

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Wednesday, July 22, 2020



### Club Meeting

Asheville  
Meets at Tuton Hall at  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
60 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Thursday at  
12:30 PM

### Speakers

**July 23, 2020**

Maureen McCarthy and  
Ed Manning

These two facilitators  
and collaboration  
coaches will discuss  
"Connection as  
Medicine" and the  
Center for Collaborative  
Awareness

**July 30, 2020**

Dr. Chris Cooper

Professor Cooper, Head  
of the Department of  
Political Science and  
Public Affairs at  
Western Carolina  
University, will discuss  
the current political  
climate in the region in  
light of the upcoming  
fall elections.

**August 06, 2020**

New Member Talks

Short, autobiographical  
talks from three new  
club members.

**August 13, 2020**

## THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb on Saturday, July 18, 2020

### CONNECTION AS MEDICINE

On **Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we welcome Ed Manning, Executive Director Leadership Asheville at UNCA, and Maureen McCarthy, Co-Founder of the Center for Collaborative Awareness and the Co-Creator of the Blueprint of We, as our guest speakers.



Their presentation, ***Connection as Medicine***, will inform us about a neurological, brain based approach to developing healthy social connections.

We hope you can join us.



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Joint Rotary Club of Asheville/Rotoract Club event to refurbish some equipment at the WNC Nature Center.**

When: Saturday, August 1st. 9am-Noon

Where: WNC Nature Center: 75 Gashes Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28805

Who: 5 +/- Rotarians, 5 +/- Rotoract Members

What: We'll be digging some 2'-3' deep holes about 18" around to bury some stumps for kids to jump and hop on. We'll also be building a sensory walk area using pavers, river rock, sand, plants, and landscape timber. We may also be fixing the xylophone, and replacing the balance beams if they come in before then.

Why: Our club built this play area several years ago and it's become distressed and is in need of repair.

Bring: WATER! Shovels (big or small), Other landscape tools that might help, MASKS, GLOVES, Closed Toe Shoes

RSVP to Pat Snyder ([psnyder@nationalland.com](mailto:psnyder@nationalland.com)) if you'd like to help!

[Jeff Wilcox, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at UNCA](#)

A geological history of the Appalachian Mountains

**August 20, 2020**

[Ashley Lasher, Executive Director, Asheville Jewish Community Center \(JCC\)](#)

Will discuss the JCC mission to strengthen Jewish identity, celebrate Jewish culture, and build inclusive community.

**Thirsty Third Thursday** kicked off with 10 club members and spouses enjoying shaded outdoor social distancing fun. With the positive response from those attending and members who will attend in the future, the fellowship committee has decided to make this a monthly fellowship opportunity, weather permitting. We will continue to meet at member-owned Highland Brewing's Meadow. Please mark your calendar for 8/20, 9/17 and 10/15 as our next three Thirsty Third Thursday dates.

### Message from President Sophia Ungert:

◆ I would like to thank you all personally for your generosity to the Tennent Scholarship Fund, to which you are giving when you pay happy dollars, or when you "share the wealth" with fines, or when you attend a fundraiser like the Nashville Songwriters in the Round. Buzz Tennent was a member of our club who became a Rotary International President. When the club decided to begin giving this scholarship, they named it after him. I am so proud of our club's support of such worthy scholarship recipients as Osha Bowditch, Ziairia Plummer, Cedra Goodrum, Yenifer Silva, and Ivah Tyson. In particular, I would like to shine a spotlight on the fundraising efforts and generosity of Janet Whitworth and Marvin Thomas, and the work Callie Davis has committed to chairing the Tennent Scholarship committee. ◆

Please look for Dustin Schlabach to email the weekly meeting Zoom. Click on the link or copy and paste in your web browser. If that will not work go to zoom.com, click join a meeting and enter the meeting ID included in Dustin's email.

**For Birthday/Anniversary/Happy Dollars  
please mail your check to  
Rotary Club of Asheville Foundation  
P.O. Box 1954  
Asheville NC 28801.**

*If you would like to add an announcement in an upcoming COG please email to Sara Marshall [smarshall@firsthorizon.com](mailto:smarshall@firsthorizon.com)*

### Additional Volunteer Opportunities :

- \*Contact Salvation Army Commander and fellow club member [Phil Swyers](#) if you'd like to help out with Covid-19 relief efforts
- \*Contact the Red Cross of WNC at [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer). (Rotarian Megan Robinson, Executive Director Red Cross of WNC)
- \*Contact the Asheville Y downtown or Ferguson branch to give shopping bags for their food packages. (Rotarian Jessica Hendrix, Executive Director Asheville Y)
- \*Contact [handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org](http://handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org) for all volunteer opportunities in the area. (Rotarian Kevin Montgomery, Director of Resource Development)

## Coming Events

August 4th  
[Club Board Meeting](#)

August 14th  
[Asheville Tourists Baseball Game](#)

