

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Tuesday, July 28, 2020



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb on Saturday, July 25, 2020

NC LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE POLITICAL CLIMATE

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 30, 2020

Dr. Chris 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



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



On July 30th, Prof. Chris Cooper will be joining our Zoom meeting to speak about the *North Carolina Local, Regional and State Political Climate*. Christopher A. Cooper is Robert Lee Madison Distinguished Professor and Department Head of Political Science and Public Affairs at Western Carolina University. Come join us this Thursday and you will learn why WLOS has called Professor Cooper the  Yoda of local political experts. 

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equipment Refurbishment at the WNC Nature Center.

Saturday, August 1st. 9am-Noon
WNC Nature Center: 75 Gashes Creek Rd, Asheville, NC 28805
RSVP to Pat Snyder (psnyder@nationalland.com) if you'd like to help and for details.

Diaper Drive for ABCCM Transformation Village

Transformation Village currently has an urgent need for diapers for ages infant - 2 years old. To help, our club is being asked to donate through a Target Registry online. Simply click this link or type and paste into your browser to donate: <https://bit.ly/2WZW2Mj>

Thirsty Third Thursday

8/20, 9/17, 10/15 at the Meadow @ Highland Brewery starts at 5 PM

Community Center (JCC)

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

August 27, 2020

Nate McGaha and Katie Cornell

The Executive Director of Arts NC and the Asheville Area Arts Council Executive Director will discuss the state of the arts in the midst of a pandemic.

Coming Events

August 1st

WNC Nature Center Play Area Work Day

August 4th

Club Board Meeting

August 14th

Asheville Tourists Baseball Game

August 20th

Nashville Songwriters in the Round

Club Leaders



Sophia S. Ungert
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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

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. (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 for all volunteer opportunities in the area. (Rotarian Kevin Montgomery, Director of Resource Development)

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Melissa R. Drennan on Saturday, July 25, 2020

CONNECTING WITH MAUREEN MC CARTHY



We enjoyed two guest speakers for our July 23 meeting program. Ed Manning is the Executive Director of Leadership Asheville and Maureen McCarthy is the co-founder of the Center for Collaborative Awareness. Mr. Manning facilitated a conversation with Ms. McCarthy on *Connection as*

Medicine. Maureen McCarthy shared her unique insights on stressful thinking and practical techniques for mindful stress management. This engaging conversation was timely as we navigate difficult times. Many thanks to both Maureen and Ed. Please tune into the recording of the meeting if you were not able to attend.





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Ford Willis

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Steven B. Shechter on Monday, July 27, 2020

HONORARY MEMBER JOYCE HORN INDUCTED

◆Frank, I think it ◆s time for me to retire from Rotary◆ is something that newly inducted Honorary Rotarian Joyce Horn said to her husband, probably more than once. ◆Oh no it's not. I want you with me,◆ was always his response, she recalled.

Joyce and Frank met on the job. They both worked for the Secret Service in Washington, D.C. and had 31 years together.

Joyce came to know and be a part of Rotary, first in Tennessee and later in Asheville, through her active support of her beloved husband and our beloved Asheville Rotarian, Frank Horn. Together, they attended many district conferences. She is pictured here, front and center with Frank at a Rotary Club of Asheville Christmas Party.



She was with him at fundraisers and other events, and she continues to believe in all that Rotary does with a special fondness for the Tennant Scholarship and PolioPlus. They were a perfect Rotary couple. It is not possible to honor one without honoring the other.

Welcome to the club officially, Joyce. We are so happy to have you.

SPOTLIGHT ON FORD WILLIS

By Linda Nelson on Monday, July 27, 2020

MEET FORD WILLIS

Ford Willis has an infectious smile and enthusiasm for everything he does, whether it's volunteering on the Board of LEAF Community Arts, service for Rotary, or as a Realtor helping people find their dream home. His voluntary work for underprivileged youth has even taken him to a place in Guatemala quite close to our very own School Project run by David Lamotte.

Ford was born and raised in Boone, NC, but attended Asheville School. He earned his BA in Environmental Studies at Chapel Hill. Although his career has taken a different path, he continues to share his time and knowledge through his continuing involvement with the McCullough Institute at UNC Asheville. Ford's natural people skills have led him into a successful career in real estate, which is a natural fit for him

Ford was first introduced to Rotary as an organization by a fellow classmate, Eva Michelle Greene (Spicer), at Asheville School. Several years later, he was sponsored into the Club by Eva Michelle's father, Michael Greene, and we are so thrilled



that Ford is now a member of our Club.

How he was introduced to the person who was to become his wife is not an everyday story. In 2012, Ford was enjoying a draft beer at the *Asheville Walk Lounge and Kitchen* when chaos and mayhem broke out at *Mike's Side Pocket* (now called The Double Crown) next door. There was a serious fight that resulted in two fatalities. While waiting for permission from the police to leave the bar, Ford's life would change forever. A friend introduced him to the lovely Emily, and since they had time on their hands, they had lots of opportunities to chat and get to know one another. Long story short, they were married in 2015 and now have an adorable eight months old baby girl called Margot, who recently called him da-da, one of the happiest moments in his life.

Ford has many talents and interests. While working in the Tasting Room at New Belgian Beer, he developed a skill for mixing craft



Sergeant-at-Arms



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Assistant Governor

Birthdays

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
Lee Scott
August 22nd
Dennis King
August 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

Stephen F. Anderson
July 29th

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
William R. Goacher
August 23rd
Carol C. Hensley
August 23rd
Robert Lee Garrett
August 26th

cocktails and collecting bourbons. To date, he thinks he has around eighty-five different types of bourbon. And he advanced his aptitude for Sales while working for Skyland Distributing as a distributor for New Belgian.



While not working, Ford's passion for the outdoors takes him hiking, and swimming, and he admits that he's a basketball nut! He loves music and, for a short time, he played rhythm guitar for a local blues-rock band. Their claim to fame was performing one time at the Asheville Orange Peel.

Ford's motto is, *Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.*

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Our writing committee had a meeting 7/27/2020 and discussed the need for our COG to begin publishing some "feel good" articles with silver linings for this challenging and unique time we are all living in. If you have something great you've seen or experienced, or even would like to expand on a Happy Dollar story please reach out to Kirk Borland.

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?