

Rotary



Club of Asheville THE COG

Monday, August 5, 2019



Club Meeting

Asheville
Meets at Renaissance
Hotel Downtown
31 Woodfin St
Asheville, NC 28801
Time: Thursday at 12:30
PM

Speakers

August 08, 2019

Beth Wood
North Carolina State
Auditor

August 15, 2019

New Member Talks
Short biographical talks
from our newest
members.

August 22, 2019

Service Project Reports
Highlights of recent club
projects including the
Honduras Medical-Dental
Brigade, Rotarians
Against Hunger, and
Blue Ridge Honor Flight.

Coming Events

August 6th
Club Board Meeting
August 7th
Monthly Rotary Hike

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



CITY HIKING AT ITS BEST!!! JOIN GEORGE LYCAN
ON AUGUST 7

TOURISTS GAME - August 16th. Click [here](#) to
register in DACdb now for your tickets.

**SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND--AUGUST
22
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HOT OFF THE
PRESSES!!!**

**Learn about the progress at ABCCM 
TRANSFORMATION VILLAGE**

**Our vision for taking women, children & families from a place of
Hopelessness to a place of Independence.**

Please come as our guest & enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner!

ABCCM Transformation Village

Tables of Faith Culinary Dinner

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

5:45 pm

Veterans Restoration Quarters

1329 Tunnel Rd., Asheville NC 28803

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/DhxIMsSenZVmY/>

For reservations to this **complementary** dinner call 828.398.6741 or email Carolyn
Cronin, Campaign Director, carolyn.cronin@abccm.org for more information

**BE THE CONNECTOR - Sophia Ungert,
President elect**

By Christena Southwick on Monday, July 22, 2019

August 16th
Asheville Tourists
Baseball Game

August 22nd
Nashville Songwriters
in the Round

September 3rd
Club Board Meeting

Club Leaders



Janet L.
Whitworth
President



Sophia S. Ungert
President-Elect



Katherine
Morosani
President-
Nominee
Secretary



Eva-Michelle G.
Spicer
Secretary



David A. Kozak
Treasurer



Stephen F.
Anderson
Club Director



William E.
Chandler Jr.
International
Service Chair
Club Director



Callie Elise Davis
Club Director
Scholarship Chair



Mark A.
Knollman
Club Director
Vocational
Service Chair



Michael B.
Krecioch
Bulletin Editor

George G. Lycan



BE THE CONNECTOR: SOPHIA UNGERT, PRESIDENT-ELECT

President-elect Sophia Ungert has been a member since October 2012. She says she joined for the networking and fellowship, and stayed because she appreciates how Rotary breaks down borders  locally and internationally  between very different people through a common focus on service and peace, and making the world a better place.

Sophia first became involved by volunteering at the Sergeant-at-Arms table. She was also tapped early to serve as the Resource Development Chair for Rotarians Against Hunger by former member Paul Knott. She volunteered to write program synopses for the COG, and when Bill Haggard invited her to be on the Program Committee, she readily accepted. She has remained on the program committee, only recently rolling off as chair of the Committee in order to direct Club Service A and serve on the Board.

As President-elect, Sophia will continue to chair the Strategic Planning Committee, the Rotary International Convention Committee, and has just signed up to be on the Rotaract Committee.

 The theme  Rotary Connects the World  describes the way our club can connect to Asheville, network professionally, and build meaningful relationships with one another. We connect to a global community through our projects and programs, and together, we change the world for the better through Rotary service. I hope that, in the coming year, we will be exploring the theme in our weekly programs, sharing our service projects on social media, and perhaps even participating in a Rotary Friendship Exchange,  she said.

As President-elect, Sophia wants to make herself available to Janet in her Presidency, and,  learn as much as I can about how to support our club with Rotary resources. 



Club Director



Linda Nelson
Club Admin Chair
Club Director



Donna W. Prinz
Club Director
Youth Services
Chair



Ross Sloan
Club Director
Community
Service Chair



Christena Southwick
Bulletin Editor
Club Public
Image Chair
Interact Club
Sponsor



Patricia M. Puckridge
Membership
Chair



Charles E. Reiley
Rotary
Foundation Chair



Dustin L. Schlabach
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Patrick A. Snyder
Sergeant-at-
Arms



Susan F. Harper
Club Programs
Chair



Melissa R. Drennan
Club PolioPlus
Chair



Richard T. Devereaux
Club Trainer
iPast President



Donna Rogers
Ensley
Assistant
Governor

She said that one of her favorite Rotary experiences was hosting a member of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that visited our district from northwestern India in 2013.

Rotary is a family affair in the Ungert household. ♦I convinced my husband to become a member of the Breakfast Rotary a year after I joined. My oldest son, Harrison, spent a year in Germany on a Rotary Youth Exchange, and my family hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Germany in 2017 ♦

Thank you, Sophia, for all that you have done for Rotary, and we are very excited to support your journey as President-elect this year.