August 20th  
[Nashville Songwriters in the Round](#)

## Club Leaders



[Sophia S. Ungert](#)  
President



[Katherine Morosani](#)  
President-Elect



[Richard T. Devereaux](#)  
Past President  
Secretary  
Webmaster



[David A. Kozak](#)  
Treasurer



[Stephen F. Anderson](#)  
Club Director

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## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



**Bradley A. Arnold**  
Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair  
Club Director



**Melissa R. Drennan**  
Club Admin  
Chair  
Club Director



**Mark A. Knollman**  
Club Director  
Vocational  
Service Chair



**Sharon Kay LeDuc**  
Club Director  
International  
Service Chair



**Sara L. Marshall**  
Bulletin Editor  
Club Public  
Image Chair



**Donna W. Prinz**  
Club Director  
Youth Services  
Chair



**Ross Sloan**  
President-  
Nominee



**Patrick A. Snyder**  
Club Director  
Community  
Service Chair



**Eva-Michelle G. Spicer**  
Club Director



**Patricia M. Puckridge**  
Membership  
Chair



**Dustin L. Schlabach**  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms

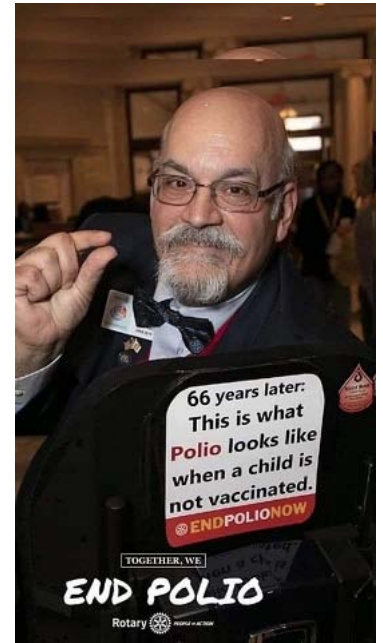


**Ford Willis**  
Sergeant-at-  
Arms

By Melissa R. Drennan on Friday, July 17, 2020

## **JOHN NANNI: CHAMPION OF ROTARY POLIOPlus**

Our speaker for the July 16 meeting was John Nanni, a Rotarian in Delaware who exemplifies service above self. Mr. Nanni shared his journey as a polio survivor; one of 20 million polio survivors worldwide. He highlighted compelling parallels between the polio virus in the 1950s and the COVID pandemic today. If you missed this meeting, please listen to the recording to learn more about polio, post-polio syndrome, and Rotary's PolioPlus initiative. Thank you, Mr. Nanni for generously sharing your time and your story with our club.

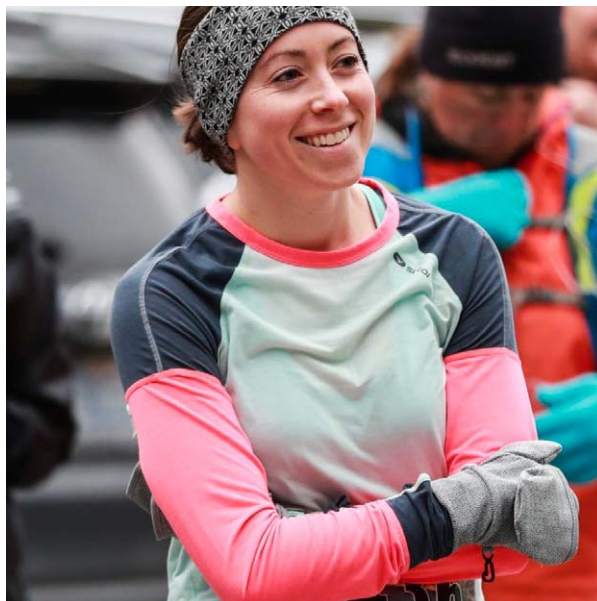


## **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

By Thomas A. Cannon on Wednesday, July 22, 2020

### **MEMBER MEGAN ROBINSON: "THE SHORTEST ANSWER IS DOING"**

Running is an interesting word that can have multiple meanings. One of our newest members, Megan Robinson, carries out two of them. First, she is the Executive Director of the Western North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, and second, she has been a sports (and personal

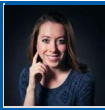


fitness) runner since her high school athletic days. To know Megan is to see how she seeks excellence in these forms of running and in her other endeavors.

Megan is from Syracuse, New York, growing up in a four-season climate that piqued her interest in the environment. This interest led to a Bachelor's in Environmental Science from the University of Rochester and then to two Masters; one in Environmental Science and the other in Public Administration, from Syracuse University.

Orange is important to her.

