

# CLINTON ROTARY CLUB

## July Newsletter - Week 3

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### Recap

This week we welcomed guest, John Quillen. John has recently gained press as a local hero after coverage aired of his rescue while climbing Mt. Everest. He is a true mountaineer, as this is the third peak of this magnitude he has attempted to summit. He began his Everest journey, alongside his girlfriend, flying into the most dangerous airport in the world in Lukla, Nepal. They then took their time hiking 10 days up to Everest Base Camp at 17,500 feet, to allow their bodies adequate time to acclimate to the elevation change.



Traditionally, most climbers only attempt Everest during the month of May, when there is a small gap between monsoons and big snows. Therefore, at any given time during May there are around 1000 people to support the 350 climbers planning to summit.



As they ascended past the summit of Denali, they came upon a severely injured Sherpa. He had severe head trauma from a block of ice that fell during a 60-degree ice wall climb. People continued to walk past him, and no one would stop to help. So, John, another climber, and their two Sherpas stayed to get the man help. Because the Sherpa did not have climber's insurance, rescue teams did not want to come get him. John and his crew ended up three days behind schedule because of how much coercing it took to finally get the Sherpa rescued. But because of their help, the man survived, and his rescue ended up being one of the highest airlifts ever attempted. Consequently, because of the extra time he took to help the Sherpa, weather cleared the last morning, allowing him a rare opportunity to spend 45 minutes alone on the summit.



John accomplished what very few people in the world have done and survived to tell about. 2017 statistics document only 4,833 people in history to ever summit Mt. Everest. John can now be added to this elite group of climbers! Though his journey was not easy. He climbed for a total of 20 days, spent just over \$30,000 to get there, left with severe frostbite on his toes, and lost 20 pounds by the end of his trip!



## Membership

### Visitors this week included:

- Kaden Webber – our official junior member

## Special Announcement

### Youth Program in Peril

Tom Connolly has to reduce the hours he has been spending on our Youth Programs. Unless we have volunteers to replace him on some activities, those programs will disappear. For example, the Rotary Youth

## Upcoming Speakers

**July 24**

Jeff Mynatt – Volunteer Rides

**July 31**

Bear Stephenson – Special Presentation

**August 7**

Regina Copeland – E911 Director  
(\*Officers - board meeting at 11:15)

**August 14**

Leadership Award (RYLA) requires volunteers to accompany up to 8 award recipients, from our high schools, to Crossville on Saturday, September 22. If we have one volunteer who can stay all day, that would be great. Or two volunteers can chaperone, splitting up the day with one in the morning and one in the afternoon. If we have no one volunteer, we cannot award RYLA to any student, depriving them of a professional leadership training opportunity and a prestigious award. Our participation in RYLA will vanish into the dustbin of history.

If you can help or if you would like more information, PLEASE call Tom Connolly 865-482-518 or text to 865-806-6062, or email [txconn@yahoo.com](mailto:txconn@yahoo.com). Thank you!

## Opportunities to Fulfill

As a reminder, there will be a few small changes to officer positions this year. The Youth Services Committee and the Public Relations Committee will be broken down into smaller categories that will require additional volunteers to help fulfill the tasks involved.

Vicki Violette – Club Meeting

## Rotary Club Officers

**Vicki Violette**  
President

**Ron Eslinger**  
President-Elect

**Bill Gallaher**  
Past President

**Jerry Schlandt**  
Secretary

**Mike Shrader**  
Treasurer

**Ronnie Fox**  
Speaker Coordinator

**Gary Coleman**  
Foundation Chair

**Tom Connolly**  
Youth Service Chair

**ET Stamey**  
Membership Director

**Bear Stephenson**  
Membership Director

**Leighann Green**  
Public Relations Director

### Youth Services Volunteers Needed

Tom will remain Youth Services Chairperson but will drastically cut back on hours, as mentioned above. Therefore, volunteers are needed for the following positions (see

attachment for detailed descriptions):

- CHS Interact
- ACHS Interact
- RSCC Rotaract
- Youth Exchange Program - Jay Birkbeck

### **Public Relations Volunteer Needed**

The Public Relations Committee will also be broken down into specific tasks, one of which we still need a volunteer for. Leighann Green will continue to do the newsletter and Ron Eslinger has volunteered to create and build a website for us. However, we still need a volunteer to handle social media. The job responsibilities would include:

- Social Media – post on Facebook and Twitter weekly with relevant content such as speaker information, member updates, upcoming events or projects, and community outreach information.

