lester Norris, David Moore and Slocum Howland. Those folks have gone far beyond the normal "Service above Self" mantra to provide this vital service. While the names given here only mention some in our club, Mountaintop Rotary and the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley members have also worked equally hard.

Many other organizations and individuals, too numerous to name here, came together quickly and effectively to ensure that this unique effort was a complete success. It will be remembered as one of this community's finest hours for many years to come.

Tom has provided the following summary of the Plateau Vaccination Initiative's achievements:

- People vaccinated
 - 4,027 at clinics
 - 646 at community pharmacies
 - 746 at Latino clinics
 - 5,419 total vaccinated and still growing
- Shots given
 - 8,442 at clinics
 - 1,188 at community pharmacies
 - 1,083 at Latino clinics
 - 10,067 shots in arms
- 12 Main clinics and 12 Latino clinics (some still to come)
- 250 + volunteers

Plateau Pickup

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce's Plateau Pickup this past Saturday was cancelled due to the weather. It will try again this Saturday, April 17. Formerly known as the Gorge Road Cleanup, the project now includes Highways 64, 28, 106 and the downtown Highlands streets. Volunteers will meet this year at Kelsey Hutchinson Park at 8:30 a.m. to get area assignments. Social distancing will be practiced during the pickup. Bagged breakfast and lunch will be served to volunteers and everyone will be supplied with gloves, pick up tools, safety vests, garbage bags, and a "thank you" tee shirt. If you wish to volunteer for this community project, call the Chamber at 828-526-2112.

Twilight 5K

The Twilight 5K will be at 6:00 p.m., May 15. Derek Taylor will provide more information at today's meeting, but, as usual, volunteer Rotarians will be needed as road guards. If you can help with this fund-raising (and fun-raising) event, let Derek (hcdcderek@gmail.com) know.

The August Twilight 5K is scheduled for August 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom assistance:

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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April Birthdays

Sissy Holland	4/3
Jim Tate	4/8
Lester Norris	4/9
Jodie Cook	4/10
Jim Rothermel	4/14
Bert McCall	4/22
Bill Futral	4/25
Jerry West	4/26
Bill Edwards	4/30

April Anniversaries

Tracy Franklin	4/2
Fred Smith	4/13
Patrick Taylor	4/16
Carter Davis	4/21
Chip Robert	4/23

April 13 Program:

Derek Taylor will give details about the upcoming 5K race.

To join Tuesday's meeting by Zoom,

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<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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