NC State Auditor Beth Wood to Speak

By Sally Ekaireb on Monday, August 5, 2019



Our program speaker this Thursday will be Beth Wood, a Certified Public Accountant in her third term as North Carolina's elected State Auditor. Beth is a long-time public servant with nearly 25 years of auditing experience, having worked in the Auditor's Office for nearly 10 years before her election in 2008 and also in the State Treasurer's Office. Before that, she worked for several companies in the private sector. She is the first woman elected State Auditor in North Carolina.

Through her work as State Auditor, Beth has helped strengthen and improve state government. Audit teams across the state watch every area of state government for potential savings and smart use of taxpayer dollars. As a result, audits published by the Office of State Auditors (OSA) during her tenure have identified millions of dollars of potential savings.

So come hear Beth discuss how OSA protects our tax dollars and how audits ensure that North Carolina spends our tax money wisely.

OUR NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROCKS

By Barbara J. Bowers on Monday, August 5, 2019

Birthdays

Betty A. Doll
August 7th
Robert H. Haggard
August 12th
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
Tracy Eames
August 24th
Barbara J. Bowers
August 29th
Timothy B. Alderson
August 31st
Deborah H. Francis
September 2nd
Thomas J. Johnson III
September 4th

Wedding Anniversaries

Richard Hall
August 5th
Bruce G. Clark
August 7th
Thomas V. Fehsenfeld
August 9th
Linda Nelson
August 11th



TIFFANY ERVIN

Our District Governor, Tiffany Ervin is truly a force
She commands the room in custom Rotary pumps, of course
A Solopreneur who lives for the gamecocks, and being a Rotary geek
Her presence is inspiring, her approach- pleasantly unique
Two goals she set forth to take us into the next year
Have fun and do good in the world- a message so clear
Don't be fooled by her Christmas obsession- 14 trees in her home!
She will lead us to do great things for others, our impact will be known
A cue from 1949 we ask ourselves if we are ready for adventure in service
Tiffany brings back the excitement that comes when one asks themselves this
As the story of Rotary will be written time and time again
We know this to be true now and Paul Harris knew it then
As district governor Tiffany has created a new position to keep us up to date
Chairman of Diversity, equity and inclusion- So that rotary can continue to relate
Let's diversify- invite others to the party, but then invite them to dance
Rotary as organized friendship- people of action taking a stance
Her goal is to be responsible for the success of others, her vision is clear
No better place than Rotary to share your ideas without fear
Remember to be a person of action no good deed is too small
Let the fun and doing good commence- it is contagious after all!

HISTORY BEHIND NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND

By Marvin M. Thomas III on Monday, August 5, 2019

WHAT IS A GUITAR PULL?

Pictured is Daniel Smalley, one of the performers on

Alexander P. Pence
August 11th
Sophia S. Ungert
August 19th
William R. Goacher
August 23rd
Carol C. Hensley
August 23rd
Robert Lee Garrett
August 26th
Shannon S. Paris
August 28th
John A Locke
August 29th
David R. McCartney
September 1st
Kevin R. Montgomery
September 1st
Steven M. Higley
September 2nd



August 22nd at Highland Brewery Nashville Songwriters in the Round was started by [Phillip Lammonds](#), a songwriter and musician from Pawleys Island, SC. Phillip was asked to find a creative way to help a local charity host a fundraiser. As an accomplished professional

songwriter, he was very familiar with the popular process of the **◆Guitar pull◆**, or **◆Round◆**, very common in Nashville, and this led to the first event. Now, some twenty years later this concept has grown leaps and bounds, while still maintaining the intimacy, and inclusivity of the inner circle of songwriters.

In the spirit of the Nashville songwriting community, The Bluebird Caf**◆**, and numerous venues hosting guitar pulls, and songwriter showcases, Nashville Songwriters in the Round has been established as a gathering place for information and opportunities to be a part of an increasingly more popular series of charitable events that feature songwriters, their stories and infinite talents.

The Rotary Club of Asheville is proud to offer this exciting venue as a major fundraiser supporting its Tennent Scholarship annual awards to students of academic caliber as well as financial need at Asheville High School.

Please join this event on August 22 at Highland Brewery. We bring it back again this year because it has been so much fun in the past. This event supports our Rotary Connects the World theme 100%: Have fun and do good in the world!

See ya there!

Tennent Scholarships Target Bright Students with Needs

By Richard T. Devereaux

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND GET YOUR TICKETS!
THE 2019 SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND IS HERE!!!
AT HIGHLAND BREWERY
AUGUST 22, 2019**



The Rotary Club of Asheville supports a number of local, regional, and international projects but none more important than its needs-based Buzz Tennent Scholarship program. The scholarship is named for Mr. Buzz Tennent, a past president of the local Asheville club who went on to be president of Rotary International from 1957-58, a remarkable achievement considering Tennent's small-town roots.