**Please see Vicki if you are interested in fulfilling any of these positions.**

## **Announcements**

Third quarter Rotary dues have been sent out. If you did not receive your statement via email, please see Michael Shrader.

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Michael Foster is selling tickets again to benefit ASAP of Anderson County. Tickets will be on sale through next Saturday for \$5 each. The drawing will be held at the fair and you do not have to be present to win. First place is a cash prize of 50% of the money taken in from ticket sales, second place is a LED 4K TV and third place is an Echo Dot. You can also buy tickets online at [ASAPofanderson.org](http://ASAPofanderson.org).

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Ron is in the process of building a new website for our club. He has purchased a domain and secured it for the next 10 years. The new URL will be [ClintonRotary.com](http://ClintonRotary.com). If you have any ideas or additions you would like to see added to the site, please send it to Ron T [Ron@eslinger.net](mailto:Ron@eslinger.net).

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Congratulations to John Gamble for receiving the Paul Harris Recognition Award for the second time. This is awarded to any club member once you have personally donated a

total of \$1000 to the Paul Harris cause.



## Rotary Trivia

### How did we get the name 'Rotary Club'?


The Rotary Club was originally established in 1905. It began with a few businessmen that would rotate hosting the club at their businesses. Therefore, they chose to name it Rotary Club to reflect the rotating establishments.

## Community News

The 'Best 6 Days of Summer' is going on now! The Anderson County Fair began this week and will run through Saturday, July 21st. Gates open every night at 5:00 pm. General admission is \$5 for ages 7 and up. There will be lots of fun entertainment for all ages including some great music this year!

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Attention ladies! United Way invites you to attend their Leading Ladies United Luncheon to hear guest speaker, Tracy Vlahos speak at Navarro Research and Engineering on July 24th at 11:30 a.m.

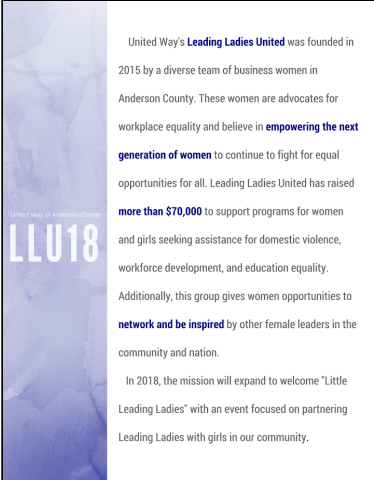


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Guest speaker Tracy Vlahos gets real about saying no to things not serving you, setting boundaries, and how to identify what is zapping your energy and how to increase it.

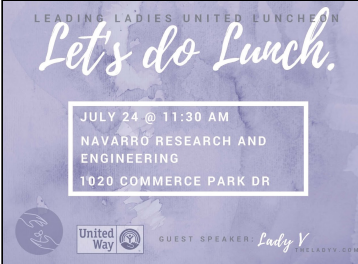
*Lady V*

Leading Ladies Luncheon  
July 24 @ 11:30 am  
Navarro Research and Engineering



United Way's **Leading Ladies United** was founded in 2015 by a diverse team of business women in Anderson County. These women are advocates for workplace equality and believe in **empowering the next generation of women** to continue to fight for equal opportunities for all. Leading Ladies United has raised **more than \$70,000** to support programs for women and girls seeking assistance for domestic violence, workforce development, and education equality. Additionally, this group gives women opportunities to **network and be inspired** by other female leaders in the community and nation.

In 2018, the mission will expand to welcome "Little Leading Ladies" with an event focused on partnering Leading Ladies with girls in our community.