Leaving her native New York, Megan came south to Asheville where she first worked in private consulting, then at The Collider, before moving on to



Megan E. Robinson  
Club Programs  
Chair



Janet L. Whitworth  
iPast President



Donna Rogers Ensley  
Assistant  
Governor

## Birthdays

- Dustin L. Schlabach  
July 24th
- Kevin R. Montgomery  
July 26th
- Scott Hicks  
July 28th
- R. Scott White  
July 30th
- Benjamin P. Powell  
August 4th
- Gina Collias  
August 5th
- Betty A. Doll  
August 7th
- Robert H. Haggard  
August 12th
- Susan F Lightner  
August 14th
- Steven M. Higley  
August 14th
- Wayne A. Roddy  
August 15th
- Christena Southwick  
August 15th
- Thomas G. Leavesley  
August 16th
- J. Huntington Mallett  
August 21st

## Wedding Anniversaries

- David K Snider Sr.  
July 23rd
- Levon B. Reese  
July 27th
- Stephen F. Anderson  
July 29th

becoming the Executive Director of the WNC chapter of the American Red Cross. As the ED, Megan wears many hats and juggles many balls. A typical day would include fundraising planning, media relations strategies, county and city collaborations, Armed Forces support outreach, and empowering volunteers throughout her region comprising the 16 westernmost counties of North Carolina. Her work totally fulfills her favorite quote, *♦ The shortest answer is doing. ♦*

When she ♦s not doing all things Red Cross, Megan is on the Downtown Asheville YMCA advisory board, supervising the RUN828 Foundation, and of course Rotary. With Rotary, Megan hopes to connect with a broader community and plug into the service network of Asheville. Megan is the incoming Chair of the Program Committee, which will give her a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the diversity and scope of the people who claim Asheville and WNC as home. Within Rotary, she ♦ll be looking to find her best fit, while inspiring other young leaders to join and make their contribution. Rotary will also play a major role in achieving her personal long-term goals which include making an impact on the local community, staying healthy, and running.



When Megan finally does slow down from her day, she returns to her home in West Buncombe County where she and her husband, Arek, live with two dogs, Earl & Gaia, and two cats, Nala & Nymeria, that totally control their lives.

You have been such a great asset already to our club, Megan. We are so happy to have you!

## ROTARY RECEIVES RECOGNITION

By Sara L Marshall on Saturday, July 11, 2020



Kimberly S Winters  
July 30th  
Zachary F. Lamb  
August 2nd  
Richard Travis Hall  
August 5th  
Bruce G. Clark  
August 7th  
Alexander P. Pence  
August 11th  
Linda Nelson  
August 11th  
Sophia S. Ungert  
August 19th

Rotary Club of Asheville received recognition this week from ABCCM for their tireless volunteer work at Transformation Village. See what was said below (taken from an update from ABCCM to Rick Devereaux):

**The Rotary Club of Asheville** is helping transform the lives of homeless Veteran women, women and moms through feeding and training opportunities. ABCCM is expanding from 50 beds to 100 beds during Phase I for homeless women and moms with children on a 24 acre site called Transformation Village. Transformation Village is ABCCM's vision of taking every single woman, moms with children, and intact family off the street or out of a car.

The Rotary Club continues to demonstrate strategic leadership in overcoming one of Asheville's biggest needs through their financial and volunteer support of ABCCM's Transformation Village. The club raised over \$51,000 for the commercial kitchen at Transformation Village. Items purchased included 5 transport carts, 12 work tables, 30 shelving units, commercial mixers, food processor and much more! For a complete list of items please go to our [Transformation Village page](#). Their investment paid for the equipment and tools ABCCM will need to prepare food for 300+ residents in the expanded transitional facility and provide training to our residents in culinary skills in partnership with A-B Tech. Chef Eric B. Cox, the Food Services Manager for ABCCM commented, *Rotary has once again demonstrated service above self in their support of ABCCM and Transformation Village. Their support has been immense and kind hearted.* **Chef Eric Cox** (AB Tech Culinary Instructor) and ABCCM Food Services Director

Members of the club recently provided their precious time in providing 40 volunteer service hours to set up the kitchen at ABCCM's Transformation Village. Special thanks to Sharon Le Duc, Bill and Lynnell Goacher, Richard Douglas, Christena Southwick, Linda Nelson, George Lycan, Pat Snyder, Carolyn Cronin, Tom Leavesley and Charles Reiley.

Positive activities like this makes a huge impact in the lives of homeless Veteran women, single women and mom's with children. This kind gesture means so much to our community as we prepare to double the capacity to serve those in need.

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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

*Congratulations* to Brad Rouse on his 2nd article publication about energy transition. Links to articles provided below (may need to be copied and pasted into web browser).

<https://cleantechnica.com/2020/07/08/carbon-pricing-and-lighting-evs-heat-pumps-electric-everything/>

<https://cleantechnica.com/2020/06/14/carbon-pricing-the-energy-transition>

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## FOUR WAY TEST



## **THE FOUR-WAY TEST**

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
  2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
  3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
  4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?
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