

# Rotary



## Club of Asheville THE COG

Wednesday, January 6, 2021



### THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

#### RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES



To start off the New Year, Michael Gerber PhD, MPH will be the guest speaker at our January 7 meeting. Michael is the Associate Director for Preparedness and Global Health in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) at CDC. Prior to his current position Michael worked in the humanitarian health field for over twenty years. During that time, he worked closely with United Nations organizations including the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNICEF, as well as with non-governmental organizations, US government agencies and other governments around the world. His work

included participating and leading responses to conflict, famine, population displacement and natural disasters in Europe, Central America, South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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### CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Calling all Traveling Rotatians

Our fun monthly ♦Around the World with the Asheville Rotarians♦ (an initiative of the Fellowship Committee) is growing in popularity. **We would love for YOU to share your travel story with us.**

We know a lot of our members have travel memories that others would enjoy. Would you be willing to talk with us for about 20 minutes and include some photos (easily shared via Zoom)? We can help with the technology. Foreign travel, domestic travel, a guided bus

### Club Meeting

Asheville  
Meets at We are meeting  
virtually. Pre-meeting  
chats begins at noon.  
Email  
avlrotary1915@gmail.com  
to request Zoom link.  
via Zoom  
Asheville, NC 28801  
Time: Thursday at 12:30  
PM

### Speakers

**January 07, 2021**  
[Michael Gerber, Dep.  
Director CDC Center for  
Preparedness and  
Response](#)

COVID-19 pandemic

**January 14, 2021**  
[Kari Williams, Rotary  
Peace Fellow](#)

Waging Sustainable  
Peace

**January 21, 2021**  
[Community Grants  
Presentations](#)

5 winners of 2021 Rotary  
Community Grants will  
present their programs

**January 28, 2021**  
[New Member Talks](#)  
short autobiographical  
talks from our newest  
members

**February 04, 2021**

Stacie Saunders,  
Buncombe County Public  
Health Director  
COVID-19 Pandemic

## Coming Events

January 6th  
Hike with Rotary

January 13th  
Around the World  
With Asheville  
Rotarians

February 2nd  
Club Board Meeting

February 3rd  
Hike with Rotary

## Club Leaders



Sophia S. Ungert  
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President-Elect



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Past President  
Secretary  
Webmaster



David A. Kozak  
Treasurer



Stephen F.  
Anderson  
Club Director

Bradley A. Arnold  
Rotary  
Foundation Chair

tour or a solo adventure, a tent or the Ritz.

**What ♦s been fun for you? What are your best memories? Won♦t you share?**

We gather via Zoom on the second Wednesday evening of the month at 7 pm. If you would be willing to share, please contact Dave Kaverman ([dave@acuityma.com](mailto:dave@acuityma.com)) or Betty Doll ( [BettyADoll@gmail.com](mailto:BettyADoll@gmail.com) ). It ♦s vicarious living at its finest!



## Cart Fund



The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide ♦seed♦ money for cutting edge, high impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer♦s disease. Consider contributing \$1 a week per quarter; \$13.

## Weekly Meeting Zoom Instructions

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/CART Funds  
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) by 5pm on Saturday prior to Tuesday publishing.*

**Additional Volunteer Opportunities :**



Club Director



Celeste B. Collins  
Diversity Equity & Inclusion



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  
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

\*Please let your friends, family, and neighbors know that Asheville City Schools is hiring substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. All candidates need to complete an online application that includes three references. The application is located on the ACS homepage under the careers tab. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and hold a high school diploma. Substitute teaching allows individuals to work with our amazing K-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and have a flexible schedule. To learn more about how to become a substitute teacher, please contact Kimberly Dechant, Ed.D. at 828-350-6140 or email [Kimberly.dechant@acsgmail.net](mailto:Kimberly.dechant@acsgmail.net).

\*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)

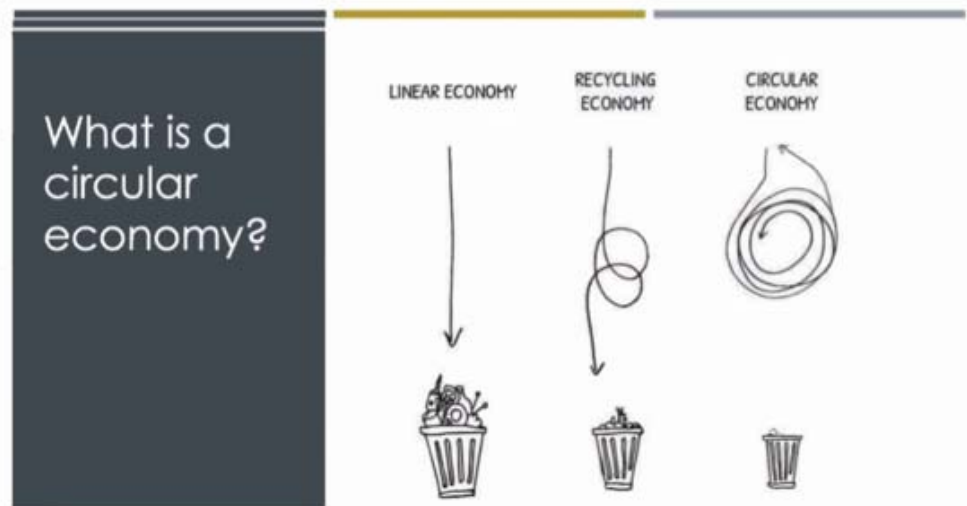
\*Contact the Asheville Y downtown or Ferguson branch to give shopping bags for their food packages. (Rotarian Jessica Hendrix, Executive Director Asheville Y)