LEADING LADIES UNITED LUNCHEON

*Let's do Lunch.*

JULY 24 @ 11:30 AM  
NAVARRO RESEARCH AND  
ENGINEERING  
1020 COMMERCE PARK DR

United Way

GUEST SPEAKER *Lady V*

## Exchange Student Updates

### Hannah York's May RYE Report from Thailand

March and April were big months. In March I went to a monk ceremony and moved host families. In April I went on the last Rotary trip up North, which was a really long and fun trip. So the monk ceremony. This was really cool, it was a ceremony for someone becoming a monk. It started early in the day, around 7 am, we marched through the streets dancing to music. I was really proud of myself because I never dance in public but I was standing front line dancing away and having fun so much that some people came up to dance with me. Something I never thought I'd be comfortable doing! Then we got to the temple and danced around the temple a few times. After that, we all stood in front of the temple as the monk-to-be threw down ribbon things with money inside for good luck. I will add a picture of mine so you know what I'm talking about because it's hard to explain. I didn't think I'd get any because people were grabbing them so quick and I was scared to try, but one hit me in the face and fell into my arms so I actually got one! After, my host mom gave me some of hers because she got a lot. Then we all gathered in the temple and listened to the monks make the monk to be a monk.



I was really surprised because I never thought a monk ceremony would be like that, but it was a lot of fun. I went to another one in April and my host explained that families will

have their son be a monk for a week or two after they turn 20 for good luck, so these ceremonies happen very often actually.

Then I moved host families, which was sad because I really liked my last host, but I still see them sometimes. This new host is really nice though. I have 4 younger siblings who I have bonded with pretty well. And on the weekends my host's wife and her kids come home so then I have 6 haha. My new house has my host, K, his sister and her husband and kids, and some people who help around the house, but on the weekend, K's wife comes home and her two kids. I've bonded with his kids too, as well as K's sister, Mon, but K is harder to bond with. K owns a pretty big company so he's never really home, sometimes I only see him 2 times a week, so it's difficult but I'm trying.

I'm scared for my Thai with this family, though, because they all went to international schools and their kids are going, so they all speak super good English and they won't really speak to me in Thai, but I finally got a Thai tutor again so hopefully it won't fall!



Then I went on the Rotary trip up north in March. It was a lot of fun. We mainly stayed in Chang Mai and Chaing Rai. In Chang Mai we stayed on a mountain where we saw a lot of

gardens and farms. I was talking with P'poon, someone from District Rotary, and she told me that Chang Mai used to have a bad problem, it started because Chinese people moved to Thailand, so the China wouldn't claim them but neither would Thai people, so they had no government. To make a living they grew opium, which was a really bad problem for obvious reasons. They were scared to grow crops because it wasn't a guaranteed source of income. So Rama 9, the king who just died a year ago but ruled for 70 years :o, made the deal with them if they grow crops he will personally buy from all of them. So now it's a huge farming community with a lot of gardens where opium fields used to be. I saw some pictures and the land was so bad from opium planting it looked like a desert, but now it's so beautiful and full of plants, it's amazing.

April 13-15 was songkrand festival, which we were in Chang Mai for still, which is the best place to be for the festival. The streets were filled with people attacking everyone with water. You couldn't step a foot outside without getting soaked! People were throwing water from cars or into cars, nowhere was safe haha.

We also took a Thai test which I was really proud of because the first trip I got last place, second trip 15th place, but this trip 4th place!!. The trip was also sad though because we knew it was the last time we would see everyone pretty much.

My friends and I have been talking about how close the end of our exchange if now and it's scary! It's getting so close and I'm not ready to go home, but also I'm ready to go home, it's such a weird feeling. I have longer than everyone else though because I showed up late so I'm staying the latest, but it's still scary! I had more pictures of the trip but my friend took all the pictures then went swimming with her phone in her pocket so we lost all the photos :'(

## District News

Pack the Park for Polio is on July 30th! The annual Tennessee Smokies game will be held at 7:00 pm at the Smokies Stadium in Kodak. Tickets are \$12 each and include a \$6 stadium credit. \$5.50 from each ticket is donated directly to help fight polio. If you cannot attend the game, you may still purchase one and donate your ticket as well.

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