In the spirit of Buzz Tennent's achievement, the program targets bright students with potential but with limited resources who are working hard to overcome obstacles in order to be successful. The ideal student candidate is

academically-talented but unable to avail him or herself of more traditional academic or sports based scholarships.



The Tennent Scholarship is open to Asheville High School seniors with at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA who rank in the top 20% of their class and have a demonstrated financial need. The selection committee evaluates applicants' leadership, maturity, responsibility, personal outlook, ability to learn, as well as grades and test scores. Although the amount of the scholarship varies, the intent is to provide a substantial contribution to the student's academic resources. Since 1998 the scholarship has assisted three to five students annually, awarding an average of \$7500-10,000 per year in total scholarships.

A "2019 Nashville Songwriters in the Round" event will be held at Highland Brewing Co. on August 22nd to raise funds for the scholarship fund. Incredibly talented songwriters will perform songs that you know and love and the stories around how these songs happened, in a magical, intimate setting reminiscent of the famous Blue Bird Cafe. There are a limited number of seats for this one of a kind event, so grab your sponsorship or your seat right away. Typical scholarship candidates that are benefitted come from families who are unable to provide much financial help for college. They may have worked part time or seasonal jobs to help with family needs rather than save for college. This often puts them at a disadvantage when competing against fellow students who do not have to work and have the freedom to focus solely on academics and extracurricular activities.

For example, one recent recipient, "Hunter," grew up on a farm and had to get up much earlier each morning than any of his fellow students to work on the farm before leaving for school. Although his grades were excellent and he excelled in sports, he could not work and save money for college because he had to help his parents on the farm.

Similarly, another recipient, "Kearra," came from a single-parent family that was not financially secure, but Kearra worked hard to develop herself. She completed several summer internships and was a participant in the City of Asheville Youth Leadership program. A volunteer for Manna and Habitat for Humanity, Kearra exhibited outstanding character and personality and was involved in multiple high school clubs and extracurricular activities, graduating from Asheville High with a 4.0 weighted GPA and admission to UNCG with the assistance of the Tennent Scholarship.

One past scholarship recipient, Runda Alamour, a teacher at Asheville High said, "It is interesting how life often seems to come full circle. In 2011, I graduated from Asheville High School and was a recipient of the Buzz Tennent Scholarship. I know that your scholarship program was an instrumental part of aiding me in obtaining financial security for my first year at UNC Asheville."

In the words of Erika Germer, the City of Asheville's Workforce Development Director, "Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Asheville and the Buzz Tennent Scholarship, deserving students are making their dreams of college come true!"

Help to make these dreams come true again this year for our Tennent Scholars from Asheville High School by attending this event. IT'S A WIN-WIN!!!

Save the Date - 2019 Nashville Songwriters in the Round - Aug 22

By Richard T. Devereaux on Monday, April 22, 2019

OK folks **save the date** for this year's **Nashville Songwriters in the Round at Highland Brewing--August 22!**

And if you need a little inspiration, [check out this video](#).

Fellowship Committee Announces Upcoming Event

By Shannon S. Paris on Tuesday, July 2, 2019



Let's play ball!

Friday August 16th, 6:30pm-10:00pm we're painting the Hi-Wire Grand Stadium Suite blue and gold as we fellowship and watch the Asheville Tourists take on the Charleston River Dogs. Adult tickets (13+) are \$24.50 and child tickets (6-12) are \$18.00, children under 5 are FREE (food not included). Tickets will include snacks, popcorn, burgers, hot dogs, bbq chicken, baked beans, potato salad and cookies, and there will be a cash bar. Please sign up via the web or email Shannon Paris: Shannon@AshevillesDreamTeam.com. guests are welcome, the suite has a 50 person capacity. See you there!

HIKING WITH GEORGE: URBAN TO RURAL

By Christena Southwick on Tuesday, July 30, 2019



GEORGE LYCAN has charted another amazing **urban hike** for us on Wednesday, **August 7th at 5:00 p.m.**

Meet George and fellow hikers at the Chamber of Commerce, 36 Montford Avenue (park at foot of parking lot). From there, you will go east to intercept the Reed Creek Greenway, thence to the Botanical Gardens following the path behind through woods and along the creek to the edge of the UNCA campus. George chose this walk for its variety and beauty and to offer you the chance to see the Botanical Gardens and Greenway. After the 1.7 miles hike, beverages will be lifted in fellowship at **◆All Day Darling◆** pub. Please contact George with any questions. See you there!

ROTARY JEOPARDY

By Christena Southwick on Monday, June 24, 2019

Founders of Rotary



(hint: click
"read more")

Who are Paul Harris,
(Attorney)

Gustavus Loehr,
(Mining Engineer)

Silvester Schiele
(Coal Dealer)

Hiram Shorey
(Tailor)