\*Contact [handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org](http://handsonasheville-buncombecounty.org) for all volunteer opportunities in the area. (Rotarian Kevin Montgomery, Director of Resource Development)

## LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM

By Sally Ekaireb

### BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY



For our final meeting of 2020 our speaker was Jennifer Hill, Executive Director of Circular Triangle. Her non-profit organization is committed to building a Circular Economy. The circular economy model is a sustainable alternative to our linear economy. In a linear economy products generally have limited use and result in creating waste, such as trash and pollution. The circular economy model designs waste out of





**Megan E. Robinson**  
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the system, which benefits our planet's resources and public health. The organization's efforts are currently focused on urban areas in the North Carolina research triangle. If you missed this engaging presentation and listen to the recording, be sure to stay tuned through the robust Q&A that followed the presentation. We extend many thanks to Ms. Hill for sharing her time, vision, and knowledge with our club.

## THE EUROPEAN SPORTS TRIFECTA AND FINDING FAMILY IN PERU

By Betty A. Doll

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> is our next *Around the World with the Asheville Rotarians*. Tune in to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89000348835> at 7 pm that evening.



Al Davis will be sharing his European trip that included attending Wimbledon, the Women's World Cup, and the Tour de France.

Scott Hicks will be sharing his trip to Peru to meet distant relatives. His grandfather, Guillermo Ballón y Landa, left Peru when he was in his

20s and never went back. Scott was able to meet 15 relatives! And no trip to Peru is complete without a visit to Machu Picchu!



## SPOTLIGHT ON ED BROADWELL

By Steven B. Shechter

When Ed Broadwell says that Rotary has been a big part of his life, there can be no doubt that he really means what he says. It comes from 55 years of experience, beginning with his days as a 27-year-old member in the Rotary Club of Waynesville where he served as president in 1973.

Ed's work brought him to Asheville frequently, so frequently that his make-ups at our club led to some encouragement and sponsorship in 1995 from the then president and friend, Jeff Goodman, to move his

## Birthdays

Karen Batka  
January 7th  
William Alan Ivester  
January 8th  
Iris Zohar  
January 10th  
David N. Wilcox  
January 13th  
David T. Kaverman  
January 15th  
Heinz K. Grohs  
January 15th  
William K. Haggard  
January 16th  
Andrew Mercurio  
January 23rd  
Melissa A. Driver  
January 24th  
Carmen Cabrera  
January 28th  
Eric W. Michael  
January 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

R. Scott White  
January 6th  
Mariah Faith Doyle  
January 11th  
William K. Haggard  
January 20th  
David N. Wilcox  
January 24th

Daniel J. Lepore  
January 30th  
Steven B. Shechter  
February 1st



membership here, and he did!

As a member of Asheville Rotary, his life-long passion for education also became one of his Rotary passions. Believing as he does that education is the way to change lives for the better, Ed has been active in our Tennant Scholarship Committee. At the same time, he served for eight years on the Board of Trustees at Western Carolina University (WCU), including chair the last two years. Ed

was also honored with WCU's highest recognition, their Distinguished Service Award in 2017. Previously, Ed had served on the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors for 12 years. He was recognized by the Governor with NC's highest citizen's award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2013.

Ed and his wife, Donna, are also benefactors of WCU in furtherance of their shared commitment to needs-based scholarships as a key to opening career opportunities for those who otherwise would not have them. It's all about giving back, or as we say in Rotary, Service Above Self. Ed and Donna were just named as recipients of the 2020 National Philanthropy Day's Outstanding Philanthropists in WNC.

And speaking of career opportunities, Ed's career as a banking executive is a remarkable story of vocational service. Do you remember when people used to join a company as a young person and retire 50 years later? Do you know anybody who has done that?

Ed Broadwell has done it! He joined HomeTrust Bank (then named Clyde Savings Bank) in Haywood County as CEO in 1965, at age 27. After successfully leading the Bank through many changes and growth and with multiple mergers and acquisitions, he retired after over 50 years in banking service in 2014. HomeTrust Bank is now the second largest community bank in NC. In 2013, The NC Bankers elected him to the NC Banking Hall of Fame. He says he has been blessed with good health and being at the right place at the right time and with tremendous help of a lot of good folks and mentors to do the right things for the right reasons.

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**FOUR WAY TEST**



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## THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

